BACH ELEMENTARY
2026-2027

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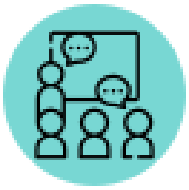
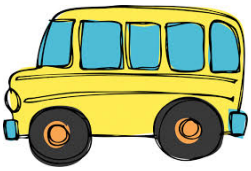
Report all absences and early releases to the above email address

School Day	**8:50 a.m.-3:53 p.m. (Students may begin arriving at 8:43 a.m.)**
AAPS Calendar	2026-2027 AAPS Calendar
Health & Safety 	Our goal is to **keep students learning in school** while balancing the risks of illness and transmission among students and staff at school. AAPS School Safety Practices **Hand washing** • Students will be taught proper hand washing procedures. • Frequent hand washing will be a priority. **Hand Sanitizer** • Students will have access to hand sanitizer when hand washing is not feasible.
Medications	Medications are housed in the school clinic. The form that needs to be filled out to accompany the meds is found **HERE.** Please fill out the form and drop it off with the medication in the main office. If your child has an emergency medication please notify the main office.
Arrival 	The first school bell will ring at **8:47 a.m.** The second bell will ring at **8:50 a.m**. Students arriving after 8:50 a.m. will be considered late. Students can begin arriving at school at 8:43 a.m. When students arrive by bus, car, or walking, they should proceed to their designated arrival door or teacher cone for Y5-1 students, and proceed directly to their classrooms. Students will enter Bach through the following doors each morning: **Y5, Kindergarten and First Grade** Enter the building through the doors at the end of the lower elementary hallway off the playground.

Please do not leave your child unsupervised prior to 8:45 a.m.	**2nd Grade** Enter the building through the door located at the end of the service drive near the school kitchen. **Third and Fourth Grade** Enter the building through the 5th Street door located near the corner of Fifth and Jefferson. **5th Grade** Enter the building through the MPR doors by the sandbox, and continue to walk down to the ramp to your classroom. **Arrival + Dismissal Map**
Breakfast	Breakfast is served daily and is free to all students. If your child is eating breakfast, they may enter the cafeteria starting at 8:40 a.m. daily. **Students eating breakfast should enter at the service drive door.**
Attendance 	Attendance is taken each morning and afternoon. If your child will be absent or tardy from school, please email bach@a2schools.org before the start of the school day. Please do not email the office professional. There is voicemail available to record messages when the office is closed or when the office staff is unavailable to answer the phone. If your child arrives after 8:50 am, they must report to the office before going to class to be signed in by a parent, and then receive a tardy pass. If your child is absent due to a contagious disease, please inform us so that we may alert other parents in the class to watch for symptoms. Parents who wish to pick up their child during school hours must sign out in the office when they are picked up and can be signed back in if they return to school. Students will only be released to those listed in the student's emergency contacts. Students will be called down to the office only when their parent/guardian arrives at school to minimize the amount of instructional time missed. If you need to contact the office to make a change to your child's end-of-day plan, please make every effort to contact the office before 3:00 pm.
Student Materials in the Classroom 	Classroom teachers will coordinate where students store and organize personal items like school supplies, coats, hats, backpacks, etc. Students will have access to cubby drawers to store all their supplies and materials. **Classroom Materials** Students will each have their own set of supplies that are kept in their cubby drawer/pencil box at their workspace. • Supplies will be provided: crayons, pencils, glue sticks, markers, scissors, and dry-erase markers. • Students will also be provided with a headset. This will remain in the classroom for daily use and be stored in a labeled ziplock bag.
Lunch	For the 2025-2026 school year, **all students eat for free.** This includes both **breakfast and lunch.**

