



SCHOOL NEWS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Back-to-School Night Information and FAQ

Our **Back-to-School Night** is scheduled for Monday, August 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please [visit the following link](#) to read the answers to our **Frequently Asked Questions** regarding the event.

Back-to-School Night For Parents/Guardians & Students Monday, August 8, 5:00 - 7:00pm To ensure parking availability, please arrive within your assigned time frame below.			
Last Name A - F 5:00 - 5:30pm	Last Name G - L 5:30 - 6:00pm	Last Name M - R 6:00 - 6:30pm	Last Name S - Z 6:30 - 7:00pm
What to Expect: See your classroom(s) Meet your teacher(s) Drop off supplies		Pick up Chromebook (6th - 8th Grades) Meet the APTA Sign up for APTA Volunteer Opportunities	

2021-2022 Yearbook Update

Due to printing errors, new 2021-2022 yearbooks are being sent to your homes! Instead of throwing the old ones away, please bring them back to school. There will be collection bins at our Back-To-School Night event.

Adoption of Amplify Instructional Resource at APS

APS has adopted Amplify, a high-quality instructional resource, to use in our English Language Arts program (K-8). Those returning to Anchorage School will remember that throughout last school year our Literacy Team worked to review many instructional resources in order to determine one that was the best fit for our school and that additionally had the following characteristics:

- Aligned with the *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS)*
- Research-based and/or externally validated

- Comprehensive to include engaging texts (books, multimedia, etc.), problems, and assessments
- Culturally relevant, free from bias
- Accessible for all students

Oftentimes, instructional resources are mistakenly referred to and/or utilized as a school or district's curriculum. While these resources support the implementation of a high-quality curriculum, they do not comprise the full scope of instructional materials used to support instruction of the Kentucky Academic Standards, which contain the minimum required standards that all Kentucky students should have the opportunity to learn before graduating from Kentucky high schools. The standards address what is to be learned, but do not address how learning experiences are to be designed or what resources should be used.

We are excited to be using the Amplify resources this year to support student learning. Though we anticipated receiving all of our Amplify materials prior to the start of the school year, receipt of our print materials has been delayed. To ensure there is no delay in learning using the new materials, some grade levels will proceed by making their own copies of the Amplify resources while other grade levels will engage students digitally.

In keeping with our commitment to transparency, we will be sharing as much information as practically possible related to standards that students will be learning and materials they will be reading. While teacher newsletters will be sent prior to the beginning of each unit, the following links will connect you to the Amplify Family pages. They provide additional resources and helpful guides related to topics that students will be studying and ways that parents can enhance and support their child's learning at home:

[CKLA \(Grades K-5\)](#)

[ELA \(Grades 6-8\)](#)

If you have immediate questions, please contact anchorage.webmaster@anchorage.kyschools.us.

APS Welcomes School Resource Officer Allen

Anchorage Public School is excited to welcome Officer Marie Allen to our team as our new School Resource Officer (SRO) position for the 2022-2023 school year! Our School Board approved creating the new position at their May meeting. Officer Allen is not a stranger to the Anchorage community as she is joining us from the Anchorage Police Department (APD). Her positive attitude, 23 years of law enforcement experience, and extensive training working with youth make her a true asset to our school community. Officer Allen has volunteered countless hours in elementary, middle, and high schools working with youth.

We are extremely grateful for the support that the City of Anchorage and the Anchorage Police Department provided to the school district in our efforts to staff the SRO position. Over the summer, city officials and Chief Hayes worked diligently to put the necessary forms and procedures in place to allow for us to enter an agreement with the City for Officer Allen to remain employed through APD, with our school district reimbursing salary and benefit costs to the City. The partnership will help ensure that our SRO is able to

fulfill our needs on a full-time basis at the school, but is provided the support, training, and resources that come with being a member of a police department.

Officer Allen's number one priority will be to keep our school community safe. She will be an integral member of our School Safety Committee and will be working diligently daily to ensure that we have training and procedures in place to best protect our students.

