



Azalea Gardens Middle School



Message from the Principal

Blast into Reading and Writing!

May 4, 2020

Azalea Gardens Middle School Instructional Focus

The instructional focus of Azalea Gardens Middle School is for all students to show measurable growth in *reading, writing, and learning for excellence* through the implementation of a school wide focus on *reading and writing across the content areas* as measured by SOL scores, a common writing rubric, and STAR reading.

Message from the Principal:

Good evening AGMS Parents, Students, and Families, this is your principal, Dr. Kirk, calling with some information for the week of May 4, 2020.

We hope you continue to fare well and look forward to our eventual return.

First of all, let us all wish a loud, resounding, and resolute **HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY** and week to **ALL** teachers, nurses, counselors, paraprofessionals, office workers, bus drivers, security, deans, custodians, cafeteria staff, and just **EVERYONE** who have pulled together to keep our kids learning through this closure. I encourage everyone to send our teachers a note of thanks for all their hard work. Also, on Tuesday of this week, between 1 and 2 pm, you can drive by the school and **HONK** if you love teachers! We will still be practicing our social distancing, but teachers can drop by the school parking lot for their teacher appreciation gift Tuesday afternoon, If you are in the neighborhood on Tuesday, come down Azalea Garden Road and give a honk for your teacher!

Q4 Grading: Students will receive either a P for Pass or an I for Incomplete. A Pass is based on engagement in the Distance Learning Plan. To be clear, students must have an overall passing average for Q1, Q2, and Q3 and receive a (P) Pass for Q4 to move on to the next grade level or to pass the course for the year. If a student does not pass, summer school will be required.

Students, be sure to check your email! Check your messages from your teachers using your usual school log in information. You can find your email account on the NPS website on the "For Students" tab.

Packet distribution for Phase III will continue this coming week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 11am and 1pm at the school. AGMS students must complete either assignments from teachers or the district learning plan to pass Q4.

Completed Packets. We will collect completed packets, but not just yet though. Hang on to those completed packets! Keep them in a safe place and we will let you know when and how to turn them in as soon as possible.

Report cards. Look for report cards to be mailed this week. With the report card will be an NPS Q4 insert as well as a letter sharing the results of our building wide water testing. You may recall that all NPS schools underwent comprehensive water testing for lead levels. The results of that testing for AGMS are included with your students' report cards and posted on the school website.

I hope this helps answer more questions. You can also see the FAQs on the NPS website, find this information posted to our school website, and see the Coronavirus Update Newsletter published by Norfolk Public Schools. If you have a specific question for teachers, the directory is on our school web page. Every one please stay safe, healthy, and remember as always ...

Go.....Rockets!