

TUESDAY TIDINGS –6/2/20

How are you? Things are very challenging right now for many reasons. If you need assistance, someone to listen, a shoulder to lean on, or just a friendly face, we are here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us. You can also seek help via emergency supports like Crisis Text and Crisis Link: Text: CONNECT to 85511, Call: 703-527-4077 or visit [Alexandria Safe Place](#). See what's happening this week:

SIX THINGS TO KNOW:

- ACPS is offering every student the opportunity to expand or refine their learning by providing **summer learning** through engagement and enrichment for all students. You can read the full details of the [Continuity of Learning Plan 3.0](#) on the ACPS-at-Home website. Summer Learning will be for all students. **Students who [do not wish to participate will need to opt-out](#).**
- Tomorrow, June 3, an emerging collaboration of community will host a **virtual town hall to honor the life of George Floyd** and discuss how we can build solutions toward ending systemic racism. Come together in the first of a series of town hall discussions to promote sharing and understanding about how systemic racism impacts Alexandria. Together we will share perspectives, create urgency, suggest solutions and demand accountability. We hope to have an essential dialogue for the empowerment of our community and articulate a call to action. This program is a collaboration of community members, government and nonprofit organizations.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95162556812>

Call in: (312) 62-66799

Meeting ID: 95162556812

- **#WearOrange**: On June 5-7, families across the country will participate in Wear Orange events to bring attention to the gun violence crisis that remains the leading cause of death for American children and teens. As a Wear Orange community partner, ACPS will again recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange weekend in the June 3 Express and Insider.

With children spending so much more time at home distance learning - and often alone - School Board Chairman Cindy Anderson will speak about the Be SMART program for safe gun storage during her Chair's Report on June 5 and renew the Board's commitment to the Resolution Against Gun Violence approved in 2018. The Board and Superintendent Hutchings will also Wear Orange in support of this event.

For more on the ACPS Resolution Against Gun Violence: <http://www.acpsk12.org/news/?p=8694>

For more information on this year's virtual Wear Orange events: <https://wearorange.org>

For more information on Be SMART: <https://besmartforkids.org>

- **Help celebrate TC Williams and their graduating class of 2020!** The Masonic Temple will be lit in red, white and blue in honor of T.C. Williams High School Graduates on June 13, 2020. We want our whole community, all the residents of Alexandria City, to celebrate our graduating seniors' achievements by lighting their homes in red, white, and blue on June 13, 2020. Find out more [here](#).
- **Attention all RISING 4th graders!** It's time to start thinking about joining Band and Orchestra! Students: I've put together a "virtual" Instrument Petting Zoo for you! You can access it [here](#). Make sure to explore every slide, and watch the included videos!! Parents: Have questions about

the registration process for Band and Orchestra? Never fear, here's a [video presentation](#), highlighting all of the important things that you need to know about the process. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [Laura Torchia](#).

- The Alexandria City School Board will hold online public hearings on the ACPS 2025 Strategic Plan during the Virtual Special Called School Board Meetings on Tuesday, June 9th at 12:30pm and 7:00pm. A draft of the 2025 Strategic Plan is available [here](#). Members of the public may sign up to participate in one of the virtual public hearings or submit written comments through the sign-up form located [here](#).

AROUND THE PTA

In order to best advocate for the needs of Virginia PTA members and students across the state, please take a minute to share your thoughts with us about your family's experience with distance learning so far and what you hope to see happen this fall. Please note, that this survey is for PTA MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN VIRGINIA. **The survey will close on JUNE 3.** [Take the survey.](#)

UPCOMING DATES AND REMINDERS

6/3/20 - PTA Virginia Survey Due. [Take it now.](#)
6/9/20 - ACPS Public Hearing for 2025 Strategic Plan, 12:30pm and 7pm
6/15/20 - PTA Meeting via Zoom, 7pm
6/15/20 - Kindergarten Celebration, 11am
6/19/20 - Last day of school

ACPS will continue to share information through the ACPS website, social media, and email. **Families can continue to check <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/coronavirus> for updates.**

Still need an ACPS Volunteer Card? Click [here](#) to apply. If you are a current or past volunteer you are not required to complete a new application. Instead, please [click here](#) to complete a renewal.

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