



Akron Public Schools LEARNING 2021-2022



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, March 3, 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](#).

Hatton students participate in the Be Kind 330 campaign

APS students are participating in the district's [Be Kind 330](#) campaign, which encourages students, staff and community members to spread kindness. This week, students at Hatton CLC wrote kindness ideas on sticky notes and placed them on classroom doors and walls creating a [mural of kindness](#). [Learn more](#) about the campaign and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for updates, kindness challenges and tips. Be sure to use #BeKind330 and tag us when sharing content.

Merkle's Mental Health Moment – talking to your children about current world events

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

Over the past few weeks, there has been increased hostility and military escalation along the Russian and Ukrainian border. These actions intensified last week due to a Russian military invasion of Ukraine, resulting in vivid and frightening war images that dominate national news. While staying informed about global events and helping the communities impacted is important, we also have to care for ourselves and help our children make sense of it all. Use the resources below to learn more about the conflict in Ukraine and how you can help:

- [What is happening in Ukraine?](#)
- [View live updates.](#)
- [Learn how you can help.](#)

Use these resources to help you and your children cope with the conflict in Ukraine:

- [How to speak with your children about challenging world events.](#)
- [What to do when you feel overwhelmed by the news.](#)
- [How to handle trauma of war from afar.](#)

[Learn more.](#)

Future APS COVID-19 guidance and protocols as cases decrease

As local and state COVID-19 cases continue to decrease, APS is considering making revisions to its masking guidelines. The district will make a decision regarding any potential updates later this month after receiving input from families and staff. The CDC created a new tool that shows the pandemic's ongoing impact on American cities and towns to help communities make pandemic-related decisions. [Use the tool](#) to see the current COVID-19 impact on Summit County.

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

- Facebook [@akronpublicschools](#)
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- LinkedIn [@akron-public-schools](#)
- YouTube [@Akron Schools](#)