

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



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PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEWS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

*For the ENTIRE FAMILY**

Monday, Jan. 16, 2012

Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin St., Annapolis, 21401
11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

FREE with Registration

Contact: 410-897-9207 or info@volunteerannearundel.org

Bring your family and friends and experience what it means to give back by joining in the "Everyone Can Serve" Day. In the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County invites families and volunteers of all ages to enjoy working on service projects with several local nonprofits. The experience encourages children to experience volunteering to see how easy and fun it can be, while providing quality family time.

Your entire family can honor Dr. King's message by engaging in activities (listed below) that serve military families, people with disabilities, and seniors at the **Banneker-Douglass Museum**. Come meet representatives from organizations around the area and learn about volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

"Everyone Can Serve" Day Activities:

- Participants will make school and family program materials, create a community mural, and experience being a museum tour guide.
- The Volunteer Center will make valentines for our troops overseas and their children here at home.
- Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center will teach basic conflict resolution and communication skills. Activities involve both groups and pairs and are suitable for volunteers of any age.
- Chesapeake Children's Museum will create costumes for kids.
- Creating Communities will design cards for low-income seniors and shut-ins.
- Bello-Machre will lead a project for their clients with developmental disabilities.
- There will be some administrative volunteer opportunities.

* Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult

What's Going On

International Family Education Forum Annapolis School Cluster

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

5:45 to 8:00 PM

Crofton Middle School

Snow date: 1/18/12

Families will receive information about school system and community resources related to health and wellness. For more information, please contact Ellen Olsen at eolsen@aacps.org.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

December

Melanie Greenhill, Ridgeway Elementary

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



January is National Hobby Month!

*Make a New Year's Resolution with your child to take up a hobby. Help him/her set a realistic goal then assist with planning specific steps to meet that goal. January is a great time to develop quiet indoor hobbies such as knitting, playing an instrument or cooking skills or active outdoor winter sports. Remember, children do as we do; set an example by meeting your own resolutions for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

For fresh ideas: <http://www.findmeahobby.com>



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