

# Parent Link

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

*If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.*  
- Carol Dweck -



March 2015

## Family Involvement Conference

Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.



Abundant Life Church, 7305 E. Furnace Branch Rd, Glen Burnie

**Keynote Speaker:** Frank Kros, President of The Upside Down Organization, *Change Your Language, Change Their Lives*

**Followed by:** Breakout Discussion Groups - an opportunity for parents & community members to ask questions and share ideas.

**Conference is free! Register:** [www.aacps.org/conference](http://www.aacps.org/conference).

Spanish interpreters provided; for other languages, call 410-222-5417. Childcare will not be available for this conference.

For more information: 410-222-5414 or 410-222-5417



*The Four Rivers Heritage Area Invites All Families*

**Saturday, March 21, 10:00 AM**

Susan Campbell Park, Annapolis

**Flag-Raising Ceremony**

- featuring -

*The Annapolis Drum and Bugle Corps & The Navy League Cadets (students aged 10-14)*

**Over 30 Maryland Day Events  
Annapolis & Southern Anne Arundel County  
March 21 – 22**

Visit [www.marylandday.org](http://www.marylandday.org)

## Parenting for Achievement in School & Life MINDSET for Growth

*How can you best support your children to develop a mindset that will help them develop resiliency, perseverance, and a belief in their ability to meet any challenge?*

- Praise hard work more than grades or accomplishments.
- Make it clear that being intellectually curious is cool.
- Praise when they think for themselves, work well in teams, and change their minds after thinking something through.
- Accept that failure is a really important part of learning.

Want to learn more? Explore *Mindset*:

<http://www.mindsetonline.com/forum/parentsteach/index.html>

*The more we read, the more we know.*

Dr. Seuss



**Research Point:** By age 3, children of affluent families hear 30 million more words than children living in poverty. (Hart and Risley, 1995)

**Tips for Parents:** Enjoy learning with your child by reading information books (nonfiction) aloud together. Use the glossary, index, and table of contents to locate information, grow vocabulary, and satisfy curiosity.



## A STEM Event for Middle & High School Girls

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**FREE & NO Reservations Needed**

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Careers with engaging activities & workshops for students & parents.

**The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory**, 11100 Johns Hopkins Rd, Laurel, MD 20723. For an event flyer & info: [aplstem@jhuapl.edu](mailto:aplstem@jhuapl.edu) or 443-778-7836

## Volunteer of the Month

February 2015

**Donald Patterson**

**Annapolis Middle School**

*... for inspiring science students and teachers to pursue life-long learning.*

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