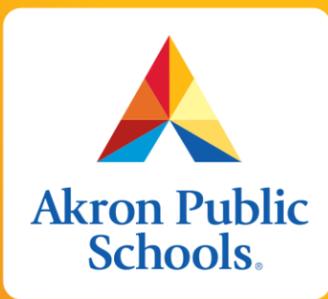




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Friday, May 8, 2020

The official COVID-19 news source for members of the Akron Public Schools community



From the Superintendent

David W. James, Ed.D., superintendent

Dear APS and Community

Social Distancing, Day 53

We're still using the term social distancing in this daily update even though many throughout Ohio and the nation are itching to go back to activities and behaviors that we might call pre-COVID. Here at Akron Public Schools, we will continue to follow guidelines from the CDC and the state of Ohio and encourage our families to do the same. When it comes to the safety of children, we are always mindful of professional, medical advice and guidance. We follow guidelines from health professionals every day at APS concerning a variety of issues. We will continue to do so and hope you will as well. Wash your hands. Stay well.

News of the Day

Merkle's Mental Health Moment: Celebrating you while taking care of yourself

Dr. Erich Merkle, Pupil Adjustment Program, Office of Special Education, Akron Public Schools

As we come to the end of teacher appreciation week, we celebrate our teachers for their care, compassion and tireless energy educating students. Yet, there are so many diverse and competing challenges across our own fears, fatigue, our familial needs, medical concerns and even financial limitations. [Shine offers a comprehensive guidance website](#) across all these domains and many more to help you be the best you can. Thank you, educators; but, remember to be there for yourself too.

Teacher appreciation week

Today is the last day of teacher appreciation week. Thank you to all our APS teachers and teachers throughout the world for their dedication to students.

Three Ellet CLC students receive APCO certification

Seniors Hannah Aston, Chloe Richardson, and Laquasia Johnson passed the APCO public safety dispatcher course which opens opportunities for them to gain employment with city dispatch centers for police and fire. [Read more.](#)

Things to do this weekend

It looks like the weather will be chilly and possibly rainy this weekend. Here are some virtual activities to keep your family occupied. A full list of activities compiled by The Beacon Journal can be found [here](#).

- [Akron-Summit County Public Library](#): Stream movies with your library card using Kanopy.
- Akron Symphony Orchestra: The ASO Radio Hour will be a limited-run rebroadcast of some of the most popular concert performances from the Orchestra's archives. Every Friday at 7 p.m. on ASO [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.
- Apollo's Fire: "Music for the Soul," a series of online programs featuring concert videos, interviews, and related reading. [Details.](#)
- The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve: Home to Home: Virtual Artists Talks, the second of a two-part online program featuring the Archived Artists of the 2020 Annual Members Exhibition at 7 p.m. Friday. Register for the Zoom event at <http://www.artistsarchives.org>. Program is free, thanks to a grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio: Operates Cyber Club, a daily digital menu of activities and programs. [Details.](#)
- Children's Concert Society's [YouTube](#) channel features playlists from in-school performances.
- The Wilderness Center: Information on classes, native plant sale and more at <http://wildernesscenter.org>.

District Updates

Online registration for 2020-21 is open for new families/incoming kindergartners

Families who are new to APS (including incoming kindergartners) may register their student(s) online through our website akronschools.com. [Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions. Questions? Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810.

Online lessons/APS Connected Learning live/family resources available

Students can access APS Connected Learning at akronschools.com. Our [family resource page](#) has important dates, messages, learning tools and more. Call 330.761.2810 if you have questions.

Student meal pick up for all children ages 1-18

Most APS schools and Reach Opportunity Center Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Steve Wise Boys & Girls Club location at 889 Jonathan Ave., Akron, Mon.-Fri. from 12-1 p.m.

UA free homework hotline

Free online homework help for K-12 students is available Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. [Sign up here.](#)

APS Story Sharing at 3

APS librarians are sharing stories for students of all ages every day at 3 p.m. Story Sharing at 3 is live every day and is recorded for viewing later. [Click here](#) to learn more and view past story recordings.

Other Resources

Government resources

- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [State of Ohio – Governor](#)
- [State of Ohio Department of Education](#)
- [Federal government](#)

Health information and other resources

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Updates](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Updates](#)
- [Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services: Managing Coronavirus-related Stress](#)
- [World Health Organization Updates](#)
- [Summit County ADM Board – Managing Stress and Anxiety Around Coronavirus](#)
- [How to talk to your kids about coronavirus](#)
- [ANIMATED VIDEO: What coronavirus does to the body](#)
- [NAMI Support Group for Families](#)
- [PBS learning resources](#)

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Available Downloads

- [APS coronavirus and helpful hygiene tips poster](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
 - [Farsi](#)
 - [Karen](#)
 - [Mon](#)
 - [Nepali](#)
 - [Pashto](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [Swahili](#)
- [Cover your Cough](#)
- [Wash your Hands](#)
- [Sick = Stay Home](#)
- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)