



# Azalea Gardens Middle School



## Message from the Principal

*Blast into Reading and Writing!*

**June 29, 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 June 29, 2020.

**Parent Survey.** Norfolk Public Schools is considering a number of options for the reopening of schools in a safe, responsible, and equitable manner in September. Our voice in how we re-open AGMS is an important part the conversation. I urge parents/guardians to provide feedback through the NPS [survey](#) on these options. Your feedback will be very valuable in helping NPS plan for the safe return of students. Please submit your responses by **July 3, 2020**.

**Here is the reopening survey link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B6RVJ27>

**Sixth Grade Transition Program:** We are excited to announce that our Sixth Grade Transition Program will happen in a virtual format this year on August 11 and/or August 12. We can't wait to welcome our rising sixth grade students and parents to the AGMS community. In the meantime, save the date, and be sure to follow us in Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook at #AGMSRockets or check back to our website for more details.

**Office Hours.** The office is now open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Walk-ins are accepted and appointments are no longer required. You may also call 531-3000 during these hours as well. Or you can email myself or the assistant principal, Mrs. Frank.

Dr Kirk, Principal: [jmkirk@nps.k12.va.us](mailto:jmkirk@nps.k12.va.us)

Mrs. Frank, Assistant Principal: [lfrank@nps.k12.va.us](mailto:lfrank@nps.k12.va.us)

**Report Cards.** Report cards have been mailed. Please remember an I for incomplete is essentially the same as and E or F. Incomplete means your child did not pass. Teachers will contact students and parents and offer assistance to complete any Incompletes. Or you may call the school on Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 2pm to find out which teacher will be able to help your child finish any Incomplete courses.

The last day to clear any Incompletes in order to have your child scheduled properly for the 2020-2021 school year is **July 21**. Submissions after that date cannot be guaranteed their proper class schedule.

More information can be found on the AGMS FAQs sent home with report cards or can be found here:

**AGMS Report Card FAQs:**

<https://www.npsk12.com/cms/lib/VA02208074/Centricity/Domain/27/2019-2020%20Report%20Card%20FAQs.pdf>

**Locker Clean Out.** The school will re-open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.- until 2:00 p.m. if anyone still needs to retrieve belongings from their locker. The last day for locker clean out is **July 21**.

**Face Coverings.** Face coverings are required to enter the building and are to cover the nose and mouth at all times while in the building. Parents, please help us out with this mandatory requirement.

**Yearbooks.** Due to COVID-19 related delays in production, yearbooks are expected to be delivered on or near July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will contact those students and parents who have purchased one to come to the school to pick it up once they are delivered. Again, early July for Yearbooks.

This information and more can be found on the AGMS website. You can also follow us on Instagram and Twitter #AGMSRockets. Stay connected, stay informed, and please stay safe, healthy, and remember as always ...

Go.....Rockets!