



Four Seasons Newsletter

November 2023

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar November:

7-9		Grade 2 CogAT testing
8	W	Vision and hearing screening
10	F	Grades 1-5 report cards sent via email
14-16		Grade 5 CogAT testing
16	Th	Picture Re-Takes
20&21		Parent/Teacher Conferences; No school for students
22-24		No school—Thanksgiving
30	Th	Social Media & Internet Safety class for parents of 4th and 5th graders, at Arundel High School—6:00-7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to December:

5	Tu	2-hour early dismissal; Unity Day— wear orange
14	Th	Winter strings concert—6:00 p.m.
14	Th	Winter chorus concert—7:30 p.m.
25-Jan 1		No school—Christmas/winter 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

We have so much to be thankful for in our school community. Your support for school and children makes Four Seasons a wonderful learning environment. The staff joins me in wishing you and your family happy holidays. May your time together be filled with laughter, fun, and cherished memories! We'd like to also take the opportunity to thank our veterans. Thank you for your service!

We had a wonderful Book Fair! Thank you to Mrs. Shelby, Mrs. Koziel, and Mrs. Weiss for their hard work. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make it a success. PTA had milk and cookies for the event as well. What a great night!

Our shark shop is a success. Thank you to the PTA for helping buy shark shop supplies! Shout out to our students for displaying Safe, Hardworking, Accountable, Respectful, Kind behaviors.

We look forward to the PTA's Fall Fest on November 3rd at 5:00 pm. Thank you to all those who responded to the call for volunteers! This is a great community that comes together for our children. Thank you for supporting the school, and especially our PTA for all your hard work in putting it all together. The PTA is planning a Military Appreciation Night on Friday, November 10th to honor those who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces. We welcome all of our FSES family and community members who are being honored this Veteran's Day to attend with their FSES student(s). Refreshments will be served, a craft will be offered for little ones, and we will enjoy a choral performance and a short ceremony to honor our wonderful FSES service members.



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

Phone: 410-222-1995



Please Use Crosswalks

Please use the crosswalks when crossing the roads near school. Drivers on Waugh Chapel Road are not expecting parents and students to cross Waugh Chapel Road from the Courts of Four Seasons neighborhood and other locations without a crosswalk. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!



Upcoming Testing for 2nd and 5th Grades



We will be administering CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) to all 2nd and 5th grade students this month.

Grade 2 dates are November 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Grade 5 dates are November 14th, 15th, and 16th.

Please ensure your student has a good breakfast, is well-rested, and is on time. Thanks!

Click here to view the November

[School Meals Menu](#)



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

No Dogs Allowed on School Property



Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on school property. Thanks for your cooperation.

Unexcused Absences

BOE Regulation JB-RA Compulsory Attendance

8. Students with **UNLAWFUL absences** may request missed assignments but may not receive credit for this work.

10. A student with **LAWFUL absences** shall be allowed a reasonable number of days that equals at least as many days that the student was absent, to make up the work. The reason for the absence shall be considered when determining the number of days granted to complete the work. A student with **LAWFUL absences** near or at the end of a grading period may receive a temporary "I" Incomplete and be allowed a reasonable number of days that equals at least as many days that the student was absent, to make up work.



School Health Services Join our team!

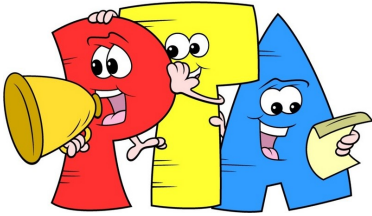
RNs, LPNs and Health Assistants
Full-time and part-time positions

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



www.aahealth.org/school-health-jobs



FOUR SEASONS PTA

The PTA was busy in October hosting many fun events for students! We raised \$2,250 from our themed Skate Zone night, had a successful Book Fair event, and had a blast at the Monster Mash dance! Additionally, the Hospitality Committee organized a BOO-tiful brunch for staff and we treated staff to the treat cart twice in October.

In November, we will have our **PTA meeting on November 14th at 6:00pm** in the music room. We will also be hosting **Military Appreciation Night on November 10th at 6:00pm**. If you would like to attend or have a member of the Armed Forces honored at our event, please fill out [this Google Form](https://forms.gle/b2Tz4NZZHqi4CEoU7), located here: <https://forms.gle/b2Tz4NZZHqi4CEoU7>. If you are interested in helping with this event, please email the PTA at ptafourseasons@gmail.com.

Additionally, the Hospitality Committee will be organizing a November lunch for the staff on November 17th. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up!

The Four Seasons Community Association (FSCA) is seeking PTA volunteers to act as judges for their Holiday Lights Competition in December. If you are interested in acting as a judge for a zone in the Four Seasons neighborhood, please email pta.fourseasons@gmail.com with the subject: Holiday Lights Competition.

Upcoming November Events:

- 11/6 & 11/9 - Volunteers needed to hang Veteran's Day posters (sign-up forthcoming)
- 11/8 - Vision and Hearing (volunteers needed!)
- 11/10 - Military Appreciation Night 6:00-7:00pm
- 11/14 - PTA Meeting
- 11/17 - Feed the Teachers (volunteers needed)
- 11/30 - Hearing and Vision rechecks (volunteers needed)

Join us for our PTA Meetings held bi-monthly at 6pm!

- November 14th, 2023
- 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
- 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 above.

Notes from the Nurse...

The hearing and vision screenings for this school year are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th. Re-checks will be done on Thursday, November 30th.

Parents, the weather is changing and it's getting colder. Please remember to change out your child's extra set of clothing to the current season. It's also a good time to make sure whatever you send fits. (Even older students need a change of clothing in case they spill a drink or get mud on their clothes.)

