

North Aiken Elementary School Family Handbook



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Dear North Aiken Elementary Family and Friends,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to North Aiken Elementary School. Our team of dedicated staff members is excited about the 2018-2019 school year. We recognize the importance of educators, parents, students, and community members working together to create a learning environment that is safe and offers every student the opportunity to learn. We are committed to meeting the needs of all our students and maintaining high expectations for academic achievement. We invite you to join our Parent-Teacher Organization, School Improvement Council, and serve as a volunteer at our school.

The staff at North Aiken Elementary School believes that literacy is the foundation of all learning. Our teachers are dedicated to ensuring that our students are able to access information and articulate their thoughts. With that dedication, our school has set a goal of reading 40,000 books by the end of the school year. Let's exceed this goal! You will receive additional information from your child's teacher. In addition, we have several literacy events planned throughout the school year and hope you can join us.

Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us.

Sincerely,

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School Vision:

**The children are the heart of North Aiken,
and together we learn, grow, and excel.**

School Facts:

Grades: Pre-kindergarten – Fifth Grade
Mascot: Bear
Colors: Blue and Yellow
Total Daily Enrollment: 434

We take **P. R. I. D. E.** in your bear experience!
P- proficiency-based reporting...you will know exactly how your student is performing all times.

R- real-world application...you will be able to apply what you learn at school at home.

I – innovation...your classroom will come alive to increase your excitement as you learn.

D- dedicated to you...we are going to ensure that you and your family know that we are here to help you have a great year!

E- experiential learning...get ready to have a real learning experience through hands-on application and experimentation.

We Believe Statements:

We Believe...

1. Together is better.
2. Commitment is key.
3. Learning is a process.
4. Creativity is essential.
5. Success is the only option.

AIKEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Our North Aiken School Board representative is Mrs. Rosemary English.

Faculty and Staff

2018-2019

Principal – Elisa Sanders-Pee
School Counselor – Kendra Williams
Instructional Coach- Pamela Cantrell

Assistant Principal – Natonia Tillman
Literacy Coach – Sylvia Lee

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 AM ~ Students may enter the building. Students should not be at the school before 7:00 AM.

REMINDER: Students will eat breakfast in the classrooms.

7:30 AM ~ Tardy Bell- Students arriving after this time will not receive breakfast.*

2:30 PM ~ Dismissal

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

7:00 AM ~ Students may enter the building. Students should not arrive at the school before 7:00 AM.

7:30 AM ~ Tardy Bell -Students arriving after this time will not receive breakfast.*

12:30 PM ~ Dismissal

Students are not allowed on campus before 7:00 AM. Teachers/Staff members who are at school before 7:00 AM are not available to supervise children.

Car riders are to be picked up promptly between **2:30 and 2:50 PM**. All students who are being picked up by car are to be picked up at the front entrance. No other pick-up area is permitted. Parents of children who are picked up by daycare vans/buses **must** tell the daycare provider to contact office personnel **before the pick-up begins**. Any person responsible for picking up student(s) who is continuously late will be subject to referral to the proper city, county, or state authorities. No teachers are “on duty” after 2:50 PM. Parents who arrive late for pick up must report to the office and sign out their child/children.

TARDINESS/EARLY DISMISSAL

It is important that students be on time every morning. Tardiness and early dismissals impact your child’s learning. If a student arrives to school after 7:30 AM, a parent **must** report to the attendance office with the student. Excessive tardiness will be reported to Pupil Personnel Services for possible legal action. If a student must be dismissed early due to sickness or an emergency, a parent must come into the office and sign him/her out. Please be advised that students **will not** be allowed to be signed-out **after 1:50 p.m.** Parents will have to wait until the scheduled dismissal time.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

We will offer a free daily school breakfast program beginning the first day of school for every student. Please pay lunch money in full for one week at a time on the first day of the school week.

Breakfast \$1.75 (reduced =\$.30)

****Prices are subject to change***

Elementary Lunch \$2.60 (reduced =\$.40)

Extra Milk \$.50

Adult (Parent, Visitors, Staff, Non-school Age Children) \$3.75

Lunch money should be placed in an envelope with student’s name, homeroom teacher’s name, and the words “lunch money.” Make checks payable to: **School Food Service**.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Parents are reminded to notify the school immediately of any change of address or phone number. It is **extremely** important to have an up-to-date address and working phone number on file with the school office. If you move out of our attendance area you must request, **in writing**, *special permission* to attend North Aiken.

