



Four Seasons Newsletter

May 2024

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar May:

6-9		Grade 5 MCAP testing; MCAP spirit week for entire school
6-10		Book fair—during school day
7	Tu	PTA milk and cookies night at the book fair—5:30-7:30 p.m.
13	M	Field day
14	Tu	No school—Primary election day
16	Th	Boosterthon fun run
20-23		Grade 4 MCAP testing; MCAP spirit week for entire school
23 & 24		No school for ECI, Pre-K, and Kindergarten only (conferences)
27	M	No school—Memorial Day

Looking ahead to June:

7	F	Last day of school for ECI students <u>ONLY</u>
10 & 11		2-hour early dismissal
11	Tu	Grade 5 celebration; last day of school for grades Pre-K—5

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

Spring not only brings rain and flowers, but also many school events! We are hopeful that you will find time to participate during the end of the year. It is essential that the school and home work together to ensure that students meet the high expectations for behavior established in the Code of Conduct. This enables students to succeed in school and the community. Your support is vital in this process.

Our teachers work hard, and we thank them for all that they do each day! We have such dedicated teachers and staff, as well as involved parents/guardians. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for the teacher celebrations. Everyone helped to make this year the best it could be. We are excited to kick off Boosterthon and raise some funds for our school! Stay tuned for connect ed messages and more detailed information. We will have a FUN RUN (running laps). We can't wait!

I sincerely thank each family for their support this year. It has been a challenging and exciting year! Looking forward to the future and all that it brings! Together, we are better!





MCAP Spirit Wear

April 16 - 19th

Tuesday, April 16 - Are You RED-Y for MCAP? (wear red)

Wednesday, April 17 - Wild About MCAP (wear animal print)

Thursday, April 18 - Can't Hide Our Knowledge (wear camo)

Friday, April 19 - Workout Your Brain (wear workout wear)

May 6 - May 9th

Monday, May 6 - Knock Our Socks Off (wear festive socks)

Tuesday, May 7 - Put Your Game Face On (wear sports attire)

Wednesday, May 8 - Look How Bright You Are (wear neon)

Thursday, May 9 - Crush the Test (wear orange)


May 20 - 23rd

Monday, May 20 - Dream of Success (wear pajamas)

Tuesday, May 21 - Don't Sweat the Test (wear workout wear)

Wednesday, May 22 - Tackle the Test (wear sports jersey)

Thursday, May 23 - Go Back & Check (wear shirt backwards)



Moving?

If you are planning a move over the summer, please contact Ms. Davia at sdavia@aacps.org to ensure a smooth transition for your student at their new school.



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



Please click here to view the May [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.

Pay is \$20 per hour.

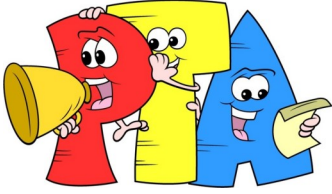
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Please contact Jim Whalen, Anne Arundel County recruiter, for details:

Email: p94204@aacounty.org

Phone: 410-222-1995





FOUR SEASONS PTA

May is bursting with fun and exciting activities and events for our Four Seasons Community! We have the following PTA events in May:

- 5/1/24 - Principal Appreciation Day
- 5/3/24 - Spring Glow Dance
- 5/7/24 - Book Fair Milk and Cookies Event
- 5/8/24 - National School Nurse Day
- 5/16/24 - Boosterthon Fun Run
- 5/17/24 - Skate Zone Skate Night
- 5/20/24 - Ledo's Pizza Restaurant Night
- 5/21/24 - PTA Meeting/Elections
- 5/31/24 - Feed the Teachers and Staff

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

May 21st, 2024—Elections will take place during this meeting! Be on the lookout for an email from the Elections Committee on the process. We currently have our Vice President spots open and would love to welcome someone new to our Board team! Please send an email to pta.fourseasons@gmail.com if you are interested!

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.



Four Seasons Fundraising

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Ledo **Pizza**

MONDAY, MAY 20TH 4-9 PM

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Notes from the Nurse...

Just a reminder to all parents and caregivers - if your child has a fever, he or she needs to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication, then they may return to school. If they are sent home due to a fever, they must stay home the following day. If they receive no medication and the fever is gone, they can return after a full day at home. If you have any questions, please call the health room staff.

Sick students in the health room should be picked up within 30 minutes. If you cannot pick up your student within that time frame, please have a backup plan. Your backup plan can be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbor, or anyone else you deem responsible to take care of your child. Unfortunately, there are times we are very busy and need the bed that a sick child is sleeping on while waiting to be picked up. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Fifth grade parents - middle schoolers will need two additional vaccines: Meningococcal (MCV4) and Tdap. If they have already been done, you can send in an updated vaccine record, and the health room will update your child's school records. If your child gets any other vaccines, please send their vaccination record in so that their health records are up-to-date.

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

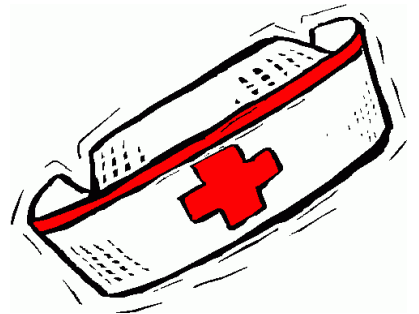
Please make sure your student has a change of clothes in their locker for the proper season. Even older students need a change of clothing in case they spill a drink or get mud on their clothes.

Thank you!

Our email addresses:

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

Ms. Sherry - RN - nurse3272@aacps.org





SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! COMING SOON!

Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. This event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school. The Fair will take place from **MAY 6 - 10 in the LIBRARY**. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books on their regularly scheduled media day. Additionally, the PTA will host a Milk and Cookies event on **Tuesday, May 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, where the Book Fair will be open for families.

Our Book Fair offers **eWallet**, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fourseasonselemschool1>

Additionally, we are looking for parent volunteers to help that week. If you are available and have completed your background check, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAAA72BABF58-39253480-book#/>

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your student there!

Happy reading,

Mrs. Shelby

Mrs. Shelby
Library Media Specialist

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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