	The free meal is a full meal. If your child is **purchasing an a la carte item, there will be a charge.** Please access the Meal Magic Family Portal to add funds for à la carte items ONLY. ALL families will need to complete the Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL) application. Lunch will take place in the MPR (times are subject to change due to specials' scheduling).. Y5/K Recess 11:25 - 11:49 Lunch 11:49 - 12:13 Grade 5 Lunch: 11:27 - 11:51 Recess: 11:51 - 12:15 Grade 1 Lunch 12:05 - 12:29 Recess 12:29 - 12:53 Grade 2 Recess 12:05 - 12:29 Lunch 12:29 - 12:53 Grade 4 Recess 12:17 - 12:41 Lunch 12:41 - 1:05 Grade 3 Lunch 12:17 - 12:41 Recess 12:41 - 1:05
Lunch Choices 	For lunch, students can: • Bring their own lunch from home. • Get a full FREE lunch in our school cafeteria. • Purchase milk or an a la carte item ONLY. *All allergen meals MUST go through the Chartwell's dietitian - generally via the school nurse who contacts food service. This is the protocol for each school. Allergen/Special Diet Request Form You can preview the lunch menu here: https://a2schools.nutrislice.com/menu/bach

Recess 	**<u>Recess</u>** • Each grade level will have access to the entire upper or lower el playground while at lunch recess or class recess. • Y5-5th will have at least two opportunities per day for physical activity. • Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer when returning to the classroom after recess. **<u>Lunch Recess</u>** • Each grade level will have access to a playground during lunch. • Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after using the playground **<u>Outdoor Instruction</u>** • Outdoor learning areas are available for teachers to sign out and utilize, weather permitting.
Specials 	All students will participate in art, music, physical education, PLTW, and library on a weekly basis. Fifth-grade students will also participate in instrumental music. Once our 2025-2026 schedule is complete, your child's classroom teacher will communicate the weekly schedule with families.
Dismissal  Car Pick - Up  Walkers	Starting at 3:53 p.m., students who are being picked up by car will start to be dismissed to the carline. Students will exit through their dismissal door and walk directly to the pick-up line. Students wait at the front of the car line and load into the first few vehicles at a time. Families utilizing the car pick-up lane **MUST** remain in their cars and wait for their student(s) to come to them. **If you are accessing the pick-up line, please enter the line from Fifth Street.** **Once your child loads into your vehicle, please stay in the line and pull out in one straight line. Please <u>do not pull</u> in or out of the line, as this creates congestion along Fifth Street and is a safety concern for all.** Teachers walk all remaining students out to the parent pickup areas (see assigned areas below). **Dismissal Locations** • **Y5, Kindergarten, and 1st-grade** students will meet families on the black top. Please see the dismissal map for specific locations. • **2nd Grade** will exit the building through the door located at the service drive. Students will meet their families along the service drive. • **3rd Grade and 4th Grade** will exit the building through the 5th Street door located at the corner of Jefferson. Third-grade students will

	meet families at the archway on the playground. 4th-grade students will meet families on the sidewalk along Jefferson. • **5th Grade** will exit through the doors located near the MPR. **Click to view the ->Dismissal Map**
Transportation  AAPS Bus Schedule	Yellow bus tags will be used for Y5/Kindergarten students. Y5/Kindergarten students should display the yellow bus tag, which will contain their first name and bus number, on their book bags. This will alert bus drivers that a student is a Y5/Kindergarten student and must have a parent or legal guardian present at the bus stop before the student is safely released from the bus. AAPS Bus Schedule How to use My Stop.pdf My Stop FAQs.pdf **Elementary School** students who live **1.25 miles** from school are considered in the walk zone. All others will receive school bus service. ***All walk/bike routes are reviewed for safety, including well-marked pedestrian crossings.*** **Bus riders....** • Students should be at their bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus stop time. • An adult must be present at the bus stop for students in grades Young 5's and Kindergarten for both student pick-up and drop-off. *Bus drivers will not release a student from the bus unless an adult is present at the bus stop. If an adult is not present at drop-off, the student will be returned to the school.* • For safety, all students must be seated on the bus while the bus is moving. • Students must remain seated while riding the bus, keep their legs in front of the seat, face forward, and keep all body parts inside the bus. • Students should use "inside voices" on the bus at all times. • Eating or drinking is not allowed on the bus, except for water.
Bring Your School Device 	The Classroom Ready Checklist includes students bringing a charged District-issued device to school every day.
Personal Communication Device	Students may possess a personal communication device while at school. Unless approved by the main office, PCD devices must be kept in student backpacks during the school day.



