



Azalea Gardens Middle School



Message from the Principal

Blast into Reading and Writing!

May 11, 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.

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Good evening AGMS Parents, Students, and Families, this is your principal, Dr. Kirk, calling with some information for the week of May 11, 2020.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mother's in the AGMS community. We appreciate you!

Work Packet Submission. We are now ready to begin collecting Learning Packets. We will collect packets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. beginning this week. As you bring the packets to school, we will maintain strict social distancing procedures. When it's your turn, we will ask you to fill out a packet cover sheet and log. We ask for your patience during this process, please.

The packets will be stored for one week as a safety precaution and then forwarded to teachers. Please allow 2-3 weeks for feedback.

The other option is to scan and email the packets directly to your teachers. There are scanner applications available for many mobile devices.

As I shared at the beginning of this closure, this work is worthwhile, and we will see that credit is given. Education is a valuable commodity, priceless even. Anything worthwhile requires effort. Hang in there. You can do it!

Parent Engagement Workshop. Speaking of "You can do it!" Parents, we need to stick together. We know that a lot has been placed on your shoulders during this closure. Therefore, we are excited to partner with Norfolk Public Schools and Purpose Pushers to bring you a virtual parent engagement workshop called "Parent with a Purpose" presented by Mr. J.T. Taylor. This dynamic workshop features an inspirational YouTube video presentation from Purpose Pushers and a Zoom meeting workshop this Thursday at 11:00 a.m. You will need a password, so email lfrank@nps.k12.va.us, watch the video, and join us Thursday at 11:00 via zoom. The link and more information can be found on our website.

Report Cards. Report cards should arrive soon. With the report card is some important information regarding Q4 grading and building-wide water testing results.

Report cards reflect Quarters 1, 2, and 3 ONLY. None of the Learning Distance Plan, either packets or online work, is calculated for the paper report card grades. All grade changes from Quarters 1, 2, and 3 are also on the report card, but will not show up in ParentVue. Remember students must receive a P for pass for Quarter 4 to pass the class for the year.

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 program work will be required.

Meal Program. The meal distribution schedule has changed and will only occur on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to minimize exposure for our Child Nutrition Service workers. The times remain 11am to 1pm.

I hope this helps answer more questions. Every one please stay safe, healthy, and remember as always ...

Go.....Rockets!