



Four Seasons Newsletter

February 2024

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar February:



- 5-9 Spirit week
- 6 Tu 2-hour early dismissal—Unity Day—wear orange
- 19 M No school—Presidents' Day

Looking ahead to March:

- 13 & 15 Grade 5 MCAP Science Testing
- 19 Tu 2-hour early dismissal—Unity Day—wear orange
- 25- 29 No school—Easter/spring break

Looking ahead to April:

- 1 M No school—Easter/spring break

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please remember to bring your ID when picking up students, visiting, volunteering/chaperoning, and when attending any Parent/Teacher conference.

FOUR SEASONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Fostering a life long love of learning in a
Safe and orderly environment with
Excellent teachers facilitating
Students' active learning.



Principal's Message

It is February already, with lots of things to celebrate (e.g. 100th day, leap year, etc.). Mrs. Sharma had her baby, Bodhi. All are doing well! Thank you for all of your support this year. We have had several male role models volunteer to help with recess. We truly appreciate you! Our wonderful PTA and families that feed the teachers lunch and provide snacks are amazing!

Thank you for your patience and support during the asynchronous and synchronous learning days. Things will only improve! Our staff and families worked hard to do the best they could. Thank you for your patience with Brightspace while everyone was logging on at once in AACPS. We appreciated the kind emails that were sent recognizing the behind-the-scenes work.

We wish to express our gratitude to those students who consistently uphold the code of conduct, report inappropriate behavior, and advocate for a positive and respectful learning environment. Please review school expectations with your student. We value the collaboration between home and school and appreciate your efforts to maintain a high standard of behavior among our students.

As a reminder, please do not park in the bus loop for any reason at any time during the school day, during after school events, or on weekends. This is for safety reasons. If there were a fire, fire trucks and emergency vehicles need quick and easy access to the building!



February Spirit Week

February 5-9

MONDAY, FEB 5

Teacher Day



**Wear your
teacher's favorite
color**

TUESDAY, FEB 6

Unity Day

**Wear orange
(*Early Dismissal)**



WEDNESDAY, FEB 7

Favorite hat



**Wear your
favorite
hat**

THURSDAY, FEB 8

School Spirit Day

**Wear Four
Seasons Shark
or Disney Attire**



FRIDAY, FEB 9

Sneaker Day

**Wear Workout
Gear**



Notes from the Nurse...

Parents and guardians, please get your child vaccinated for the flu if you haven't already done so.

Please make sure your student has a change of clothes in their locker for the proper season. Even older students need a change of clothing in case they spill a drink or get mud on their clothes.

If your child gets any vaccines, please send their vaccination record in so that their school health records are up-to-date.

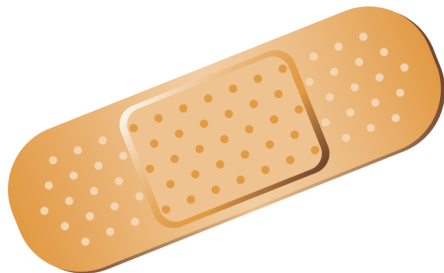
If your child tests positive for Covid, flu, strep throat, etc., please inform the health room.

Thank you!

Our email addresses:

Ms. Michelle - health assistant -
health3272@aacps.org

Ms. Sherry - RN -
nurse3272@aacps.org



Now Hiring Crossing Guards!

Anne Arundel County is hiring crossing guard(s) for our school. Pay is \$20 per hour.

\$1,000 Sign Bonus

Please contact Jim Whalen, Anne Arundel County recruiter, for details:

Email: p94204@aacounty.org

Phone: 410-222-1995



Please click here to view the February [School Meals Menu](#)

Please note that due to supply shortages, substitutions to the menu may occur.



Parents and guardians, please keep dismissal changes to a minimum. If you **must** change dismissal plans, please let the school know as soon as possible in the morning, so that school staff can be made aware. Thank you.