You may want to consider letting your children know that Officer Allen will be at our school full time when they return to school on August 10. Already our returning students are accustomed to APD officers being present at carpool and in the school hallways and cafeteria. Reassure your child that schools are safe places and that their school staff works with parents, local police, and fire departments to keep our students safe. Officer Allen looks forward to meeting parents at our Back-to-School Picnic on Friday, August 12. Be sure when you see Officer Allen at school or at our picnic that you provide her a warm Anchorage School Community welcome!

If You See Something, Say Something! Safe Schools Tip Line



As students are preparing to start the 2022-2023 school year we would like to take this opportunity to share with you that you can access our Safe Schools Tip Line from our main school webpage or at the following link: [Online Safe Schools Tip Line](#). The Tip Line is designed for use as an online reporting/prevention tool. If students, parents, or community members know of an unsafe situation in school (bullying, weapons, drugs or alcohol, etc.), they can anonymously pass on that information to school personnel by using this basic email format.

What is it? This Tip line in no way replaces the face-to-face open communication and relationships built at our school. It is designed to be one more tool available for use by students or parents to report suspicious activity and unsafe situations at school. One unique attribute of an online tip line is its availability. Students, parents, or community members can submit information day or night. Some students may feel more comfortable utilizing an online format to report a situation instead of a face-to-face meeting with school officials. A benefit of the Tip line is to add another layer of accessibility between students and trusted school personnel. This tip line is not for immediate response. If anyone needs immediate assistance, they should dial 911.

How does it work? Students, parents, or community members click the [Online Safe Schools Tip Line](#) on the Anchorage School website and choose whether they want to submit a tip about 1) Bullying, 2) Violence or 3) Other risky behaviors (i.e. alcohol, drugs, self-harm, sexual abuse or theft, etc...). Next, they fill in the checkboxes and provide an explanation of the behavior and click submit. Tips may also call into the Tip line at 866-393-6659 if that method is preferred. Anchorage administrators will be contacted by The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to investigate tips in a timely manner and take the appropriate next steps.

PikMyKid Dismissal App



In preparation for next week, we are reaching out to remind you that our school utilizes **PikMyKid** to help organize the school dismissal process and improve safety. For details on how to download the app, set up your dismissal method, and access training materials, please visit the [school's website](#).

A help station will be set up in the nurse's office for parents on Back-to-School Night (August 8). The station is especially useful if you are new to the community or need help downloading or using the app.

Join us for a Back-to-School Picnic and Special Celebration on Friday, August 12!



[Pre-Order Your Optional Tickets and Wristbands by Wednesday, August 10, Noon](#)

Join us as we celebrate the start of a new school year with our annual Back-to-School Picnic sponsored by the Class of 2024 (7th grade)! The event will be held on Friday, August 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the school's front lawn.

On the same night, at 6:15 p.m. we invite you to join us near the playground for a presentation to our 2022 Junior National Academic Championship Team members and for a ribbon cutting to celebrate our fantastic new Sport Court made possible through fundraising by the APTA and generous donations by our school community.

There is so much to be EXCITED about and we hope to see YOU there:

- **Kids will enjoy our 18' Dual Lane Avalanche Water Slide (\$10 per wristband with unlimited entry) and our Mickey Park Deluxe Jump (\$10 per wristband with unlimited entry) - because slides are where summer memories are made!*** For those in the mood for a fun, heart-pumping activity we will have an ongoing sack race with fun prizes (\$3 for entry per race), as well as a face painting station (\$3 per face painting)!

[Skip the line and pre-order your optional wristband\(s\) and ticket\(s\) NOW by clicking this link.](#) Pre-orders are due Wednesday, August 10, at noon, and will be distributed at the “pre-ordered tickets table” on the day of the event. You may also purchase them on the evening of the event at the “onsite tickets table.”