PARKING/PICK-UP

Parents are asked to PARK IN A MARKED PARKING SPACE WHEN COMING TO SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Drop-off and pick-up procedures should be followed during normal delivery and pick-up times. Drive carefully and please watch for children leaving and entering cars.

TELEPHONE

Please make certain that your child has all of the information he/she needs BEFORE they come to school each day. This should include his or her afternoon transportation arrangements. Students are allowed to use the telephone **ONLY** in an emergency, and students **will not** be called to the phone for messages.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

School buses are provided by regulation for any student living **1 ½** miles or more from our school and as a courtesy for those less than **1 ½** miles, as long as the state approves, and funding is available. This does not apply to special needs students. Students should consider riding a bus as a **privilege**; however, if rules are not followed it is a privilege that can and will be revoked. Students are expected to maintain proper school behavior while riding the bus to and from school or on a field trip. School and bus rules apply to behavior while waiting for the bus or departing the bus. Students who do not behave properly jeopardize the safety and well-being of all the students on the bus. Because bus transportation is considered an extension of the regular school program, students who violate behavior expectations while riding the bus will be subject to penalties established for misbehavior while students are on the school premises.

See the **School District Policy, JIC and JICDA, Student Conduct** and the district's **Code of Conduct**.

Parents MUST send a written note or personally come to the school office when a student who normally rides a bus is to be picked up by car. **Please be advised that students may only ride their assigned buses. Students will not be allowed to change buses nor have others ride with them.** If you have any questions concerning bus routes, please contact the bus supervisor, at 803-641-2507. All questions and concerns with bus transportation should be directed to the assistant principal, Mrs. Natonia Tillman.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an extension of classroom learning experiences and activities. Parents should try to provide the time, place, and proper atmosphere for the student to complete his/her homework. In addition, parents can aid their child(ren) and reinforce concepts taught in class by calling out spelling words, drilling on math facts, or listening to the child read. It is most important for the teacher and parent to work together and to impress upon the child the importance of doing homework for the skill reinforcement and application, as well as for the creative and enrichment opportunities it provides. Parents who are enthusiastic about homework and understand its purposes find that their children's achievement in school is enhanced while habits of responsibility, initiative, self discipline, and independence are developed. All children in grades 1-5 are required to record homework assignments in their folders.

HONOR ROLL

Students will be included on the Honor Roll if they earn an "A" or "B" in **ALL** subject areas. Students will be on the Principal's Honor Roll if they earn an "A" in **ALL** subject areas.

LETTER GRADE/NUMERICAL AVERAGE

A 90-100	D 60-69
B 80-89	F Below 60
C 70-79	

GRADING SCALE - KINDERGARTEN

In kindergarten a checklist reflecting academic achievement standards will be used each nine weeks.

GRADES 1-5 and Proficiency Based Reporting

In grades one through five, numerical grades as specified shall be used to report student progress for each grading period. Report cards will reflect mastery of the South Carolina College and Career-Ready Standards for each content area. Numerical grades will be used on report cards, transcripts, and permanent records in reading and mathematics for grade one. Numerical grades will be used in all subject areas for grades two through 12, except as noted in the following paragraphs.

- Meeting standards (MS), making progress towards standards (MPS) and not making progress towards standards (NMP) will be used in art, physical education, and music in grades one through five. MS, MPS, and NMP will be used in ELA, social studies and science in grade one and handwriting in grades one and two. Health will be included with science in grades one through five.
- In grades one through five, the ELA grade will be a composite of spelling, English and composition, with reading being a separate grade. In grades six, seven, and eight, the ELA grade will be a composite of English, reading, and composition.

In addition, for the 2018-2019 school year, we will also be using proficiency-based reporting. This is reporting that is based on students demonstrating mastery of the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn in one unit before they progress to the next lesson.

MEDIA CENTER

We want to encourage our students to take full advantage of the Media Center and the many opportunities for learning and enrichment it provides. Students are responsible for library books they have checked out and are reminded to bring the library books to school on the day that their class is scheduled to go to the media center.

