


At Home Virtual Program

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The Virtual Perch Newsletter
26 April 2024

Director's Message

Happy Friday At Home Academy families,

Next week, students will begin their third and final round of benchmarking which will take place over the next two weeks. This allows us to measure their individual growth using the data taken from late August, mid-December, and comparing it to what we see now. This testing takes place during school hours and is held virtually. Thank you for continuing to make it a priority for your child to attend their full day each day. Our students who have strong attendance and participation have made great strides this year and we look forward to seeing that represented in this final assessment.

Finally, if your child will not be attending a Mehlville school next year, Chromebooks will need to be turned in after the last day of school. More details will be coming out shortly. It's not too early to start looking for items that were provided upon your child's enrollment (examples include ukulele, math manipulatives, textbooks, Chromebooks and charger).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership,
Dr. Mathews



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STUDENT SUPPORT & IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS

End of year celebrations and major events

Mark your calendar for the following events occurring toward the end of the school year:

- **4.29-5.10** Spring benchmark testing
- **5.6-5.10** Teacher Appreciation Week
 - School-wide recognition
 - District-level recognition
- **5.24** Last day to turn in makeup work
- **5.29** Last day of school; class-level virtual ceremonies in grades K, 5, and 8
- **5.29-5.31** Materials and Chromebook return at JB office (69 Randolph Rd, 63125)

Attendance

Attendance is taken throughout the day by classroom teachers and is recorded in Canvas. Student attendance can also be verified using GoGuardian which keeps track of how a student spends their time while online. If you would like a copy of the GoGuardian report, let me know.

If you or your child would like to speak with our counselor regarding needed supports for improving attendance, Ms. McKelvie can be reached at dmckelvie@msdr9.org or by calling our main line at 314-467-7850.

Canvas observer accounts

By now, many of you have signed up for Observer accounts. When I first signed up as an observer on my children's accounts, I found the site was challenging to navigate at first. Visit bit.ly/athomeparentcanvas for observer account information, helpful tips, and more. And here's a [walkthrough video tutorial](#) for you, as well.

IMPORTANT LINKS & UPCOMING CLUB AND ACTIVITY DATES

Useful Links

Keep these links at your fingertips:

- **Attendance or other office needs: Mrs. Mary Beier, At Home Administrative Assistant, email at beierm@msdr9.org or call 314-467-7850.**
- **At Home Academy school website**
- **Chromebook Tech Support:**
MSDChromebookHelp@msdr9.org- contact this email with ANY Chromebook concerns. Include the student's name, username, grade, and school.
- At Home Academy **Student Handbook**
- At Home Academy **2023-2024 calendar** (live updates)
- At Home Academy **Google Calendar subscription**
- Staff recognition opportunities
 - **School-wide recognition**
 - **District-level recognition**

Upcoming Student Club and Activity Events

The important dates below can also be found on our school calendar listed on our [school's website](#). If you use Google Calendar, you can also [add our calendar](#) to yours so you never miss a date.

- **4.30** Cookless Cooking; Owl's Eye View student news club
- **5.1** Something to Hoot About virtual announcement club
- **5.6** K-5 Art Club
- **5.7** Owl's Eye View student news club
- **5.8** Something to Hoot About virtual announcement club; Art Club (6-8)
- **5.14** Cookless Cooking; Owl's Eye View student news club
- **5.15** Something to Hoot About virtual announcement club
- **5.21** Owl's Eye View student news club
- **5.22** Something to Hoot About virtual announcement club



Counselor's Corner

State Testing Plans - Regional Testing

For the most part, the bulk of our MAP testing is now behind us. We appreciate your cooperation in transporting your child and being sure they were ready to go! If your child has not taken the MAP test and there are not already arrangements in place, please contact Ms. McKelvie and she can arrange a day for you to bring your child to one of our Mehlville sites.

If you have concerns regarding MAP testing, please contact Deana McKelvie at 314-467-7849, or email her at dmckelvie@msdr9.org.

*Ms. McKelvie is a part-time counselor who is with At Home Academy on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternating Fridays. Visit the resources below to request support, or reach out to Ms. McKelvie by phone at 314-467-7849 or by email at dmckelvie@msdr9.org.

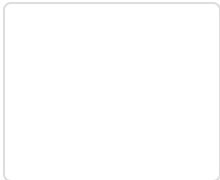


Counseling Resource Links

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[At Home Academy Counselor Request Form](#)

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