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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



**May 21 - NEW LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ... Details below.**

**May 26-28 - AAK Devices/Instruments/Library Book Returns, Yearbook Pickups!**

**May 31 - Learning Express Summer Bridge and Toy Discount ends**

2019-2020 COVID-19 Adjusted AAK Calendar						
May 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	e-learning	e-learning	e-learning	e-learning LAST DAY! <b>NEW LAST DAY!</b>		
				5th Grade Drive-Thru Graduation!	Kinder Drive-Thru Graduation!	
<u>Learning Express for Summer Bridge Books</u>				<u>AND Special AAK Toy Discount</u>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day	AAK Devices Returns & Yearbook Pickup! See details below!				
<u>Learning Express for Summer Bridge Books</u>				<u>AND Special AAK Toy Discount</u>		
31						
<u>Express Learning for Summer Bridge and Toy Discount Ends!</u>						

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



## Friendly Reminders/ Info



### -End of Year To-Do List:

- Tell your teachers thank you and goodbye!
- Return a device if you checked one out (check your email for details).
- Find any AAK Library books at your house and return them to the Book Monster in the Front Office (weekdays from 7:30am-5:30pm).
- Pick up your Yearbook if you ordered one! Come to the Front Office on **Tuesday, May 26th - Thursday, May 28th between 9am-2:30pm!**
- Check Lost&Found and pick up school supplies if you haven't yet (in Front Lobby, weekdays from 7:30am-5:30pm).
- Pick up medications on **Tuesday, May 26th - Thursday, May 28th between 9am-2:30pm!**
- Complete the AAK Parent Survey (link below).
- Order a Summer Bridge book from Learning Express - only \$9.99 this year (link below)!
- Stay safe and healthy.
- Have an amazing summer!!



### -Yearbook Pickup Next Week!

If you ordered an AAK 2019-2020 Yearbook, you can come to the **Front Office of the school school on Tuesday, May 26th - Thursday, May 28th to pick them up between 9am-2:30pm.**

### -Student AAK Emails Suspended for the Summer

The emails the school set up for students will be suspended over the summer for safety and security reasons. Emails will be active **through May 28th**. Students who are returning can plan on those email accounts being reactivated in August. *Note that 5th graders' accounts will be deleted after May 28th.*

### -Return AAK Devices

If you have checked out a device for your child, they will need to be returned by May 28. Please see email from Front Office for what day you should return your device.

### -Return AAK Library Books

Feed the AAK Book Monster! Please gather any AAK Library books and return them to the school. The "Book Monster" that students use to return books will be in the front lobby area. You

can access it on weekdays between 7:30am-5:30am. Thank you for getting our wonderful library restocked.

## **-AAK Parent Survey**

Dear AAK Parents,

Thank you for agreeing to take this survey.

Every parent has a voice in AAK's ongoing pursuit of excellence for your child. Today, we are asking for your feedback about AAK, and given the current circumstances, about remote learning. Your feedback on this survey will be crucial in helping to inform our planning for next fall.

This survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, but once started, you will not be able to leave and return to the survey later. All answers are strictly confidential, so please feel free to respond honestly. Survey responses will never be used to identify individuals to anyone in AAK.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention. Engaging in an ongoing two-way dialogue is critical as we work together to provide our students with the best possible education.

<https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/plo6MF>

**Nichole Schlagel and Jami Montoya**  
**20-21 Principal and 19-20 Director**  
**Academy of Arts & Knowledge**

## **-Have plans for your child changed for the fall?**

We realize that the last months have brought unexpected changes for everyone. Because of that, your re-enrollment plans for your child at AAK might have changed. If this is the case, we ask that you fill out our re-enrollment form online again. If nothing has changed, you **DO NOT** need to fill out this form again.

<https://www.aakelementary.org/re-enroll-now/>

Please contact us if you have any questions about re-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year: 970-226-2800 or [info@aakelementary.org](mailto:info@aakelementary.org)

We miss seeing our AAK community and we hope you are all safe and healthy.