LOST AND FOUND

Money, jewelry, or other valuables will remain in the office until claimed. All other items (clothing, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) may be claimed by reporting to the front office and visiting the lost and found. It is recommended that parents label all of students' personal property. The Lost and Found is located in MPR at the end of the ramp next to Coach Pope's office.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Each teacher will ask two parent volunteers to serve as classroom parents. Specific instructions, guidelines, and duties will be given to prospective classroom parents by the teachers so that they will know what is expected of them as they volunteer in the classroom. All volunteers must complete a brief training with Mrs. Williams, School Counselor before volunteering. Training will be scheduled twice monthly.

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Parent Resource Center is located in Room 201. This center provides the opportunity for parents to have access to computers and other resources. Parents will be able to connect with other parents and become an active member of our school community.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (P.T.O.)

North Aiken P.T.O. desires to be a very active and supportive group. The P.T.O. officers need your help and support. We hope ~~all~~ of you will become a member our P.T.O and will volunteer as your time permits.

SCHOOL VISITORS

North Aiken Elementary welcomes visitors to our school. Before a visitor is allowed to visit any classrooms, he/she must register in the office using the Hall Pass system and state purpose of visit. An administrator may accompany the visitor. Maintaining a structured environment, free of interruptions is key. Parents, therefore, will not be permitted to walk to walk ANY student to class.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This committee, required by state law, is made up of parents, teachers, and citizens of the North Aiken community. The purpose of this group is to give input, set school goals, and prepare a yearly report sent to all parents in the spring of each year. The categories of membership represent the major groups the school serves. Please e-mail the school principal at espee@acpsd.net if you are interested in serving on School Improvement Council.

SCREENING NOTIFICATION - SPEECH/LANGUAGE, HEARING, VISION

This is to notify parents of the screening programs within the Aiken County Public Schools. The areas and students to be screened include:

1. SPEECH/LANGUAGE: All CD and K students, new students, referrals and students for whom re-screening was recommended the previous year.
 2. HEARING: All CD, K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students, new students, referrals, and high-risk students who have a medical problem associated with hearing impairment or who failed the re-screening the previous year.
 3. VISION: All CD, K, 3rd, and 5th grade students, new students, and referrals.
- Parents will receive a letter if a student is recommended for further evaluation in speech/language or fails the hearing or vision re-screening.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM FOR AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Aiken County Public School District serves state-identified gifted and talented students according to State Regulation R-43-220 and the policies of the local School Board. Gifted and Talented students are those identified in grades 3 – 12 as demonstrating high performance ability or potential in academic or artistic areas. The Gifted and Talented Educational Program (GT) serves academically gifted students in grades 3 – 12 throughout the school year. The district's Gateway program serves artistically gifted students in grades 3 – 12 in a summer program.

Academically gifted students qualify for the Gifted and Talented Education Program if they meet the criteria set forth in the state regulations. Identification may be appealed to the District Evaluation / Placement Team. Private testing may be used only for referral purposes according to state regulations, but not for identification. Parents, teachers, and students may make student referrals to the program through the school's GT teachers or the school counselor at any time during the school year.

To be identified, students must meet two of the following dimensions:

Dimension A: Reasoning Abilities – Students must demonstrate high aptitude (93rd national age percentile or above) in one or more of these areas: verbal/linguistic, quantitative/mathematical, non-verbal, and/or composite of the three. All students are tested during the fall of grade 2 using the CogAT test to measure aptitude. Students at or above the 96th national age percentile on the composite score receive automatic GT placement.

Dimension B: High Achievement in Reading and/or Mathematical Areas – Students must demonstrate high achievement (94th national percentile and above) in reading and/or math as measured by a nationally-normed test or the South Carolina statewide assessment instrument (SCReady qualifying scores are determined each year by the state). All second grade students are tested during the fall using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Students in grades 3 – 8 are SCReady and SC PASS tested in the spring.

Dimension C: Intellectual/Academic Performance – Students must demonstrate a high degree of interest in and commitment to academic and/or intellectual pursuits. Students entering grades 6 – 12 meet this dimension if they demonstrate a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in language arts, math, science, social studies, and foreign language. Students entering grades 3 – 6 demonstrate this dimension through a performance task assessment administered to students meeting one of the two dimensions detailed above.

