


AAK Families, we are updating Dragon Mail's format just a bit because of the COVID-19 situation! Everything is new, so we won't use the  icon in this Dragon Mail. Please read all the information today. We know you have probably been swamped by emails, so going forward, we plan - as much as possible - to limit emails from the school to just Dragon Mail on Fridays. You will still be getting emails from your child's teachers throughout the week though. We hope you are safe and well!



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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



March 23 - April 17: E-Learning - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

CHANGED: March 27 - VIRTUAL Fire Assembly (Video Link Sent from Teachers)

CHANGED: Book Fair (possibly will be online ... watch for announcements)

Cancelled: April 1 - Student Showcase Night

CHANGED: School Play (look for coming details)

CHANGED: April 17 - VIRTUAL Talent show (details coming soon!)

CHANGED: April 24 - VIRTUAL Fire Assembly if school building is still closed.

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

FRIENDLY REMINDERS/INFO



-Lunch/Breakfast

AAK will continue with sack lunch pickup on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. Please pickup at the back double doors (by the playground), and keep social

distancing guidelines in mind. Sack lunches still need to be pre-ordered online through Michael's of Denver. They have cancelled all hot lunch orders through April 17th, so if you've previously ordered, you will need to order again.

<https://michaels.h1.hotlunchonline.net/frontend.php>

-Food help for your child

We are here for you. If you have been impacted financially by the current crisis, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jada Kankel for help with ordering breakfasts and lunches.

jkankel@aakelementary.org

-Medications

If your child has medication at the school, you may pick it up on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-12:00pm** at the back double doors (by the playground). Please email us ahead of time so we can have the medication ready to check out. jkankel@aakelementary.org

-Checking out AAK Chromebooks/Laptops

Contact Mrs. Montoya at jmontoya@aakelementary.org if your child needs a Chromebook/Laptops for e-learning. These can also be picked up on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm**.

AAK COMMUNITY EVENTS



-Our First Virtual FIRE Assembly!

Use this link to see the fun video the AAK admin team made this week!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYoFKd7v2zM>

-Virtual Morning Announcements!

Calling all students! We need your help with virtual morning announcements! Record yourself playing an instrument, singing a song, dancing, cheering, or telling jokes. The sky's the limit! After you perform, you must include this in your announcement:

BULLET LIST

Your name, grade and teacher (Example: This is Joe from Mr. Smith's first grade class!)

A positive message or idea for the day

The Pledge of Allegiance is optional

Please do not include the day or date in your announcement, as it could be aired anytime!

Students submitting announcements must be cleared to appear on social media, like Facebook.

Send your morning announcement to FIRE@aakelementary.org with the subject **MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT**.

-AAK FIRE Challenge!

Show us your FIRE AAK! Send us a video or photo of you showing FIRE at home! We will compile these and share out a student video on Friday of next week and introduce our next FIRE Challenge! Send your **FIRE Challenge pics/videos** to FIRE@aakelementary.org with the subject "**Your Name showing FIRE!**"

HELPFUL TIPS FOR PARENTS



- Parental Controls: Letter from Mr. Bono

Dear AAK Families,

With your students spending more time online, it is important that you continue to monitor what they are doing and to talk to them about Internet safety. As a follow-up to my previous email about Internet Safety, I would also like to share with you some practical information about "Parental Controls." Parental controls help you as a parent do the following:

BULLET LIST

- Control what comes up in a search
- What apps can be downloaded
- Determine how much time can be spent online by your student

You can use Parental Controls on devices such as:

BULLET LIST

- Home computer
- Personal devices such as smartphones and tablets

Some tools that are available are:

BULLET LIST

- Norton online
- Google safe search
- Youtube safety mode
- Windows live family safety

What can you do with parental controls:

BULLET LIST

- Set parameters
- Filter out content we don't want to be exposed to
- Adjust level of controls for the age of your child
- Set search engine filters
- Make online safety a partnership

I have attached a link to a video that contains this and additional information. It is 2 minutes long and is very informative. Please reach out if you need assistance with setting Parental controls: <https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/teach-parents-tech-parental-controls/>

****If you have checked out a Chromebook from AAK, please note we have had to relax some of the controls in order for students to login and access e-learning materials. There are some controls in place, but it is still your responsibility to monitor what your children are doing online.****

How to set up parental controls

NUMBER LIST

Google search “setting up parental controls” and your device
Follow the step-by step instructions

Here is a sample for android: Google Search “setting up parental controls for Android”

Android

NUMBER LIST

On the device you want parental controls on, open the Play Store app .
In the top left corner, tap Menu Settings. Parental controls.
Turn on Parental controls.
Create a PIN. ...
Tap the type of content you want to filter.
Choose how to filter or restrict access.

Please reach out if you have any questions! dbono@aakelementary.org

-World Class Tae Kwon Do - free online lesson!

Master Kim held a free lesson at morning EDP before schools were closed. Our students loved it! He is offering a free online lesson to all our AAK students! Hope you all enjoy it!

Tae Kwon Do Basic

<https://youtu.be/wW7v2DauEF4>

From Master Kim:

Due to the virus, we are now doing school online, with live-streaming and Youtube videos.
Thank you very much and have a wonderful day.

<https://focotkd.com/>

Sincerely,

Master Kim and Ms. Thompson

We hope everyone is safe and healthy ... and we hope you are finding ways to have fun and de-stress! We hope the FIRE Assembly helps a bit with that!
Have a wonderful weekend, AAK!