



Welcome to ACPS!

We are delighted to welcome your child as a new student to Alexandria City Public Schools and will be providing multiple opportunities to get to know the division and your school better before the new school year starts.

Although we anticipate starting school in the fall of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will need to be flexible. We will share any updates with you regarding the reopening of schools in early August.

In late August you will automatically be signed up to receive ACPS Express updates and your school's email newsletter. If you wish to receive these emails prior to this time, please [sign up](#). Please also be sure to sign up to [follow ACPS and your school on social media](#).

Perhaps the most important thing you can do to support your child before the start of school is sign up for [Parent Access](#). You will receive a letter in the mail the week before school starts. Create your account, enter the code provided in the letter and you are already on the road to success for your child.

Key benefits and features of Parent Access for elementary parents include:

- The ability to complete back-to-school forms online
- The ability to ensure your contact information is always current
- Access to a list of bus stops
- Lunch pin access
- Attendance records for your child
- Quarterly progress reports
- Teacher email addresses
- Results from standardized assessments

In addition, your school will inform you how they will communicate with you regarding curriculum and student assignments.

We look forward to working with you for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

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