Instruction in Gifted and Talented Educational Program classes exceeds the state standards for each grade level through a special class designated model in grades 3 – 12. Students in grades 3-5 are served through the special class model. Math coursework is accelerated in grades four and five. Advanced and Honors courses are available for GT students in the middle schools, and Honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement courses are used to serve GT students in the high schools. Artistically gifted students must apply for the Gateway program during the school year and complete the interview and audition process in the spring. This summer program serves newly qualified and previously qualified students.

The Aiken County Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic or racial background, religious beliefs, sex, disability, economic or social conditions, alienage, national origin, immigrant status (except as limited or restricted by certain visa qualifications set forth in federal law) or by English-speaking status in, or employment in, its programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies should be made to the Chief Officer of Administration (641-2420). For more information on the Gifted and Talented Educational Program, contact the school principal or the Office of Federal Programs (641-2403).

CHILD ABUSE

Any teacher, nurse, counselor, or other school professional acting in an official capacity that has reason to believe a child under age 18 has been subjected to, or adversely affected by, physical, mental, or emotional abuse/neglect must make a report to the County Department of Social Services or appropriate law enforcement agency in accordance with the SC Child Protection Act of 1977.

SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

The North Aiken school counselor is here to help each child reach his/her full potential as he/she goes through the developmental process. The school counselor works with the students to help them build positive self-

concepts, effective life skills and successful coping skills in order to better deal with normal developmental problems that they will encounter. The counselor works with children individually, in small groups, and in the classroom. Counseling referrals may be made by a teacher or parent/guardian in writing or via phone call.

HOMEBOUND SERVICES

When it has been determined by a physician that a child will be out of school due to illness or injury for **five** or more days, notify the school office immediately. If the child is able to receive homebound teaching services, a homebound teacher can be sent to the home at no cost to the parent.

EDUCATIONAL RECORDS – CONFIDENTIALITY (CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS)

Under federal law parents and students have a right to expect the confidentiality of student records. Educational agencies may act to declare certain aspects of a student's educational records to be "directory information," meaning information contained in such records which is not considered to be generally harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The Aiken County Board of Education has previously determined that "directory information" could be released to third parties upon request, at the discretion of the school principal. Federal law and regulatory authority allow the release of such information without prior consent subject to certain conditions of pre-disclosure to parents or students. The purpose of this notice is to meet such pre-disclosure requirements.

Under District policy the following information is considered to be releasable: The student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, subjects of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, date of attendance (on both an annual and daily basis), diplomas and awards received, photographs, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. **(Examples of the types of information frequently released include, but are not limited to, Senior Class Listings, Annuals/Yearbooks, Science Fair Winners, Students of the Month, Honor Roll Lists, National Honor Society, athletic event programs, etc.)** A parent/guardian of a student attending Aiken County Public Schools who would prefer that any, or all, of the information designated above **not** be released without the parent or guardian's prior consent. If there are any questions, please contact Dr. Shawn Foster, Deputy Superintendent at (803) 641-2514.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

According to the District Code of Student Conduct, engaging in sexual harassment of any student, staff member, or visitor, either male or female, on school property or while under the jurisdiction of the school, is considered a violation that is disorderly, disruptive, and/or criminal in nature and may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion in certain instances when it occurs while the student is on school property and/or under the jurisdiction of the school, **including** while riding a school bus.

Sexual harassment may be generally defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and written, spoken, or physical conduct of sexual nature. Students who feel they may have been subjected to sexual harassment are encouraged to report the matter to a parent and to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or any other school official with whom the student feels comfortable.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION-EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The School District is committed to equal opportunity for all of its students and patrons. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based upon race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, sex, age, or any other unlawful consideration. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against should contact the principal of this school or the School District's Coordinator for Section 504 concerns, Title IX concerns, and other Civil Rights matters (at (803) 641-2428).

Copies of applicable policies are available upon request. (See Policy JB) Office of Program Compliance.

