ACPS Quarterly District Newsletter

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February Edition





IMPORTANT DATES

Professional Day (1/2 Day) 2/16/24

Presidents' Day (No School) 2/19/24

> 2nd Marking Period **Report Cards** 2/20/24

3rd Marking Period Interim Report Cards 2/29/24

Professional Day (No School) 3/22/24

Spring Recess (No School) 3/28/24 - 4/8/24

Eid-al-Fitr (No School) 4/9/24

Parent Conferences (1/2 Day) 4/22, 4/23 & 4/24

> **3rd Marking Period Report Cards** 4/22/24

4th Marking Period Interim **Report Cards** 5/14/24

> 4th Marking Period **Report Cards** 6/21/24

MESSAGE FROM THE SU



Superintendent of Schools

Dear Atlantic City Public Schools,

It is now February and we have already concluded the second marking period. Our staff has worked diligently and collaboratively to provide a safe, conducive and enriched learning environment. As we strive for excellence in our school district, we will continue to empower our students to become problem solvers and critical thinkers.

We recognize the core of our school district is based on relationships between our parents, students, staff, community and the board of education. Let's continue to utilize our collective strength to provide the best education for all students who attend Atlantic City Public Schools. You are valued and we appreciate your support and involvement. Please know that our dedicated staff will continue to make a positive difference in the life of each student entrusted to us. Thank you!

AC PRIDE! AC STRONG!

Celebrating Black History

DISTRICT MISSION

Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

DISTRICT VISION

All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, lifelong learners equipped for the 21st Century.





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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dr. La'Quetta S. Small, Superintendent of Schools Dr. LaKecia Hyman, Assistant Superintendent of C&I Celeste Ricketts, School Business Administrator Michael Bird, Director of Special Projects & Assessments Atiba Rose, Director of Operations Shelley Williams, Director of Elementary Education Christopher Ford, Director of Athletics Donald Harris, Director of Secondary Education Tracy-Marie Moody, Director of Student Services & Special Education Diane Saunders, Director of Human Resources

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ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome & Congratulate

JASON GRIMES

Principal Brighton Avenue School

PAUL FETTER

Vice Principal Atlantic City High School

TRACY-MARIE MOODY

Director of Student Services & Special Education

MARK TYLER

District Communications Specialist





Harassment, Intimidation and **Bullying (HIB)**

The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a student. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. For more information, visit www.acboe.org.

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REVENTION

1-800-273-TALK (8255)



Employment Opportunities 2024-2025

TEACHING STAFF (GRADES Pre-K-12)

- · Teacher: ESL
- · Teacher: Health & Physical **Education**
- · Teacher: Math · Teacher: Music
- Teacher: Special Education
- · Teacher: Special Education -**Preschool Disabled**
- Teacher: Spanish
- Teacher: Learning Disabilities Consultant (LDT-C)

SUPPORT STAFF

- School Nurse
- Sign Language Interpreter

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications accepted online at www.acboe.org or connect directly to the Atlantic City Public Schools' online application at http://www.applitrack.com/ acboe/onlineapp.



Equal Employment Opportunity











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A Free Referral Service

development? Call us!

Email your questions, concerns, and acknowledgements to WebMaster@acboe.org

AC in the News

Visit AC IN THE NEWS on our district's homepage at www.acboe.org to stay updated on what's happening in our schools.



Family Piano Class-Wednesdays at UPTOWN Session I 6:00 p.m. / Session II 7:00 p.m.

Tai Chi class-Tuesdays at Dr. M.L.K School Complex Session 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Education Class Schedule

PAS-Adult ESL Class

Mon.-Thurs.9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

SAS-Adult ESL Class

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

SAS-Citizenship Classes

Mon.-Thurs. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SAS-GED Class

Mon.-Thurs. 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

SAS-Basic Computer Class

Tues. & Fri. 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

TAS-Adult ESL Class

Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

2/8/24-Fatherhood Forum MLK-6:00 p.m.

2/13/24-Grandparents as Parents Day NYAS-10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

2/17/24-Forever Ladies Meeting MLK -6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



Happy National School Counseling Week! Week of February 5th-9th

You are making a difference in the lives of the students, staff, and families you work with each and every day! Thank you for being a school counselor!



