



# Arthur S. May School News

August 16, 2024 Edition #1

# Welcome Back From Our Principal, Ms. Todd



Happy August, ASM Families!

It is my hope that you and your family are finding moments to relax and enjoy the beauty of the summer months.

For those of you returning to ASM, we are so happy to have you back! For those of you who are new to ASM, WELCOME! We are so happy you are here!

We are also happy to welcome Mr. Gitlin to ASM as our new Assistant Principal!

At ASM we are the GATORS (Growing, Accepting, Trustworthy, Open-minded, Respectful, Self-Reflective) and we try our best to scatter kindness everywhere so that each member of our school community feels welcomed and a sense of belonging.

I can't wait for the new school year to begin and look forward to an A-May-zing year of learning and growing! 🍷

# Important Information

- On Monday, August 19th, class assignments will be available on the Parent Portal. Please see the elementary [Parent Portal FAQs](#) for instructions for accessing the portal.
- Please use this [link](#) to access *Welcome Letters* from our classroom teachers.
- Our **Meet & Greet** on **September 4th** is a time for students & families to meet their new teacher and drop-off school supplies. If you need to discuss your child's specific needs with their teacher, please email the teacher to request a time to meet.


**Our Meet & Greet will take place as follows:**

- **Grades K-5 ~ 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

**The PTA will provide popsicles on the playground and a school bus will be available for Kindergarten & new families to tour!**



# Important Information, con't.

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- School Hours~ Arrival 8:40; Pick-ups dismissed at 3:10; Buses Depart by 3:30. We will continue to use the Kiss & Go in front of the building for drop-off & pick-up.
  - A note, as required by NYS Law, must be presented to the Greeter if a student is late. If returning from an absence, a note must be presented to the Main Office or emailed to [asmattendance@acsdny.org](mailto:asmattendance@acsdny.org).
  - If your child is to be picked-up, we **MUST** have a note indicating the date and the full name of the individual who will be signing them out. **PHOTO ID** will be required to pick-up all students.
  - **Free breakfast and lunch** for all ASM students will continue to be available as per the New York State Education Office of Child Nutrition and the USDA.
  - Transportation has posted bus pick-up and drop-off times in Parent Portal under User Defined and Bus Routing. Should you have any questions regarding , please contact the Transportation Department directly at 845-486-4955.



# Important Information, con't.

- We will be mailing bus tags the week of the August 19th to all K, 1 and Journeys families as part of Arlington's Bus Tag safety program. Please use this [link](#) to our Transportation Department for more information.
- At ASM, we all have Rights and Responsibilities. Please look for the R & R document to come home the first day of school. Then review it with your child(ren) and return the sign-off page, no later than September 20th.
- Our Curriculum Night for each grade level will begin in the auditorium with an overview of ASM's goals and expectations for the 24-25 school year.
- A Reminder to our **Kindergarten** Families~ September 5th & 6th will be ½ days with students attending school from 8:40 - 11:15 a.m.
  - All Journeys Kindergarten students will attend a full day on September 5th & 6th.
- Please use this [link](#) or the code: **jlvqlsq** to join the ASM Google Classroom.



# Important Dates in September



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Meet and Greet &  
Popsicles on the Playground  
Grades K-5 ~ 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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First Day of School!  
Arrival ~ 8:40 a.m.  
Dismissal ~ 3:15 p.m.

5-6

½ day of school for  
Kindergarten only

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Grades K, 1 & 2  
Curriculum Night

K ~ 6:00 p.m.  
1st ~ 6:30 p.m.  
2nd ~ 7:00 p.m.

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Grades 3, 4 & 5  
Curriculum Night

3rd ~ 6:00 p.m.  
4th ~ 6:30 p.m.  
5th ~ 7:00 p.m.

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Maroon & Gold  
Spirit Day!



# A Message From Nurse Carrigan

- Welcome back to all of our amazing families and welcome to all of our new families! I hope we have a happy and healthy school year!
- If your student requires a daily medication or needs to keep medication in the Health Office please contact me through email at [jcarrigan@acsdny.org](mailto:jcarrigan@acsdny.org) and we can set up a drop off time.
- **Medications are NOT to be transported to school by students! This is district policy and becomes a safety concern.**



- NYS requires students in grades K, 1, 3, & 5 to have current physicals on file. Please email, fax, or drop off/send in your students physical.
- Do not send your student to school when sick or not feeling well. Contact the Health Office for guidance and how to clear students to return.

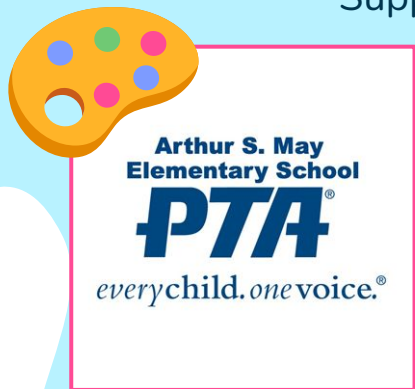
# A Message From Our PTA

We hope everyone is having a fantastic summer!

We're gearing up to meet everyone at Meet and Greet and can't wait for you all to join us in the Fall!

It's never too late or too early to join the PTA, and it's only \$5 for the ENTIRE year.

Support the ASM PTA your way. Volunteering is NOT required.

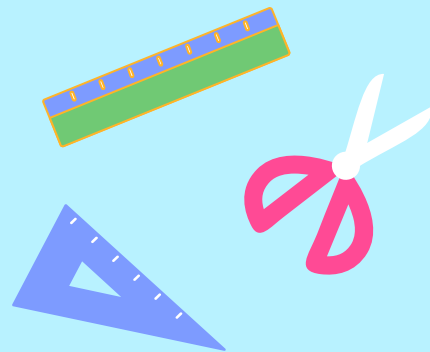


Use the link below to join:

[Arthur S. May School Store](#)

You can check out PTA happenings at:

[Arthur S. May School PTA Website](#)



PTA meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, virtually, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The first meeting will take place October 9th.



# How to Reach Us

**We are here  
to help!  
Call with any  
questions.**

- Ms. Todd, Principal ~ 845.486.4960
- Mr. Gitlin, Assistant Principal ~ 845.486.4960
- Main Office ~ 845.486.4960
  - Mrs. Shaw, Principal's Secretary ~ x 11100
  - Mr. McEachin, Secretary ~ x 11101
- Mrs. Carrigan, Health Office Nurse ~ 845.486.4960 x 11104
- Mrs. VanDermark, Social Worker ~ 845.486.4960 x 11114
- Mrs. Hicks, Cafeteria ~ 845.486.4960 x 11109



# Links to Important Information

Arthur S. May School Website

ASM News Slides

Arthur S. May School Google Classroom

## Important Document Links

Arrival & Dismissal Information

Absences of any nature ~ Link

Daily Pick Up Note ~ Link

Early Pick Up Note ~ Link & Late Arrival Note ~ Link

# District Resources

Do you have a question or concern about your child, a school, or the school district? We want to help! These links can help guide you to the right place to get the answers you need!

[Where Can I Find... A Family Guide for Getting the Info and Help that You Need](#)

We also encourage you to explore the Arlington website at:

[www.arlingtonschools.org](http://www.arlingtonschools.org)

Here's a sample of some of the information available in our parent section:

- [Health Forms and Information](#)
- [Safety & Emergency Preparedness](#)
- Links to our [Food Services](#) & [Transportation Departments](#)
- [Technology Help Desk](#)

