



Akron Public Schools LEARNING 2021-2022



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022

Weekly Update is changing formats — sign up to receive future updates

Get Weekly Update delivered right to your email! Soon, a mobile-friendly version of Weekly Update will be sent to those who opt in every Thursday while school is in session. To receive district and community news, updates, resources and other information, please sign up [here](#).

Kicking off the Be Kind 330 campaign

Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day and APS is introducing a new campaign to encourage kindness throughout the district and larger community. The new campaign, [Be Kind 330](#), is an extension of [Kindland](#), a kindness movement in Cleveland founded by Values in Action. To kick off the campaign, GOJO, the manufacturers of PURELL® hand sanitizer, has made a generous donation of 20,000 bottles of Purell®. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for updates, kindness challenges and tips. Be sure to use #BeKind330 to share content. We encourage students, staff and community members to spread kindness with us.

Merkle's Mental Health Moment – overcoming a confidence crisis

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

Many of us have enjoyed watching the Winter Olympics over the past couple weeks. While we enjoy supporting our American athletes, there are also important lessons we can learn from them as well. Olympian skier Mikaela Shiffrin entered the games with tremendous expectations to medal across multiple events. Unfortunately, she failed to finish two signature events and placed late in another. Instead of focusing on the mishap, the incident reminds us that we're all human. We can learn from a world-class athlete that it's OK to not always perform at our best. [NBC News provides us guidance and encouragement](#) when we need to overcome a confidence crisis.

Update on decreasing COVID-19 numbers

Summit County COVID-19 cases have dropped nearly 29% and are at their lowest since last August. Regional and statewide COVID-19 cases have also dropped. Six weeks ago, Akron-area hospitals reported 399 COVID-19 patients. Four days ago, that number dropped to 45 COVID-19 patients. Check out [Ohio's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for up-to-date information on COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, ICU admissions and more.

Free admission to Akron Zoo on President's Day

The Akron Zoo is offering free admission to guests on Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Guests can enjoy on-site activities provided by the Summit County Historical Society. Parking rates of \$5 apply. [Learn more.](#)

APS *plus* After-Hours Support for students and families

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. **Support hours are Monday through Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** For more information or to call the support squad, visit akronschools.com/apsplus.

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](#)
- [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

- [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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