



# Four Seasons Newsletter

January 2024

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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## Calendar January:



- 15 M No school—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 W 2-hour early dismissal
- 18 Th 2-hour early dismissal
- 19 F No school—semester break
- 26 F Mo Gaba Day

## Looking ahead to February:

- 6 Tu 2-hour early dismissal
- 19 M No school—Presidents' Day

### 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

Happy New Year as we welcome 2024! We hope you enjoyed the holiday season with your family and friends. Because of the generosity of families, students, and staff members, we provided local families in need with toys for the holidays. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful community. Thank you for your donations. We had a wonderful winter concert. Thank you for your attendance and support of the arts. Thank you to the volunteers for the Masked Reader event. It was a success! Special shout out to the male volunteers during recess. A January sign-up was sent out on January 2nd.

As we are in the heart of winter, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly. In case of inclement weather, any school closures or delays will be communicated via our automated calling system and posted on the AACPS website.

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.

We'd like to welcome Brittany Wolod as our School Counselor. She started January 2nd, 2024.



## Notes from the Nurse...

We hope you had a good holiday and wish you a Happy New Year.

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.

Thanks!

Our email addresses:

Ms. Michelle - health assistant -  
[health3272@aacps.org](mailto:health3272@aacps.org)

Ms. Sherry - RN -  
[nurse3272@aacps.org](mailto:nurse3272@aacps.org)



## Now Hiring Crossing Guards!

Anne Arundel County is hiring crossing guards for our school. Pay is \$20 per hour. Please contact Jim Whalen, Anne Arundel County recruiter, for details:

Email: [p94204@aacounty.org](mailto:p94204@aacounty.org)

Phone: 410-222-1995



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

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



Parents and guardians, please do not park in the bus loop at any time. Thank you for your cooperation!



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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](http://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.



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## Federal Impact Program Survey

Parents who are active military or who live or work on Federal Property in Maryland are asked to complete this year's Federal Impact Aid Survey. The link to the survey is: <https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/OOF/Federal>, and it will run through January 30, 2024.

You will be asked to verify your home address and identify if it is located on federal property. You will also complete sections identifying if a family member is in the military or works on federally owned property in Maryland. The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete and, be assured, all data collected is kept completely confidential.

### Why Complete This Survey?

Anne Arundel County Public Schools, like many local school districts across the United States, includes within our boundaries parcels of land that are owned by the federal government or that have been removed from the local tax rolls by the federal government. Federal property is exempt from local property taxes. By submitting an application to the Department of Education each January, AACPS receives approximately \$2 million to assist in educating all our students.





## 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.**



## School Health Services

Join our team!

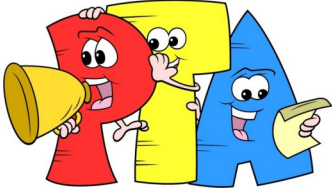
RNs, LPNs and Health Assistants  
Full-time and part-time positions

We Offer Excellent Benefits

- No nights or weekends
- Summers off
- Follows the public school calendar
- Health, dental, vision and pharmacy coverage
- Paid leave
- Deferred compensation plan



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# FOUR SEASONS PTA

The PTA wishes you and your families a happy and joyful new year! We are looking forward to many fun experiences in 2024. Please join us for our January events:

- 1/9/24 - PTA Meeting in the music room, 6:00 p.m.
- 1/12/24 - SkateZone MixMatch Skate Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/24/24 - Chipotle Restaurant Night, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 1/26/24 - Feed the Teachers, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/26/24 - Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.

***Join us for our 2024 PTA Meetings held bi-monthly at 6:00 p.m.!***

- January 9th, 2024
- 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](mailto:pta.fourseasons@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA](https://facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA)

Visit our website: [fourseasonspta.org](https://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](https://fourseasons-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/710720), or by scanning this QR code.



# Four Seasons Fundraising

**DO GOOD  
WITH CHIPOTLE**



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**FOUR SEASONS  
ELEMENTARY PTA**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH | 4-8PM**  
**2503 BRANDERMILL BLVD, GAMBRILLS, MD, 21054**

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **76J88FB**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL & FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS PRESENTS

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For more information, visit School  
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[www.aacps.org/family](http://www.aacps.org/family).



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**BIENESTAR Y  
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**NAVEGANDO  
LOS RECURSOS  
DE AACPS**



**CURRÍCULO  
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PROGRAMAS DE AACPS**

UNA BIBLIOTECA DE VIDEOS, CLASES Y RECURSOS  
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tener acceso a nuestra biblioteca de videos.  
Para más información, visite el sitio de la  
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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 [eallen@aacps.org](mailto:eallen@aacps.org) or 410-222-6501. To access OSP, please click on this link: [Four Seasons OSP](#).

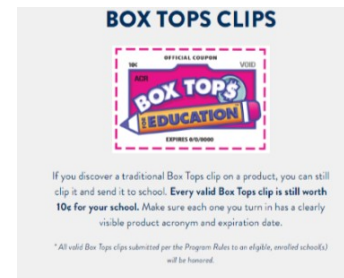
**Notice:** Four Seasons Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security 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.

## BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

There are very few clip boxtops on boxes, but if you find a boxtop with a red dotted line around it, clip it and bring it in to Four Seasons. Go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for more information.



**Thank you to everyone who participates in this program.**



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