

Parent Link

Connecting You and Your Child to Information on Our Journey to Greatness

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To be the truly great school system we want to be, we need to continue to develop partnerships with our parents. Children need to see that parents value education and are willing and able to be involved in helping them realize their potential
Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell

The Office of School & Family Partnerships



PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEWS

♥ National African-American Parent Involvement Day February, 8, 2010

WHAT IS NAAPID?

NAAPID is the acronym for National African-American Parent Involvement Day. In celebration of Black History Month, this is a national call to action for African American parents to get more involved in their children's education and to foster open communication between themselves, teachers, and students. It is observed yearly on the second Monday in February. Joe Dulin created this day to address the achievement gap facing African American students. This day of observance is urged for parents of students from preschool to college.

HOW CAN I PREPARE?

In preparation for "Take Your Child to School/Visit Your Child in School" Day, the NAAPID committee has given some suggestions:

- ♥ Start out with a preconference with your child to gather information on what they're doing in school, their schedule, goals, grades, and questions/concerns that they might have
- ♥ On the day of the visit, ask each teacher about your child's academic status, suggestions for improving their school performance, and exchange contact information for future communication.
- ♥ Gather flyers, handouts, schedules for upcoming conferences and school events to keep abreast of what's happening at the school.
- ♥ After the visit, make sure to continue open communication with your child and the teacher, review homework assignments, projects, and maintain your child's schedule to ensure time for rest, study, organization, and preparation for each school day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you'd like additional information and suggestions on how to take part in the National African-American Parent Involvement Day, please contact the national office at 1-800-351-4097, or log onto the website at www-personal.umich.edu/~splendid/NAAPID.html

AACPS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

January, 2010

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For more information or nomination forms,
email ttudor@aacps.org.

What's Going On

♥ Anne Arundel County Spelling Bee

Saturday, February 27

Old Mill HS

10:00 a.m.



Be sure to watch the Office of School & Family Partnerships AACPS TV Programs on Comcast and Broadstripe Channel 96, and Verizon Channel 36

"Parent Connection"

Co-Hosts Lisa Brown and Teresa Tudor, shown daily at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m.

"Parent's Corner"

Host Kathi Hamlett, shown daily at 6:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., and 10:15 p.m.

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