



Four Seasons Newsletter

March 2024

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar March:



- 12 Tu Spring individual/class photos;
Grade 5 panoramic photo
- 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
- 4 & 5 2-hour early dismissal—end
of third marking period
- 10 W No school—Eid al-Fitr

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

While lots of things happen every day, know that our focus is on safety, and providing quality instruction for our students. We sincerely appreciate the hard work and effort this year. We have amazing teachers who make magic happen each day!

As we approach Spring, 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.

Please remember to complete iReady lessons! Please read the newsletter for reading initiatives! It is almost that time of year for standardized testing in grades 3-5! The assessment monitors mastery of grade level common core standards. Additionally, students are compared to others in the state with similar scores.

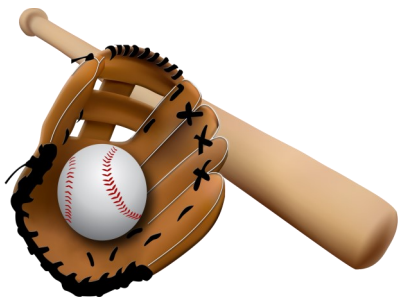
Please enjoy the spring break!



Baysox Reading Incentive

It is that time of the year again for our Baysox reading incentive program! If you choose to participate, the rules and requirements are as follows. Your child is required to **read four (4) books** inside or outside of the classroom. They will receive a reading log to record the titles of the books they have read. The deadline to submit the log to your child's teacher is **Friday, March 22nd**. **Students who complete the program will receive TWO FREE** tickets for the Reading Rewards Night at the Bowie Baysox game on Friday, May 10th to celebrate their accomplishments.

Additional discounted tickets will be available to be purchased for family members at the game. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Long at lwlong@aacps.org or Mrs. Glacken at aglacken@aacps.org. Game on!



March Madness



Starting on March 1st, we will have a school-wide competition for lessons passed weekly for iReady Reading. The weeks will run from Friday until Thursday afternoon. The top class in each grade level along with the top student in each class will be announced on Friday mornings. This will run for three weeks. At the end of the competition, the overall winner for the total number of lessons passed at each grade level will be announced and will win a prize. Please encourage your child to complete iReady Reading lessons and help their class win the prize. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Long at lwlong@aacps.org or Mrs. Glacken at aglacken@aacps.org.

Volunteers Needed for Field Day—Monday, May 13th

Please [click here](#) to sign up for field day on Monday, May 13th. Please be sure to sign up for your child's grade level, as there are three different sessions. Rain or shine, the event will happen! Thank you!

8:30-10:30 a.m.—3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade

10:30-11:30 a.m.—Pre-K

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade

An AACPS background check is required to volunteer. If you have any questions about your background check, or to get instructions, please email Mrs. Shank at bshank@aacps.org.

We look forward to seeing you on May 13th!



**AACPS
SUMMER
2024**



[Click here to access the Summer Program Application Portal, and apply today!](#)

The 2024 application window for summer camp and learning enhancement programs is now open through **March 15, 2024.**

[Click here for step-by-step visual directions on how to use the application portal.](#)

Notes from the Nurse...

We have sent home reminder notices to the parents of students who still need physicals and lead testing done. AACPS requires that these be done when enrolling your students. The physical form has two sides: one for the parents and one for the doctor. Both sides need to be filled out and signed. The lead test form needs to be completed by your child's doctor. After completion, please return them to the health room. Thank you.

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



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

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



Now Hiring Crossing Guards!

Anne Arundel County is
hiring crossing guard(s) for
our school.

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

Email: p94204@aacounty.org

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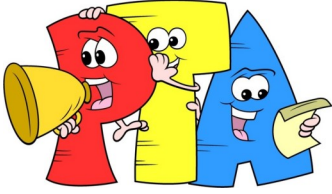


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FOUR SEASONS PTA

The days are starting to warm up and we are so excited for this spring and summer at Four Seasons! Our February Feed the Staff luncheon was a wonderful success with the help of our PTA volunteers, and we had a greatly successful restaurant night with Frank & Luke's! As we look ahead to March, we have a few PTA events to note:

- 3/12/24 - Spring Photos (individual and class)
- 3/12/24 - PTA Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Music Room
- 3/15/24 - Skate Zone Skate Night
- 3/20/24 - Red Robin Restaurant Night
- 3/22/24 - 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 (PTA elections)

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

Email us: pta.fourseasons@gmail.com

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.



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March 20, 2024*

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- 1 Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)*" and click on that item.
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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 eallen@aacps.org or 410-222-6501. To access OSP, please click on this link: [Four Seasons OSP](#).

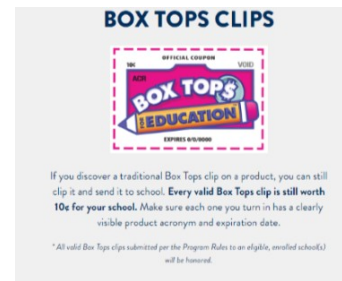
Notice: Four Seasons Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students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

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