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Pasadena Elementary News, February 2020

Principal's Message

This school year is just flying by! Just passing the half-way point, it is time to review your student's progress for the first semester and help your student to set goals for the upcoming marking period. Report cards will be distributed on February 10. Parents are encouraged to review the comments and progress with your student. If you have any questions about grades or progress, please contact your child's teacher via your student's agenda, directly through e-mail, or by calling the school and leaving a message. Communication is essential. The AACPS school calendar has set aside March 10 for parent conferences.



Special recognition to:

- PTA and school volunteers who give time, energy, and financial support to Pasadena Elementary. The staff and students appreciate all that you do. Huge thanks to volunteers for opening the school store and prepping curriculum materials for Cultural Arts.
- Thank you to the staff, students, and families who participated in Literacy Night and the #AACPSReadWithMe campaign. Please share your pictures on the school's Twitter page: @PES_AACPS.

Here are a few upcoming events to mark your calendar:

- **100th Day of School:** To celebrate all we are learning this year, students will be invited to dress like a SuperHero on February 12 . This could shift with inclement weather.
- **Health Moves Minds:** During physical education classes February 10-14, students will discuss how to take care of their mind and body, while also developing important character traits such as kindness and empathy. Donations are due by February 21.
- **STEAM Night:** Parents are invited to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) Night on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 – 6:30pm.
- **MISA Testing:** Students in 5th grade will complete Maryland Integrated Science Assessments from March 11, 12, 13, and 16. More information will be shared for your student's assessment schedule as it becomes available.
- **MCAP Testing:** Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) assessments of Maryland College and Career Ready Standards (MCCRS) will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students' progress toward this goal from grade 3 through high school, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support. MCAP assessments are tentatively scheduled to be administered from April 14 - May 22. More information will be shared for your student's assessment schedule as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Quirino, Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					PES Spirit Day: wear PES or blue shirt
		Student Council	Gr 5 Drownproofing Trip Sea Perch	Gr 5 Drownproofing Trip	Gr 5 Drownproofing Trip
2	3	4	Yearbook Club	5	6
	Health Moves Minds (2/10-2/14) Progress report and <u>Report Cards</u> PTA Ledo's Night	Student Council	AACPS 2 hour early dismissal 100 th Day- tentative – dress as a SUPERHERO PTA Mtg 5:30		Joe Corbi orders due Random Acts of Kindness Day
9	10	11	12	13	14
	President's Day – No school	Student Council	Sea Perch Yearbook Club	STEAM Night	
16	17	18	19	20	21
		Student Council	Wellness Wednesday Sea Perch Yearbook Club		
23	24	25	26	27	28

you matter **COUNSELOR'S CORNER****INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADE PARENTS**

February 13th 4-6 pm - AVID student interviews. Students who apply will be emailed a link to a sign up genius to select an interview time.

Be on the lookout for Middle School Course Selection sheets. Information will come home on Feb. 10th following a visit from next year's 6th grade counselor at Chesapeake Bay Middle. Completed course selection sheets are due back on Feb. 14th so that students can input their classes into the student portal.

Teaching Kids To Be Grateful

- 1. Express Gratitude every day.**
- 2. Spend time volunteering.**
- 3. Model Gratitude.**
- 4. Have your kids write Thank You notes.**
- 5. Don't overwhelm them with too much "stuff".**
- 6. Find the silver lining in tough situations.**
- 7. Teach them to work for what they want.**
- 8. Teach them to recognize the efforts of others.**
- 9. Let them know how lucky you are to be a family.**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Pasadena families who donated items for the Kindergarten Service Learning Project. Kindergarten was able to pack over 100 hygiene bags. Donations will be shared with winter relief shelters around the county.

Erin's Law**February Classroom Guidance Topics**

Kindergarten – Erin's Law/Personal Safety

1st Grade – Erin's Law/Personal Safety

2nd Grade – Erin's Law/Personal Safety

3rd Grade – Personal Safety/Test Taking

4th Grade – Erin's Law/Personal Safety

5th Grade – Erin's Law/Personal Safety

Erin's Law Lessons have been uploaded to the AACPS webpage. Go to <https://www.aacps.org/Page/5481> to preview lessons or to find more information about Erin's Law in a FAQ.

Parents can opt out of having their child(ren) participate in the lessons and an alternative activity will be provided.