Aiken County School District

100 Brookhaven Drive

Aiken, SC 29803

Phone: 641-2624 Regular Office Hours: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE

All students at North Aiken are expected to follow district, school, and classroom rules. The district policies for student conduct are described in detail in the Aiken County Code of Student Conduct. All parents and students are required to read the Code of Conduct and return the signed page of acknowledgement. In addition to the district discipline code, all students are expected to follow the school-wide rules which are posted in every classroom. Parents, too, are asked to understand and support these rules.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE POLICY

The staff at North Aiken Elementary School will help students achieve success by helping them to solve problems and by protecting the right to learn. In the classroom, students are expected to follow the teacher's classroom rules. Teachers will vary their activities; therefore, each teacher will clearly communicate his/her expectations for behavior and the consequences of breaking school rules depending on the seriousness of the behavior and the student's past involvement in the type of behavior. LIMITED recess, parent contact, and team isolation are the most common forms of teacher punishment. In-school suspension and out-of-school suspension are the types of punishment issued by the administration depending on the severity of the action. The provisions of this code apply to conduct during the normal school day, on school owned vehicles, and during school-sponsored activities that take place after normal school hours. Parents are important partners in ensuring appropriate behavior in the classroom. The administration will contact the parent of every child who is referred to the office for a violation of the Aiken County Student Code of Conduct.

DRESS CODE

Certain types of attire are not appropriate for school. **Students should not wear the following:**

1. Extremely short skirts or skorts (In grades 3, 4, and 5 shorts must be at least fingertip length).
2. Bare midriff shirts, tank tops, halter tops.
3. Shirts or hats with obscene or inappropriate slogans or pictures.
4. Pants which do not fit securely at the waist.
5. No headwear or spray hair coloring (ex. Hats, do-rags, scarves, fluorescent hair color).
6. Flip flops (students may wear sandals as ONLY IF their heel is secured to the sole of the shoe with at least one strap). Students will be required to wear appropriate shoes for physical activities on days they attend physical education class.
7. Any form of clothing which disrupts student learning.

*North Aiken Elementary School's students are expected to dress, be groomed, and otherwise conduct themselves in such a way as to not distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. Personal appearance and conduct of students should promote health and safety and contribute to a climate conducive to teaching learning. School administrators will be responsible for determining violations of this policy.

ABSENCES, EXCUSES, AND STUDENT ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

GRADES K-5: Student attendance will be recorded on a daily basis. To be counted present for the day, a student must attend **at least half** of the school day. When a student returns to school after an absence, a note of explanation from the parent, guardian, physician, or other health provider, must be submitted within **(5)** school days. Failure to submit notes for absences within this time frame will result in the absence being marked "unlawful" regardless of reason. Absences up to ten per year will be considered lawful if the reasons for the absences are defined a lawful according to this policy. The principal will promptly approve or disapprove any absences **in excess** of five for semester courses, to ten per year. All absences, whether lawful or unlawful, are charged against the maximum allowed. The parent should be notified before the maximum number of absences allowed is reached. The school will maintain on file evidence of notification (i.e., copies of letters sent, records of conference held, etc.).

Lawful Absences:

1. Students who are ill and whose attendance would endanger their health or the health of others may be temporarily excused from attendance. A statement from a physician or other health provider may be required.
2. Students in whose immediate family there is a serious illness or death may be temporarily excused from attendance. A statement from a physician or other health provider may be required.
3. Students may be excused from attendance for recognized religious holidays of their faith.
4. Students may be excused from attendance for travel or attendance at events that the principal approved as an education experience. Request for approval should be submitted to the principal in writing at least five days in advance.
5. Students may be excused from emergencies as approved by the principal.
6. Other lawful absences are detailed in Policy JH-R.
7. Chronic, or extended illness, requires a certification of the illness from a physician or other health provider.

The statement of illness must be presented to the school at the time of registration or immediately following the medical diagnosis. Such statement will become a part of the student's health file and will be placed in the permanent record. All absences in excess of (10) days **must be approved** by the principal.

UNLAWFUL ABSENCES

An unlawful absence is defined as a student's willful absence from school without the knowledge of the parents, or a student's absence from school without an approved reason with or without the knowledge of the parents.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MEDICINES (JGCD-R) MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS

If a student is required to take medication during school hours, and the parent/guardian cannot be at the school to administer the medication, only the principal or principal's designee will administer the medication in compliance with the following:

1. The parent/guardian or emergency contact designee is requested to deliver to the school a completed district medication form and any medication except controlled substances and is required to deliver controlled substances. All medication must be in the original prescription container labeled with the following typed information:

- a. student's name
- b. name of medicine
- c. approximate duration of treatment
- d. time to be administered
- e. dosage
- f. date
- g. strength
- h. pharmacy name, address, phone no.
- i. physician's name
- j. directions for use

If, under extenuating circumstances, the parent/guardian is unable to personally deliver the medication to the school, a note indicating the **number of units** of medication must be sent with the student and **must** accompany the container and the completed district medication form. Non-prescriptive (over the counter) medications in the following categories are requested to be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian and must be accompanied by the district medication form completed by the parent/guardian, in the manufacturer's smallest original container available.