Indra Owens



Jennifer Hagel



Melissa Such



Khadijah Barnes



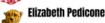
Shaline Browne, Laurie Carter, Beatrice Corvito, Paula Dever, Jennifer Handson, Chaia Jennings, Jonathan Rivera, Nicholas Russo, Kim Santoro and Deborah Tormey





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PRESCHOOL NEWS!!!

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Atlantic City Public Schools Early Childhood Department

Preschool & Kindergarten Registration

2024-2025 School Year

APPOINTMENTS BEGIN MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 REGISTRATION ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS FEBRUARY 29, 2024



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Early Childhood Advisory Council

















TALEWISE SCIENCE SHOW















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250 Thanksgiving meal packages were distributed thanks to our collaboration with SJ Medical Centers, Horizon, Atlantic Cape Community College, Community Foodbank of NJ, and Aetna.

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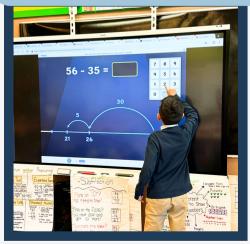






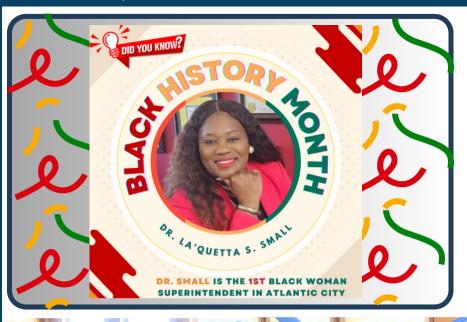
Technology In Our Classrooms

SMART BOARDS WERE INSTALLED IN CLASSROOMS KINDERGARTEN-12TH GRADE TO ENHANCE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT













TEACHER OF THE YEAR

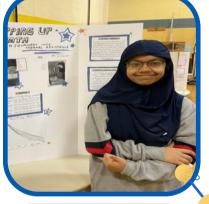
Frank Manzo, Atlantic City High School
Christina Smith, Brighton Avenue School
Kathleen Sadowski, Chelsea Heights School
Ian Mahler, Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex
Portia Wood, New York Avenue School
Julia Smith, Pennsylvania Avenue School
Justin Goods, Richmond Avenue School
Michael Holloway, Sovereign Avenue School
Latisha Edwards, Texas Avenue School
Mala Kyles, Uptown School Complex
Mirabella Cecilia, Venice Park School

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Deborah Tormey, Atlantic City High School
Linda Guzman, Brighton Avenue School
Mary Kent, Chelsea Heights School
Catherine Days, Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex
Whitney Howze, New York Avenue School
Kelly Muskett, Pennsylvania Avenue School
Timia Johnson, Richmond Avenue School
Carol Lingan, Sovereign Avenue School
Justin Pryor, Texas Avenue School
Kellie Iacovone, Uptown School Complex
Kendra Warren, Venice Park School

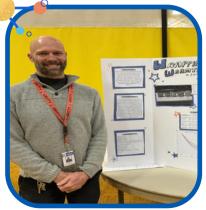














Viking Student Spotlight Zeeshan Bakhtiar



Zeeshan Bahktiar '25 has played an instrumental role in supporting the **Elementary Sports program throughout this** year. He has generously dedicated numerous hours to various events, including the Soccer Round Robin tournament.Soccer **Championships, Cross Country** Championships, Volleyball, and many other activities. Beyond his contributions to the sports program, Zeeshan can often be found in the television studio or actively engaged in NJROTC when he's not assisting with the program.

Viking Athlete Spotlight Mikel Jones



After guiding the Vikings to a victory over Overbrook with a career-high 35 points, Jones was featured in The Press of Atlantic City. It's thought that the ten 3pointers set a school record.









































THE ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM EARNED THE HIGHEST MATCH SCORE BY AN ALLIANCE AT FIRST TECH CHALLENGE NEW JERSEY IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE MEET HELD IN EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP.













ACPS ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

























ACPS ELEMENTARY SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP







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