



Akron Public Schools

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thurs., March 11, 2021

Merkle's Mental Health Moment – Happiness in the workplace

Dr. Erich Merkle, Pupil Adjustment Program, Office of Special Education, Akron Public Schools

This is a challenging time of transition as many of our district personnel move away from working virtually and return to their school buildings. Work represents a good portion of our daily lives and we need to rekindle positive energy about our workplace through selfcare efforts that avoid burnout. Happiness expert Tia Graham offers [these 5 tips](#) to increase happiness while you work.

School meals for remote students

APS students who are fully remote may pick up weekly meal boxes containing five breakfasts and five lunches on Mondays at select schools. Students do not need to be present, but parents/guardians may be asked to verify the name of the APS remote learning student. Meal boxes will be available March 15- May 24 from 4–5:30 p.m. View the list of [participating schools and other information](#), by clicking “Meals and Nutrition.”

Return to spring sports

On March 10, Superintendent David James announced athletes will be returning to the field, gym or both for spring sports season. Athletic Director Joe Vassalotti also announced that students in middle school who lost part of their fall season will get to revive it for three weeks this spring. [Click here](#) for further details or view a list of [spring sports programs](#). The full letter from the superintendent can be accessed on the [website](#).

COVID-19 vaccine eligibility tool

A free tool from the Ohio Department of Health allows you to [check your eligibility](#) to receive the COVID-19 vaccination and book an appointment if you meet the requirements. The tool uses prompts related to age, health and occupation to determine eligibility. As of today, the state's vaccine program expanded to include additional age groups (50+) and those with additional specified health issues.

Part-time help needed for APS health clinic

APS seeks part-time medical assistants, EMTs or paramedics for its school health clinics. Applicants must have completed formal schooling or training, be certified in BLS, AHA Healthcare Provider Training and pass a criminal background check, reference check, BCI fingerprint check, education and license/certification verification check, and drug test. Information regarding [benefits and pay](#) can be found on the school website along with an [application link](#).

Good Samaritan free food distribution

The Good Samaritan Hunger Center is providing free food distribution Fri., March 12. Recipients must wear a mask and have their car trunk open and empty. Location and time can be found using [this flyer](#).

APS plus After-Hours Support for students and families

After-hours support has reopened for the semester. APS **plus** After-Hours Support assists students and families with K-12 tutoring and academic support, family support services, social-emotional urgent support, technology and Google Classroom troubleshooting. Hours are **Monday-Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be closed on holidays**. Call 330.761.7943 for assistance. For information, visit [akronschools.com](#).

HELPFUL RESOURCES

All the resources below have clickable links for your convenience.

General resources

- [Akron Summit County Library](#)
- [APS Covid-19 Dashboard](#)
- [APS District Website](#)
- [APS Family Resources](#)
- [APS Learning 2020-21 Google Site](#)
- [Get 2 School/Stay in the Game](#)
- [Ohio Department of Education \(ODE\)](#)
- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [United Way 2-1-1 Resource Referral](#)

Forms and downloads

- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)
- [Help Desk Form](#)

Educational and mental health resources

- [5 Things Parents Can Do to Support Learning at Home](#)
- [9 Tips for Parents Navigating Online Learning](#)
- [22 Remote Learning Tips for Parents](#)
- [CDC: Help Children Learn at Home](#)
- [Online Learning Tips for Families](#)

APS social media

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