



# Akron Public Schools LEARNING 2020-2021



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## WEEKLY UPDATE

Thurs., April 1, 2021

### Merkle's Mental Health Moment – Safely enjoying spring break 2021

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Many families are looking forward to a break from work and school demands, and pandemic living with next week's spring break. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends avoiding travel, Connecticut Children's Hospital reminds us there are many fun, [family activities to experience](#) on a small scale such as virtual vacations, vaccinated grandparent visits and the local outdoors. Discover more ways to enjoy a safe spring break:

- [Parents Magazine: "Ways to Have a Safer Spring Break 2021"](#)
- ["11 Spring Break Staycation Ideas"](#)
- [Pediatricians share their COVID-safe spring break plans with their kids](#)
- [National Geographic: How families can make the most of spring break this year](#)

### APS spring break begins TODAY, other important dates

APS will be closed Fri., April 2 for Good Friday and all of next week for spring break. School will resume Mon., April 12. Be sure to add these other upcoming dates to your calendar:

- May 28 - last day for students in grade 12
- May 31 - Memorial Day; schools and offices closed
- June 3 - last day for students
- June 4 - last day for teachers

### Seiberling CLC celebrating family of the week

Due to all-remote learning, students do not always have quality interaction with their teachers and school. Seiberling CLC found a way to keep its families connected by honoring a family of the week. [View this week's family.](#)

### Akron Zoo registering for ZooCamp

The Akron Zoo is registering for its virtual ZooCamp, Habitat Heroes. The week-long themed camps run from June-August and include daily activities, special access to virtual live experiences, a stuffed animal related to the theme and supplies for the week. The camps are designed for children ages 6-10. On-site ZooCamp is also available with varying camps for children ages 3-15. [Register and learn more.](#)

### Participate in search for superintendent

The public is invited to join APS to interview finalists to become the new district superintendent. Take part in a brief forum April 12-15 from 6-7 p.m. where a different candidate will be featured each day. Forums are designed to generate a healthy discussion between candidates and the community and provide insight into the four finalists. If you plan to attend, contact [Ruth Rieman, \(rrieman@apslearns.org\)](mailto:rrieman@apslearns.org).

### Firestone students participate in national boxing championship

Firestone CLC students Tyshawn and Deven are participating in the 2021 USA Boxing National Championship in Shreveport, La. Both boys arrived looking to make the team and Tyshawn as a defending national champion. Competition runs through April 3. [Congratulations to these students!](#)

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

After-hours support has reopened for the semester. 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. Hours are **Monday-Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be closed on holidays.** Call 330.761.7943 for assistance. For information, visit [akronschools.com](http://akronschools.com).

## 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](#)
- [APS Learning 2020-21 Google Site](#)
- [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

- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)
- [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](#)
- Twitter [@akronschools](#)
- LinkedIn [@akron-public-schools](#)
- YouTube [@Akron Schools](#)