



Azalea Gardens Middle School



Message from the Principal

Blast into Reading and Writing!

August 8, 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 August 10, 2020.

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 August 12. We can't wait to welcome our rising sixth grade students and parents to the AGMS community. Go to our website and scroll down to School News. You will see the Transition Program page and application there. Or click here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?fragment=FormId%3D11365e98d9ea4a9db0517f18a89cb992>

100% Online. NPS will be 100% online for all students for at least the first nine weeks. Therefore, all students will need a computer, laptop with camera and microphone, or a Chromebook. We have found that phones and iPads are not quite enough. Students must have a keyboard. If you need one, use the form on our website to let us know, and email our assistant principal at lfrank@nps.k12.va.us.

Bell Schedules. We will have a virtual bell schedule this fall. Students will need to be ready to sign on to their device by 8:05 a.m. and class will start at 8:15 a.m. Each class will have a Zoom session and independent, asynchronous work and the day will conclude around 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. We will have lessons and activities, quizzes and tests, labs, demonstrations, P.E., and all the aspects of school, even if adapted to being 100% online. Our Instructional Focus, reading and writing across the curriculum, certainly has not changed.

Virtual Scholars Academy. Norfolk Public Schools parents/guardians interested in having their student(s) participate in the **NPS Virtual Scholars Academy (VSA)** for the 2020-2021 school year please use the application link to register your student: <https://bit.ly/33aGBVt> .

*The application link will remain active for parents/guardians until Friday morning on August 7th, 2020. Since at least the first quarter of the school year will be 100% virtual instruction, the VSA course work, and instructional format will continue in the same manner throughout the

school year regardless of when other students coming back to a blended/face-to-face instructional model.

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

Mrs. Frank, Assistant Principal: lfrank@nps.k12.va.us

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.

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!