- a. Analgesics i.e. Tylenol etc,
- b. Antihistamines i.e. Benadryl, etc.
- c. Antitussives i.e. Robitussin, cough drops, etc.
- d. Antibacterial Ointments i.e. Bacitracin etc.
- e. Antacids i.e. Tums, Gaviscon etc.

These will be the **ONLY** over the counter drugs administered to students with parental permission.

1. Over the counter medications other than those listed in the categories above will require a physician's note.
2. Refilled prescription drugs must be provided in a new container, appropriately labeled. Medication may **not** exceed a **one-month supply**.
3. Any changes in administration of a current prescription medication **must** be accompanied by a changed district medication form and a new label indicating the changes. A faxed or hard copy physician's order to change the administration of a drug may also be accepted by school personnel. These changes may be indicated on the medication label by crossing out original and writing in new orders with an indelible pen. Label changes must be initialed by designated individual who makes the change.

4. Students may be given permission to carry and self-administer their medications due to life threatening conditions. Permission will be granted only after a physician's order is received (i.e. using the District Medication form, etc.).
5. The school district retains the discretion to reject any request for administration of medicine.
6. A copy of this regulation and the policy may be provided to parent/guardian upon request for administration of medication in the schools.
7. School personnel and employees cannot be responsible for the adequacy of prescribed medications or medical treatments recommended by physicians or related medical professionals and/or supplied by pharmacists or other sources outside the school district and therefore, will assume no responsibility for the effects of such medications or treatments upon students.

Parent-Teacher Organization

Join PTO! Support your school and your child's teacher for **only \$5.00** (earn parent points for prizes)! Our 2018-2019 Fundraising Goal is \$10,000! Help us reach that goal!

2018-2019 PTO Meeting Dates

August 27th
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th
January 22nd
February 19th
March 19th
April 23rd
May 13th

PTO Officers 2018-2019

President - Trina Stukes-Williams
Vice President - Roderica Chiles-Washington
Treasurer Hattie Hayward
Asst Treasurer - Laura Williamson
Secretary - Rashloynn Brown
Communications Secretary - Annette Wright
Asst. Communications Secretary - Tiiu Good

Fundraising Events

- World's Finest Chocolate (PTO)
- Fall Festival (PTO)
- NAIES Pageant (PTO)
- School Supply Store (Fundraiser)
- Coupon Book (Fundraiser)
- Lunch Special Fridays (Fundraiser)
- Cookie Dough (Fundraiser)
- Santa Shop (PTO)
- Spaghetti Dinners (PTO)
- Ice Cream (Fundraiser)
- T-Shirts (Fundraiser)
- Kiss the Pig (Fundraiser)
- Tape Me to the Wall (Fundraiser)

Partner With Us

We are looking for community and business partners to do the following:

- ✓ Donate goods and services
- ✓ Volunteer Services
- ✓ Coordinate field experiences for our students ~~Allow our students to come on a field experience~~
- ✓ Mentor-A-Bear ~~Bear P.A.W.S Mentoring Program~~
- ✓ Purchase an ad in our Emerald City Booklet

“Around the World in 180 Days”- Student Field Trips

4th-“WE are the Dream” in Atlanta, GA and **“Learning in the Low Country”** in Charleston, SC

5th- “A Night in the Aquarium” in Myrtle Beach, SC

Communication- Stay in the Know!

- ✓ **Teacher Class Dojo-** Real-time communication on individual student behavior and classroom notes
- ✓ **Bi-Weekly Newsletters-** Important classroom and school information, plus a one-question survey (earn parent points for prizes)
- ✓ **Communication Folders-** Daily news, homework, and keep at-home documents
- ✓ **Automated Robo Call-** Reminders and updates (please keep the best contact number up to date, you don’t want to miss these important calls)
- ✓ **School Website-** Find out everything you need to know on our official webpage.

Follow us on Facebook- NorthAikenBears, Instagram - NorthAikenBears, and Twitter - @NorthAiken- we are tweeting and posting about what “We Believe” and take P.R.I.D.E in here at North Aiken!