## **-Grades during E-learning**

We understand that this is an extremely difficult and stressful time for everyone, and some days your child's school workload might seem nearly impossible. Please know that we understand, and to hopefully help with this, you will start seeing the phrases "Must Do" and "May Do" on assignments from teachers. Have your child complete the "Must Do" assignments first. The "May Do" can be done after, on Fridays, another time, or if you simply can't get back to them, that is ok. **Teachers are monitoring student progress based on participation and effort, and report cards will not be issued for Trimester 3.**



## AAK Community Events

### -Looking to learn an instrument this summer?

Thinking about starting summer instrument lessons but don't know where to start? Boomer Music Company can help you! Click on this link to watch your favorite instruments:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzqyRDYSe\\_lebjBJ8-P7hQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzqyRDYSe_lebjBJ8-P7hQ)

If you have made your choice, or if you STILL are not sure, you can contact the AAK teachers to help you take the next step:

Violin, viola, cello and ukulele: Lydia Oates: [lydia\\_oates98@yahoo.com](mailto:lydia_oates98@yahoo.com)

Trumpet, trombone, drums: Ron Forte: [ronforte50@gmail.com](mailto:ronforte50@gmail.com)

Flute, clarinet, saxophone: Lorna Floyd: [lfloyd@aakelementary.org](mailto:lfloyd@aakelementary.org)

### -Youth Art Month Exhibit

The Youth Art Month Exhibit at the [Carnegie Center for Creativity](#) was cut short because of the CoronaVirus. However ... There is an online version of the [Youth Art Exhibit!](#) You can find artwork from AAK on slides, 17, 19, and 21.

### -Learning Express Summer Bridge Books!

AAK has a wonderful opportunity to help keep our students' brains fresh during the summer with the Summer Bridge books and help out one of our valued, locally-owned businesses - a Win-Win! In addition, Learning Express has generously offered a **10% off discount for AAK families on their ENTIRE order! AAK parents will get 10% off the entire purchase including the Summer Bridge books but you MUST mention AAK to get the discount BEFORE they ring up the sale when the store calls you for payment.**

#### Shop the local Learning Express website using one of the options below:

1. Parents can shop the website, fill their cart and "purchase". Then, the order goes to the store, where they pull the items and then call you for payment. This way the store can recap and go over colors/styles if necessary. This is also when you tell them **AAK before they take payment**

and finish the transaction. Then, it's ready for curbside pickup at 4357 Corbett Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80525

- a. <https://learningexpress.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=Summer+bridge&store=111> - direct link to the Summer Bridge books
  - b. <https://learningexpress.com/product-list/storeproducts/?store=111> - direct link to the Fort Collins Learning Express to see what they have in stock to keep your kiddos engaged and entertained
2. Starting Monday (hopefully) they will also start in store shopping by appointment. Any purchases **in store** will also qualify.
    - a. Or parents can call the store directly at **(970) 282-6501**.
  3. **AAK parents will get 10% off the entire purchase including the Summer Bridge books but you MUST mention AAK to get the discount BEFORE they ring up the sale when the store calls you for payment.** **Note:** gift card purchases are the only sales that do not count towards the 10%. But if you use a gift card to pay, it will count towards the 10%. I will also be holding a drawing for the giant avocado squishimal (\$259 value!). Everyone who makes a purchase using AAK in April or May will be entered to win the June 1st drawing.

## -Tae Kwon Do Basic for AAK!

Below are the previously recorded classes for AAK. These are a great way to start the day or a great brain break during the day!

Tae Kwon Do Basic 1: <https://youtu.be/wW7v2DauEF4>

Tae Kwon Do Basic 2: <https://youtu.be/1RMIMNvP2SY>

Tae Kwon Do Basic 3: <https://youtu.be/-jQxW8ehWOQ>



## Helpful Resources

### -Free COVID-19 Testing in Larimer County

Use this link to fill out the form if you have symptoms of COVID-19. The county will contact you about when and where the testing site will be

[larimer.org/community-testing](https://larimer.org/community-testing)

### -Serve 6.8 - Food Help for Families

We know some of our families are struggling because of jobs being lost, etc. We want to share this resource for help with groceries for your family:

<https://serve68.org/coronavirus-response/>

**\*\*\*They are looking for donations if you are able to help! See their website for info.**

### -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@akelementary.org](mailto:jkankel@akelementary.org)

## **-2-1-1 Colorado**

211 Colorado consists of multiple organizations across the state to assist with food, shelter and rent for those who qualify. Simply dial 211 from your phone.

## **-Colorado Unemployment**

Colorado unemployment filing has been divided into 2 groups for filing.

- **Last names** that begin with a letter **from A to M** you may file a claim on Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday or after 12 noon on Saturday
- **Last names** that begin with a letter **from N to Z** you may file a claim on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or before noon 12 noon on Saturday.

**Congress is also enhancing state unemployment benefits.** You may be eligible for an additional \$600 per week and extended additional time of benefits.

For more information and to file a claim visit [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/unemployment](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/unemployment)

## **-The CARES Act**

There are many questions around what the Federal Government is providing for assistance. The CARES Act has several components that provide economic impact payments. Payment amounts will vary depending on your annual adjusted gross income. See the IRS website for more information: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>