The school assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, or misuse or unauthorized use of PCDs brought onto its property.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the PCD being returned to the parent or guardian only.

Snack Policy



Bach has a healthy snack-only policy. Students are allowed to bring a snack to school, but we ask families to send healthy snacks. Options include fruit, vegetables, and meat options such as a rolled piece of lunch meat or a whole grain snack. Please remind your child not to share/touch their classmates' snacks.

There may be more restrictions in your child's classroom based on the specific food allergies that are present in their class.

At the start of each school year, all classrooms avoid serving any foods/snacks with peanuts or nuts (bring fruits/vegetables) during the first 2 weeks of school. This precaution allows time for families to complete their emergency information online and provide more complete information about students with allergies and the severity of those allergies.

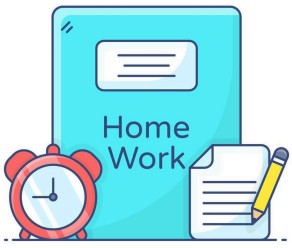
Birthday Celebrations



If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at school, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please notify your child's teacher 2-3 days prior to the day that you would like your celebration. This allows our teachers to plan accordingly.
- You may send a small token gift instead of a snack, like pencils, erasers, bookmarks, a book donated to the classroom, etc.
- Our Bengals who have birthdays in the summer are encouraged to celebrate their "half-birthday" by making arrangements in the Spring.
- Invitations for outside birthday parties may be brought to school and passed out ONLY if ALL students in the classroom are invited.

Homework Policy



<u>Purpose Statement</u>
Homework at Bach provides children with additional practice of skills learned in school, serves as a tool to build personal responsibility and accountability, helps teachers monitor the progress of student learning, and builds awareness of student learning for families.
As a school, we also recognize the importance of family time, the rich extracurricular activities in which many children in our community participate, and the importance of unstructured time for children to play and explore. Therefore, we seek to create a balance between homework responsibilities and the lives of children and families outside of school.

<u>Homework Guidelines</u>
Literacy
Reading is crucial to children's academic development and should be part of every family's home life. It is recommended that all students engage in literacy activities every day at home. Children are encouraged to read high-interest books from a range of genres. Families can support their

	children by reading books and stories to them, by asking their children to read to a family member, and by ensuring that children have time set aside for reading. ***Grades Y5-2*** Teachers in grades Y5-2 work to create homework assignments that fulfill the above purpose statement. These assignments are considered optional and serve to enrich school learning. Students who do not complete the assignments will not be placed at a disadvantage to peers who do complete the work. Teachers will communicate with individual families when they feel a student needs additional support, and a personalized plan will be established. ***Grades 3-5*** Teachers in grades 3-5 will work to create homework assignments that fulfill the above purpose statement. These assignments are required, and students are expected to complete them. Assignments will be designed to last no longer than thirty minutes. Anytime homework takes longer, parents should contact the classroom teacher to inform him/her of the difficulties. Students will not be penalized for incomplete work when the time on the task exceeds thirty minutes. ***Guidelines for Parents:*** The best way for teachers to help children succeed and continue learning is to know what the child can do independently. Therefore, homework should be completed by the student. If your child struggles with an assignment, it is best to communicate this to the teacher so he/she know additional instruction is needed. Any circumstance that may prevent children from regularly completing homework should be communicated directly to the teacher. Teachers will work with families to accommodate student and family needs and ensure all children can be successful. Bach serves a range of children with varied skills and strengths. Some students require additional accommodations and support to complete their work, and it is important for families to communicate these needs to Bach teachers. Assignments can be accommodated so all children find success!
Visitors and Volunteer Policy 	• All building doors will remain locked throughout the day except during arrival and dismissal. • Visitors must be buzzed in at the main entrance and proceed directly to the office to sign in and be given a visitor badge. • Parents dropping off items for students can drop them at the cart at the front entrance and notify the office so we can deliver the item to your student. • Parents and guardians who wish to visit a child's classroom must make prior arrangements with the teacher. • In order to ensure the safety of all children, guests who wish to volunteer in the classroom or participate in a field trip must complete a background check in the main office. The forms are available in the office and **must be completed at least 72 hours in advance.** • Volunteer Google Form