Bus Wars- Calling All Busses 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 16

A program geared towards encouraging students to display proper bus conduct and safety, while waiting on the bus, while boarding, riding, and exiting the bus. Busses earn points daily from their drivers simply for modeling appropriate bus conduct.

Bus to receive 25 good behavior points: Donuts with the Driver

Bus to receive 50 good behavior points: Movie on the Bus

Bus to receive 75 good behavior points: Tie Dye the Bus

Bus to receive 100 good behavior points: Special Day Trip on the Bus

Who will be the first to win.....Game On!



Family Bridging Activities

We need you! Did you know that when parents are involved in their child's education, students achieve more, exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior, and feel more comfortable in the learning environment? We all want our students to be successful in life, right? Well, this is how it can happen. Each month there will be a calendar sent home. Complete the activities on the calendar to earn points. Not only will you earn parent points, but you will also show your child that we are all in this together!

Parent Points

You will be able to earn parent points throughout the year just for partnering with us! When you complete the bi-weekly survey you will earn points, when you and your child complete bridging activities you will earn points, when you join PTO, you will earn points, and there will be more fantastic ways for you to earn parent points throughout the year!

25 points- Thank you Parent Award!

Your "name in fame" on all social media outlets and website, shout out on the radio station, and a snack pack.

50 points- Proud Parent Award!

Your "name in fame" on all social media outlets and website, shout out on the radio station, and a family ice cream outing.

75 points- Super Parent Award!

North Aiken Elementary official t-shirt, your "name in fame" on all social media outlets and website, shout out on the radio station, and a family movie pack.

100 points-Parent of the Year!

Your "name in fame" on all social media outlets and website, shout out on the radio station and in our Emerald City Booklet, and a family dinner for 4 on us!

Parent University

We will be hosting several sessions focusing on topics of interest to our parents. This will serve a great opportunity to interact with other fellow parents, learn strategies to better assist your child(ren), and stay connected to the school. If you have a topic you would like to have offered please submit your suggestions to a member of our PTO or Mrs. Williams, School Counselor. Further information and dates to follow.



Important Dates to Remember

August 23rd- Open House Bash
September 3rd- Labor Day Holiday
September 20th- Interim Reports
September 26th-Early Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m.
September 27th- NaiES Pageant-
October 13th- SC State Youth Day
October 22- Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 24- Early Dismissal @ 12:15 & End of the 1st 9 weeks
October 25- Fall Festival Time TBA
October 30th- Report Cards Issued
November 6th- Election Day No School
November 9th- Veteran's Day Program
November 21-23rd- Thanksgiving Holiday
November 29th- Interim Reports
December 13th- Winter Musical
December 21-January 3- Winter Break
January 4- Teacher Workday No School
January 16th- End of the 2nd 9 weeks
January 18th- Professional Development Day No School
January 21st- MLK, Jr. Holiday No School
January 23rd- Early Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m.
January 24th- Report Cards Issued
February 15th- Sweetheart Dance
February 18th- President's Day Holiday No School
February 21st- Interim Reports

February 27th- Early Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m.
February 28th- Celebrating Diversity Program @ 8:30 a.m.
March 21st- Spring Fling
March 22nd – Teacher Workday
March 26th – End of the 3rd 9 Weeks
March 27th- Early Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m.
April 4th- 4th Grade Level Field Trip
April 4th- Report Cards
April 8-12th Spring Break No School
April 19th- Good Friday Holiday No School
April 26th- Field Day
April 29th-June 6th- Testing Window *Please limit absences and talk with your child's teacher to confirm testing dates and other information)
May 6th- 10th- Teacher Appreciation Week
May 7th- Interim Reports
May 22-24- 5th Grade End-of-the-Year Field Trip
May 27th- Memorial Day Holiday No School
May 31st- Pre-School Awards @ 8:15 a.m. & Emerald City Day "Empire State of Mind" –
June 3rd- 5K Awards @ 8:15 a.m. 1st Grade Awards @ 9:45,
June 4th- 2nd Grade Awards @ 8:15 a.m. 3rd Grade Awards @ 9:45, dismissal @ 11:15 a.m.
June 5th- 5th Grade Awards @ 8:15 a.m. 4th Grade awards @ 9:45, dismissal @ 11:15 a.m.
June 6th- Last day of school, dismissal @ 11:15 a.m.