- Three food trucks and one dessert truck will delight the hungry tummies: [Lil' Cheezers Gourmet Grilled Cheesemobile](#), [Six Forks Burger Co.](#), [Rolling Tacos](#), and [Kona Ice](#), stocked with delicious flavors! Lil' Cheezers and Kona Ice will donate a percentage of their profit to benefit our 7th graders. Please bring cash, Apple/Google Pay, and credit/debit cards for purchases. Meals range between \$10-\$15 and \$2 for refreshments.

- Entertainment and music will be provided by DJ Mike of Lightwave Entertainment, **courtesy of our amazing and generous APTA! Thank you, thank you!**
- Families are welcome to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, yard games, balls, etc., as well as their good mood and smile!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Class of 2024's fundraising effort for their 8th-grade class trip. Thank you for your generosity!

****Important Note:*** Mickey Park Deluxe Jump is a dry unit **ONLY**, so if you purchase a wristband for both Mickey Jump and Dual Lane Avalanche Water Slide, use Mickey first and then head to the water slide. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

Wednesday, August 10 - First Day of School, Noon Dismissal



The first day of school for the 2022-23 school year is **Wednesday, August 10, 2022 - noon dismissal**. There will be no lunch served that day.

We can't wait to see our students!

Homework Help Begins Monday, August 15



Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Student Fee Payment – How to Know if you Paid



We have received a request to share information related to how a parent can know whether or not they have already paid the student fee due for each enrolled child, so we are sharing information related to the process hoping it will be helpful to our school community.

Upon payment of a student fee, the payer email address will receive an email from the Cheddar Up system that states the following: **“Thank you for submitting your APS student fee payment.”** If you have received such an email, then you can be certain that you visited the Cheddar Up student fee payment link and made a student fee payment.

If you don't find an email and are still unsure, you have two options as follows:

1. Email anchorage.webmaster@anchorage.kyschools.us with your inquiry.
2. Wait to see if you receive a Student Fee payment reminder email. We anticipate those emails being sent out by mid-September alerting parents that have not yet made the payment.

COVID-19 Related Information



For information related to isolation procedures for students, staff, or school visitors testing positive for COVID-19 please visit the following link: [AISD Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction](#). Please keep in mind that parents must notify the school within twenty-four hours following the positive diagnosis of a student with COVID-19, per Kentucky Regulatory Statute (KRS) 158.160. We anticipate having optional COVID-19 testing available at our school for families to access, however, are currently awaiting the arrival of the testing kits as the program did not open to applications until after August 1.

We are pleased to share that every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a third round of free at-home COVID-19 tests. [Click here to learn more.](#)

New Afterschool Activities

Please be sure to check out our [Student Activities Booklet](#) for existing and new afterschool opportunities for students. Recently, a Monday through Thursday opportunity with transportation provided to Hwang's Martial Arts was added for students in grades K-5. By next week we anticipate adding a Monday through Wednesday opportunity with transportation to Kentucky Gymnastics Academy.

Anchorage Children's Theatre Is Pleased to Present Its 75th

Anniversary Season!



The season will begin with a four-week workshop session on Fridays for children in first and second grade, and third through fifth grade. We have a special workshop weekend planned for kids in grades six through eighth grade on September 16, 17, and 18.

Please join us for an important parent meeting on Tuesday, August 23 in the school's auditorium, as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. for grades 1-2
- 6:30 p.m. for grades 3-5
- 7:00 p.m. for grades 6-8

If you would like a copy of the complete calendar (or have questions about the program) before the parent meeting, please email Anchorageact@gmail.com. The calendar is also attached to the following sign-up links on Cheddar Up. To register your child, please go to the following links:

1-2 grades: Acting Anchors Jr/BUGZ:

<https://acting-anchors-jr-1st-and-2nd-graders-copy-95013.cheddarup.com>

3-5th grades: Acting Anchors/ Junie B Jones, Jr.

<https://acting-anchors-3rd-4th-and-5th-graders-willy-wonka-jr-c.cheddarup.com>

6-8th grades: ACT/ Addams Family:

<https://anchorage-children-s-theatre-5th-6th-7th-and-8th-1081.cheddarup.com>

APS Summer Reading – Save the Date!



