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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, April 14, 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](#).

COVID-19 travel reminders for spring break next week

There will be no school for students next week (April 18-22) for spring break. If you or your family are traveling, we encourage you to review the [CDC's COVID-19 travel tips](#) due to the recent [spike in COVID-19 cases](#). If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, contact the Ohio Department of Health call center, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 1.833.4.ASK.ODH for questions or learn more on [the Ohio Department of Health website](#).

Merkle's Mental Health Moment – dealing with brain fog during pandemic life

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

Living through a global pandemic is very stressful. Many of us might feel we're forgetting things, experiencing brain fog or are simply not as sharp. Ongoing exposure to stress can impact memory function and cause forgetfulness. Limited stimulation and restriction of activities also reduces newness in our lives, which can lead to our brains becoming less responsive. NBC News discusses the COVID-19 pandemic brain fog experience and [what we can do to sharpen our minds](#). Fortunately, this too shall pass and should only be a temporary foggy time.

Registration is open for The Summer Experience: Choose Your Adventure at APS

Register your students for The Summer Experience: Choose Your Adventure at APS. Our summer programs provide opportunities for APS students to have fun, be creative, solve mysteries, learn about careers, build robots and earn high school credits. There are more than 50 programs for K-12 students that include both in-person and remote activities. [Register](#) in person or online.

Pfizer and BioNTech to request FDA authorization for COVID-19 booster for 5–11-year-old children

Pfizer and BioNTech want to request authorization from the Food and Drug Administration for a booster COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5-11. The booster shot is said to increase immunity against COVID-19, especially the omicron variant, in school-aged children. [Learn more](#) about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Attend the free minority health fair

METRO RTA and Summit County Public Health are hosting a free health fair Wednesday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the METRO Transit Center. The health fair includes vendor demonstrations, bus pass giveaways, raffles and prizes. [Use this flyer](#) to learn more and receive a free ride to the fair.

East CLC students embrace kindness for 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. East CLC students participated in the campaign by creating a [Be Kind Stick Together duct tape activity](#). What are you doing to be kind this week? [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.

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. **The Support Squad Center will be closed Thursday, April 14 through Sunday, April 24. Regular hours will resume Monday, April 25.** 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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