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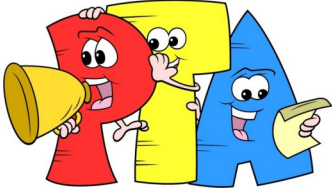


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FOUR SEASONS PTA

What a snowy start to 2024! Thank you so much to our amazing Four Seasons staff for going above and beyond in being flexible during our inclement weather days. We enjoyed a successful SkateZone Skate Night in January that raised \$1,850 for our PTA, as well as a successful Chipotle Restaurant Night that raised \$1,232.83! Thank you to our community for supporting our school at these events. As we look ahead to February, we have a few events to note:

- 2/5/24 - 2/9/24 - Spirit Week
- 2/15/24 - Yearbook Group Photos and Candid
- 2/21/24 - Frank & Luke's Restaurant Night
- 2/23/24 - Feed the Staff Luncheon

It is hard to believe that we only have two PTA meetings left this school year! Please join us for our remaining 2024 PTA Meetings held bi-monthly at 6:00 p.m.!

- March 12th, 2024
- May 21st, 2024

Please recall: there are many ways to get in touch with us this school year!

Email us: pta.fourseasons@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA

Visit our website: fourseasonspta.org

Stay in the know by becoming a PTA Member! PTA members are on an exclusive email list that receives all volunteer sign-ups as soon as they are available! \$10 dues and form can be completed at the following link, fourseasons-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/710720, or by scanning the QR code below.



Four Seasons Fundraising

*Join us for a
Four Seasons Elementary
School Fundraiser!*

**Show this flyer
to support the
Four Seasons Elementary
School and their amazing
students!**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

FRANK V LUKE'S
N.Y. PIZZA KITCHEN

**Dine In or Carryout Only
1153 MD-3 Suite 30 Gambrills, MD | 443-292-8510**



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New Attendance Procedure

This year, AACPS has a new attendance procedure for absences and early dismissals, using ParentPortal. **Parents of students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade should use green notes only for a change in dismissal.** Pre-K parents should continue using green notes for all notifications.

1. Open a web browser on your computer and go to www.aacps.org.
2. Click the "Student/Parent Portal" quick link icon at the top of the page.
3. Click the "PowerSchool Student and Parent Sign-In" icon on the right. You will be directed to the sign-in page.
4. Enter the ParentPortal username and password you created.

To Complete the Form:

1. Click the student name across the top.
2. Click **"Forms"** on the left menu bar.
3. Click AACPS-Absence or Early Dismissal Form to open the form. (Note: To change the text to Spanish, use the dropdown in the upper right corner.)
4. Read and complete the form as directed on screen. Any field marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed.
5. Click "Submit."

Your submission will be reviewed by the main office.

Thank you to all families who have transitioned to the e-form submission process for attendance!



Unexcused Absences Policy

Unexcused Absence(s)/Unlawful Absences (One to Two DAYS ABSENT)

Missed graded assignments will be taken upon return date and accepted for the earned grade. Students will not get an equal amount of days absent to complete classwork before taking missed graded assignments. Families may ask for classwork upon the first day back.

Unexcused Absences/Unlawful Absences (Three or more DAYS ABSENT)

Missed graded assignments will not be accepted for a grade. Families may ask for classwork upon the first day back, but the graded assignments will be entered as E (55%) in the gradebook.

During daily instruction, students may have content delivered through videos, discussions and support. Several missed days of classroom instruction at this level may not be replicated with worksheets.

Excused Absences/Lawful Absence

Missed graded assignments will be accepted for the earned grade. Families may ask for classwork upon the first day back. Students will get the amount of days absent = the amount of days allowed before taking the missed graded assignment. Grades earned will be entered into the gradebook.

***All graded assignments are completed in school, NOT at home.**



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Four Seasons now offers an additional, convenient way to pay for school items electronically. It's called On-line School Payments (OSP) and allows families to pay by credit card for things such as field trips, lost media books, and Chromebook repairs. We also have options to allow you to donate to support special activities for students or to donate to allow the principal to "treat" our staff. Please note that there is a small service charge for using the OSP system. Cash and checks made payable to Four Seasons Elementary are always accepted for student fees with no service fee. If you have any questions regarding the OSP system, please contact Erika Allen at eaillen@aacps.org or 410-222-6501. To access OSP, please click on this link: [Four Seasons OSP](#).

Notice: Four Seasons Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex age, national origin, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs. Questions regarding non-discrimination should be directed to the Office of Investigations, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; telephone: 410-222-5286; TDD 410-222-5500.

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Thank you to everyone who participates in this program.



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