We know your Anchors' reading experiences have been vast and varied this summer and are looking forward to the powerful literacy conversations that will happen upon their return next week! Students have several ways to showcase their summer reading progress:

NOW: Book Stack

- Students are invited to submit an image of themselves with the stack of books they read this summer or to create a digital book stack and send images to webmaster@anchorage.kyschools.us

FIRST DAY: Class Discussions

- On the first day of school, classrooms will come alive as students practice their speaking and listening skills as they discuss the topic, “What I read this summer.”

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, August 22 – Celebrating our Middle School Students with DQ Blizzards during recess!

Monday, August 22 – A Celebration of Elementary School Readers at Calypso Cove (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Bring picnic dinners and enjoy the times of your lives while you celebrate Reading!

Questions? Call 502-724-0908 or e-mail robin.bowman@anchorage.kyschools.us

SCHOOL and APTA NEWS REMINDERS

REACH Alert Will Keep You Informed (Sign-Up Today!)

REACH Alerts: Emergency Status/School Closing/Severe Weather



In the case of severe weather, emergency status or unexpected closings, delays and dismissals the school will enable the REACH Alert System that sends school alerts via text messages, phone calls (cell or landline) and/or emails.

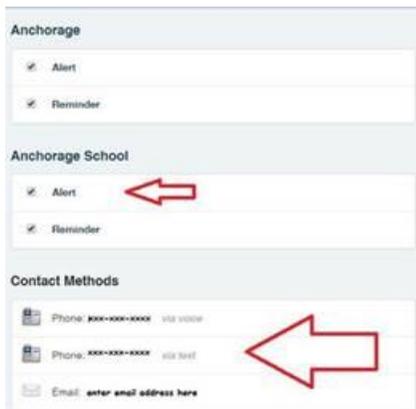
To register for REACH Alert, simply follow the following steps:

- Go to reachalert.com and click on MY ACCOUNT and then select CREATE ACCOUNT to establish your initial account.
- Follow the prompts.
- When prompted for Network Name, enter Anchorage School and click on the school name when it appears in the dropdown list.
- When prompted for a role, select parent.
- Be sure to select to receive “alerts”. Individuals only registering to receive “Reminders” will not receive school closing information.
- Upon joining the school network you may also want to click on JOIN and select the City of Anchorage network.

If you opted to receive text alerts, REACH Alert will send a text message to your cell phone immediately upon completion of your registration. Please enter the 4-digit number on the registration screen and then click the word VALIDATE. If you do not receive this message, please call REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313 for assistance. After you have completed the registration process, you may add other phone numbers and email addresses. From your dashboard page, click on the second tab at the top of the page – CONTACT INFO. From this page you will see where you can add and delete numbers and addresses.

If you already have registered for REACH Alert through the City of Anchorage, your place of employment, child care center, another school, or any other organization you can skip the registration process and simply go to www.reachalert.com and login to your current account and click on JOIN NETWORK on the right side of your dashboard page. Enter Anchorage School and click on our name in the dropdown list and follow the prompts.

Official announcements for school closing may also be heard over WHAS radio and local TV stations. Listen for Anchorage Public School information. It is important to remember that Anchorage School *does not* follow Jefferson County’s decisions on school closings.



The screenshot shows a registration form with three main sections: 'Anchorage', 'Anchorage School', and 'Contact Methods'. Each section has a 'Reminder' checkbox checked. The 'Anchorage School' section has an 'Alert' checkbox that is unchecked, with a red arrow pointing to it. The 'Contact Methods' section has two 'Phone' fields and one 'Email' field. A red arrow points to the first 'Phone' field.

Important Note: We recommend that families select both “reminder” and “alert” boxes, as shown to the left, however you must select “alert” to receive severe weather or emergency messages. Also, we use the same service as the City of Anchorage, so alerts will come from the same phone number. If your cell phone has auto labeled the “sender” as “City of Anchorage” or “Angie Chick” you need to be aware that school messages deliver from that phone number as well.