Please remember: if your child needs medication during school hours, we will need the proper medication forms filled out by both the parent and the doctor. These forms are available online and in the health room. NO medications can be given by the health room without these forms. If you have any questions, please call or email us.

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.

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

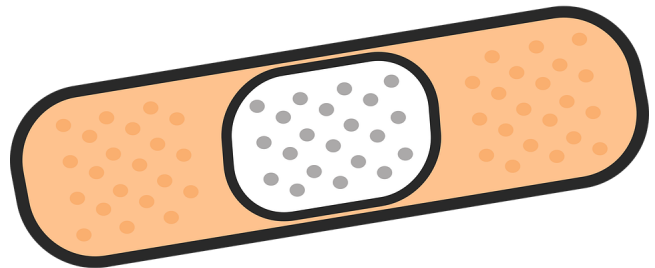
If your child tests positive for Covid, flu, strep throat, etc., please inform the health room.

Thank you!

Our email addresses:

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

Ms. Sherry - RN -
nurse3272@aacps.org



New Attendance Procedure

This year, AACPS has a new attendance procedure for absences and early dismissals, using ParentPortal.

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.



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.





Join us for a discussion on how you can teach your 4th and 5th graders smart internet habits to stay safe online. During this session, we'll review:

- Risks to check
- Social Media 'Challenges'
- Cyberbullying & Harassment
- AACPS Policies
- Social Support Resources

Anne Arundel County Public Schools presents:

SOCIAL MEDIA & INTERNET SAFETY



WHERE

Arundel High School



1001 Annapolis Rd,
Gambrills, MD 21054

WHEN

DATE

November 30th

TIME

6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Scan the QR
code to register
today!**

Interpreters available
upon request



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Únase a nosotros para una discusión sobre cómo puede enseñar a sus hijos de 4.º y 5.º grado hábitos inteligentes de Internet para mantenerse seguros en línea. Durante esta sesión, revisaremos:

- Riesgos a verificar
- “Retos” en las redes sociales
- Acoso cibernético & Hostigamiento
- Políticas de AACPS
- Recursos de apoyo social

Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel presenta:

SEGURIDAD EN LAS REDES SOCIALES Y EN EL INTERNET



DÓNDE

Arundel High School



1001 Annapolis Rd,
Gambrills, MD 21054

CUÁNDO

FECHA

30 de noviembre

HORA

6:00 - 7:30 PM

¡Escanea el
código QR para
registrarte hoy!

Intérpretes disponibles
con previa solicitud



Four Seasons Fundraising

Serving a purpose

For one night only, we're donating **40% of our fundraising proceeds** to **Four Seasons Elementary School PTA, INC.** That means every plate of flame-grilled PERi-PERi chicken that you order gives back to the community.

It's a surefire way to offer support.

Location Nando's PERi-PERi Waugh Chapel

Address 1403 South Main Chapel Way, Gambrills, MD, 21054

Date Wednesday, 15th November, 2023

Time 4pm-8pm

RSVP Not Required



Important Information for Fifth Grade Students-

Magnet Middle School Information Sessions

Below is the schedule for **information sessions** regarding the three **Magnet Middle School** programs available for 5th graders who attend Four Seasons Elementary School. Students who are interested in a Magnet Middle School for 6th grade are encouraged to attend (virtual or in-person) a session and apply for the program.

Online application process opens at
noon on **October 9th, 2023** and closes at noon on **November 13th, 2023**

The **Magnet Middle School** programs include:

- **Apex Arts**; formerly known as Performing Visual Arts (PVA)
- **IB**=International Baccalaureate
- **STEM**=Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

For more information about the **Magnet Middle School Programs** and application process,
please visit their website: [Magnet Programs](https://www.aacps.org/magnet) OR
Contact our school counselor, Lori Stuart at ldstuart@aacps.org or 410 222-6501

<u>Magnet Program</u>	<u>School/ Contact Info</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Link to Virtual Meeting OR Location</u> -only need to attend one session
Apex Arts	Brooklyn Park MS Mr. Matt Beall 410 507-4854 mcbeall@aacps.org	Session 1: Wednesday October 18, 2023	6:00-7:00 PM	Virtual Session http://meet.google.com/wfc-dmvj-xwn
		Session 2: Thursday October 26, 2023	6:00-7:30 PM	In person at Brooklyn Park Middle School
IB MYP	MacArthur MS Ms. Donna McCallister 410 674-0032 dmccallister@aacps.org	Session 1: Thursday October 12, 2023	6:00-7:00 PM	In person- at the Severn Library, 2624 Annapolis Road
		Session 2: Tuesday October 24, 2023	6:00-7:00 PM	Virtual Session https://meet.google.com/xum-ooed-cpu
STEM	Lindale MS Ms. Leah Noreiga 410 691-4344 lnoreiga@aacps.org	Session 1: Wednesday November 1, 2023	12:00-1:00 PM	Virtual Session https://meet.google.com/gon-ytej-vca
		Session 2: Wednesday November 8, 2023	6:00-7:30 PM	In person at Lindale Middle School



Four Seasons now offers an additional, convenient way to pay for school items electronically. It's called On-line School Payments (OSP) and will allow 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](#).

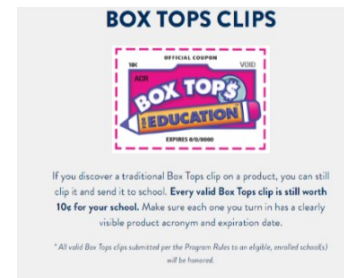
Notice: Four Seasons Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students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

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 for more information.



Thank you to everyone who participates in this program.



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Four Seasons Elementary PTA:
<https://www.facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA>



Four Seasons Elementary:
<https://twitter.com/4seasonsESaacs?s=20>