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Mission: Within a supportive school community, The Academy of Arts & Knowledge offers a robust arts program that complements core academics, fosters critical thinking skills and creates confident, creative individuals with the freedom to reach their full potential.

Vision: Provide an environment that allows every student to reach their full potential.

AAK Dragon Mail



Mar 16-20 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Mar 23-27 - E-Learning - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Cancelled: Mar 27 - FIRE Assembly

POSTPONED: Mar 27-Apr 1 - Book Fair - Dates TBD

CHANGED -VIRTUAL SHOWCASE: Apr 1 - Student Showcase Night

POSTPONED - School Play until April 10 (TENTATIVE)

Apr 17 - Talent Show

Apr 24 - FIRE Assembly

Apr 27 - Staff Only Day - NO SCHOOL

[AAK School Calendar Link](#)

Dragon Mail is also posted in the Front Office.

The [2020-2021 AAK School Calendar](#) is now available!

-See end of Dragon Mail for information about COVID-19.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



-Remember to check your child's backpack for their Friday Folder ... teachers send home important info on Fridays!

-Did you know we have an absence form on our website? <https://www.aakelementary.org/> Click on the "Parents" tab and choose "Absence Form." This sends a notification to both the front office as well as your child's teacher. Direct link:

<https://www.aakelementary.org/general-information/absence-form/>

You can also call: 970-226-2800

AAK EVENTS



DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



Buy One Get One Free Book Fair

POSTPONED! Dates to be announced!



AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY



Happy Spring Break!

PARENT HELP NEEDED



Mrs. Turriago has been out for several weeks taking care of her husband who is sick and currently in the hospital. We have created an online Meal Train for the Turriago family; however, due to them being at the hospital for an indefinite amount of time, we are asking that you please use the GrubHub gift card option on the Meal Train website, rather than making a hot meal. You can access the Meal Train here: <https://mealtrain.com/z190dd>

Thank you for keeping Mrs. Turriago and her family in your thoughts. We always appreciate the care and support from our AAK community during difficult times like this.

Donors Choose for Music Class!

It's All About That Bass! Help Ms. Floyd give our students the gift of music! A bass bar completes the Orff instrument set, and allows more students the opportunity to play.

https://www.donorschoose.org/project/its-all-about-that-bass/4736369/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=page&utm_campaign=ifproject&utm_term=teacher_985506&rf=page-dc-2020-01-ifproject-teacher_985506&challengeid=21549844&fbclid=IwAR226R8zf7_DafL0y3iDBTdIHkv48I7pV9li6hEhhEnKQbWbDkqeXE1Maw8



Library Volunteers

Did you know our AAK Library is entirely volunteer-run? If you are interested, we could use more help with checking in books, organizing the shelves, etc. Volunteers are welcome to come any time the school is open (7am-5:30pm)! Contact Jada to schedule a short training on library protocol: jkankel@aakelementary.org . Once you have been trained, you do not need to schedule a time ... just come to the front desk and sign in as a Library Volunteer!

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS INFORMATION



AAK Healthy Starts and Extended Day Program Info

Registration link for Before and After School Extended Day Program:

<https://www.aakelementary.org/extended-day/>



April EDP Sign Up Available Now!

-You are able to register for multiple days at the same time, register multiple kids at the same time, edit (add/delete) days, and see a whole month at the same time.

-If you have registered for the day and no longer need it, please email Ms. Osgood **AND** your child's teacher **before noon of that day** to pick them up at school dismissal (3:20-3:30pm).

-Breakfast does not start until 7:40am. If you need to drop your child off prior to that, you must register for Healthy Starts.

-Fees for **late pick up** are as follows: \$1/minute for the first ten minutes, \$5/minute for every minute afterwards. Failure to pay late pick-up fees will result in suspension of Extended Day privileges.

World Class Tae Kwon Do:

3 Free classes during Before School EDP!

Master Kim from World Class Tae Kwon Do will be giving 3 free classes during the before school EDP program at 7:15am. You do **not** need to sign up ... just be sure your child is here before 7:15am on these three Fridays:

March 13th

March 27th

April 3

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Youth Art Month is observed nationally every March to emphasize the value of art education for all youth and to encourage support for quality school art programs. The City of Fort Collins holds an annual exhibit at the Carnegie Center for Creativity to showcase the talent of young artists from private and public schools in Fort Collins including students from AAK! The exhibition is open to the public March 11–28, Wednesdays–Saturdays, 12-6 p.m at the Carnegie Center for Creativity at 200 Mathews in Fort Collins. Admission is free.

You can see these AAK artists' work at the Youth Art Show!

Emilia, Lauren, Kolton, Lylah, Annabeth, Isla, Kaira, Elsa, Dagny, Emmerson, Josie, Robert, Jerry, Rhiya, Bella, Samara, Kendra, Johnny, Harmony, Rebecca, Caleb, and Titus.

Masks Exhibition 2020

DaVinci Sign Systems
Eye Center of Northern Colorado

Masks

Benefit

Opening April 3, 2020, 5:00 – 9:00 PM during
First Friday Art Walk

Closing May 1, 2020, 5:00 – 9:00 PM during
First Friday Art Walk

Ms. Andrejasich donated a mask for auction. Check it out, inspired by our school mascot.



At the Academy of Arts and Knowledge dragon themes evolve from our school mascots “Flame” and “Flicker.” Dragon fantasies are an intriguing escape from the craziness of the world around us. This inspired my conflicting dragons theme. Using the facial features of the mask as a guide to accentuate the dragons’ forms became my interpretation of those opposing forces.

“The dragon is time. It has no beginning and no ending, so all things come round again.” *The Dance of the Dragons*

*** AAK Monitoring COVID-19 ***



Please see link to "[How Sick Is Too Sick](#)" PDF for further guidance.



AAK Update: COVID-19

Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear AAK families,

Our global community faces a health crisis in which the Academy of Arts & Knowledge can play a critical role in social distancing and to help slow transmission of the COVID-19 virus. We can and must do our part to safeguard the health of our students, families and communities. Per guidance issued last night from the Commissioner and Governor's Office, AAK will be following our geographic district (Poudre School District) in regards to closures. **As such, AAK has extended spring break for March 16 - 27, 2020.**

To be clear, AAK will be closed for two weeks. Throughout that time, AAK will continue to consult with public health officials about plans to re-open.

Families can expect that the first week (March 16 - 20) is time to rest, as planned. Expect communication soon about what remote learning will look like the second week (March 23 - 27) during the closure. Over the last two days, teachers have been gathering work to send home with students, please check your child's backpack for this. ****If your child is not at school today, there will be a table in the front office for you to pick up your child's work any time before 5:30pm today.**** Teachers will also be sending out email updates about remote learning for our students during the week of March 23.

We are working with our lunch provider to provide "grab and go" breakfasts and lunches during the closure for our families who may need them. If you anticipate needing lunch and breakfast during the extended closure, please continue to sign your student up for breakfast and lunch through the Michael's of Denver website <https://michaels.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>. Meals will be available for pick up at AAK on Monday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 25 from 10:00 am until noon for those who have ordered them.

Our focus during this time is on enrichment and enhancement, but we know learning won't look the same as what our students experience at school each day. Expect education to be interrupted.

We know there will be many questions and will share more information as soon as possible through email and on the AAK website.

Sincerely,

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