Please do not hesitate to email anchorage.webmaster@anchorage.kyschools.us for assistance or questions!

Important Back-to-School Information/Checklist

1. **Review our Let’s Set Sail information in this article.**
2. **Visit & Complete our Back-to-School Checklist found HERE.**

Let's Set Sail

for another great year at

Anchorage Public School

<p>Class Assignments Communicated July 29</p> <p>Once required tasks referenced on the Back-to-School Checklist have been completed, parents will receive class assignments and information from their teacher via email. A link to the Back-to-School Checklist is included with this message.</p>					
<p>Newcomer Welcome Night For Parents/Guardians of New Students Sunday, August 7, 6:00 - 6:45pm Social to follow at the home of Amanda and Chris Skinger, 2409 Greten Lane</p>					
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<p>First Day of School Wednesday, August 10 8:00am - 12:00noon</p>		<p>Back-to-School Picnic Friday, August 12 6:00 - 8:00pm</p>			
<p>Celebration of Readers Monday, August 22</p> <p><u>Middle School Participants</u> celebrate with a DQ Blizzard at Recess</p> <p><u>Elementary School Participants</u> celebrate at Calypso Cove, 6:30-8:30pm (Parent or Guardian must attend)</p> <p>Don't forget about Summer Reading!</p>					
<p>Open Houses For Parents/Guardians Only</p>					
<p><u>Middle School</u> (Grades 6 - 8) Wednesday, August 24</p>		<p><u>Elementary School</u> (Grades K - 5) Wednesday, August 31</p>			

Background Check Requirements for Volunteers



As required by law, any adult seeking to volunteer in the school, chaperone field trips, lead student groups in Jr. Great Books, Art Discovery, etc. must complete the volunteer approval process. The school district submits and pays for these.

The volunteer approval process includes:

(1) Criminal Background Check (on the [Youth Leader Request Form](#))

This check is good for 3 years so we ask for a newly completed form submission from all NEW parents and by parents with children in K, 3rd, and 6th grades, or if yours has expired; if you are not sure, you can call and check or just submit it again... we will not process your new form if you have a current check on file.

(2) [Central Registry Check](#) for child abuse & neglect

This is completed on a **2-page** [Central Registry Check Form](#) WITH a copy of your **Driver's License** (or SS card, Passport, or Birth Certificate).

Complete both forms and return them (and a copy of your ID) to the District Office for processing; we ask that these forms **not be sent by email as SS#s are on them**, but they can be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed. The School District submits both forms and pays for the processing.

We love our volunteers and want to make this process as easy as possible to complete. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call 502-245-8927, or email Judy Link, judy.link@anchorage.kyschools.us

APS Employment Opportunities



Our school is seeking candidates for the vacancies listed below:

Part-Time Director of Pupil Personnel

Custodian

Substitute Custodian

7/8 Girls Basketball Coach & Assistant

If you are interested, please contact us for information about these positions. If you know of qualified individuals that would be great candidates to join the APS team, please assist us in our recruiting efforts and share the information

with them.

For more information, please contact Andrew Terry at andrew.terry@anchorage.kyschools.us or Judy Link at judy.link@anchorage.kyschools.us. Please include "APS Employment Inquiry" in the subject line.

ATHLETICS, AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, and COMMUNITY REMINDERS

KHSAA Sports Physical (Keep Your Child in the Game)



If your K-8 child will be participating in athletics, be sure to **visit a doctor with your child to get their KHSAA Sports Physical Form completed** if they do not have a current form on file. Students **must** have an updated KHSAA Sports Physical turned into the school prior to the first day of player assessments or practice in order to participate.

KHSAA Sports Physicals are valid 12 months from the date of the physician's exam. The form can be found [HERE](#) or picked up from AD Brent Bach. Please be certain that all required areas of the form are complete with signatures. Every year we have students sidelined due to expired or incomplete sports physicals, so please schedule your appointment today to keep your child in the game.