

# Parent Link

Connecting You and Your Child to Information on Our Journey to Greatness

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To be the truly great school system we want to be, we need to continue to develop partnerships with our parents. Children need to see that parents value education and are willing and able to be involved in helping them realize their potential - Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell



## The Office of School & Family Partnerships

### Parent Involvement News

#### **WANTED**

#### **Your BIG Ideas for AACPS' Future**

Now welcomed at the AACPS Homepage  
[www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)

#### **VISION FOR The AACPS 2012 STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Imagine it is 2017. You have been away from Anne Arundel County for 6 years. You have just arrived back in the county and find its schools changed in every possible way – all for the better. Anne Arundel County Public Schools is now everything you ever dreamed it could be. What do you see?
- Based on your responses to the scenario (question 1), what strategies (see the online survey for what we mean by strategies) could Anne Arundel County Public Schools employ to reach the vision your response describes.

In this age of rapid change, our school system needs to be positioned to respond to many demands from internal and external stakeholders, some of which are:

- the imperative to eliminate achievement gaps while raising student achievement for all students;
- the globalization of the world and increasing competition for jobs from other countries;
- the changing face of technology and how it will be used to deliver instruction;
- the new accountability systems dictated by the federal *Race to the Top* initiative; and
- the potential for a reauthorization (with new rules) of *No Child Left Behind*.



## What's Going On

**-Save the Date -**  
AACPS Parent Involvement Conference

*"Nourishing the Whole Child"*

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

The Church at Severn Run

Parents will choose from a wide variety of breakout session regarding nourishing children's physical, cognitive and social/emotional development. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

**Watch for Registration Info in March**



#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

January 2012

*Kira Gleitz, Broadneck Elementary School*

*For more than 500 hours of organizing social and recognition events, coordinating the yearbook and sharing school memories through her photography.*

Don't forget to nominate outstanding volunteers for the AACPS Volunteer of the Month award. For more information or nomination forms, please email [ttudor@aacps.org](mailto:ttudor@aacps.org)



**February is Black History Month!**



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**Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, World View,  
Nuestra Comunidad (Our Community),  
and ¡Charlemos Juntos! (Let's Chat)**

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