Follow up activities to the lessons will be sent home. Erin's Law lessons will be taught beginning Feb. 10th.

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of

Gratitude."



—A.A. Milne, author Winnie The Pooh books

Reading Corner by Mrs. Cornetti, Literacy Teacher

3 Smart Strategies to Boost Reading Fluency: All early readers stumble over words at first but polishing those reading skills will benefit their learning in every subject area. Reading fluency is the ability to read out loud accurately, at a good pace (not too slow *or* too fast), and with expression.

1. Show him/her your own fluent reading talents. The more often your child hears fluent reading, the more likely he/she is to pick it up him/herself. As you model, channel your enthusiasm: Read with exuberant, Oscar-worthy expression and pause at the appropriate times (at commas, periods, etc.) to demonstrate the flow of our language. It's also helpful to play audiobooks in the car to squeeze in extra modeling time when you're on the go.

2. Teach your child how to track words. If you've ever learned a new language, you know how difficult it can be to decipher where one word ends and the next begins when listening to a conversation. Your little learner might feel the same way when she tries to follow along during story time. That's where tracking – or running your finger under words as you read them – comes in handy. You can track while you're reading to your child or ask him/her to track when he/she is reading out loud. Eventually, they'll be able to tackle larger phrases without reading word by word. To make tracking words more fun for your child, equip him/her with plastic Martian or witch fingers!

3. Try choral reading together. Choral reading simply means you read a story out loud and ask your child to read along with you at the same pace. This helps him understand what fluent reading feels like and gives him/her the chance to practice it him/herself at your pace. It's OK if you're a tiny bit ahead of him/her – just be sure to pick a book that he/she can already read himself. That way, he/she is working on pacing and accuracy rather than decoding new words.

Joe Corbi Fundraiser

Joe Corbi's fundraiser brochures were sent home with your student. Your help is greatly appreciated as these funds support student, staff, and school activities throughout the school year. Please share the catalog with relatives, friends, and co-workers! Don't forget to collect payment when an order is placed.

Orders collected: January 27 - February 14. Please submit orders to school by February 14.

Plan to pick up orders on March 10 from 1:00 - 5:00pm.

Health Moves Minds

This month, our school will be kicking off the all-new health, moves, minds program! We are so excited to introduce this national educational program from SHAPE America that will teach your student how to take care of their mind and body, while also developing important character traits such as kindness and empathy.



As part of this program, we are raising money to help create a more active and healthier environment in our school, which will ultimately help our students physically, emotionally, socially, and academically.

Watch for details about our school fundraiser---we'll be sending home more information in the coming weeks!



100th Day of School Letter to Families2020.pdf

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Community Partner:

Pasadena Elementary School will be having our 9th annual 5K and 1 mile Fun Run. This event is important to our school and community to promote healthy habits and lifestyles for every child, parent, teacher, and community member. The 5K and 1 mile Fun Run will benefit the cultural arts programs at Pasadena Elementary School.

We are looking for nearby business and community partners to sponsor our event which will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2020. On the reverse side is a list of the three levels of sponsorship we have; Gold, Silver and Bronze and what each level includes. Each year we have over 100 participants complete the event. We also use official race timing chips and the participants have enjoyed this bonus.

As rewards for the winners of the 5K, we are hoping to offer prizes, certificates, and gift cards from nearby businesses. Please consider donating an item(s) that is age appropriate (child or adult) or a gift card. Monetary contributions are always welcomed to offset the costs of holding our event.

We will also have a Health and Wellness Fair during our event. If your business would like to set up an information table the morning of our event, please contact us for additional details.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Quirino
Principal
Pasadena Elementary School

Please consider sponsoring the Pasadena Elementary School 5K and Fun Run!

Be part of an exciting community event that promotes health and fitness and gain valuable exposure for your business!

Sponsorship levels are:

Gold Medal - \$150

Includes:

- Name & Logo on advertising materials (newsletter & banner)
- Name on race t-shirt in large print
- Acknowledgement during door prizes at race
- One complimentary entry into race

Silver Medal- \$100

Includes:

- Name and logo on advertising materials (newsletter & banner)
- Name on race t-shirt in medium print
- Acknowledgement during door prizes at race

Bronze Medal- Under \$50

Includes:

- Name and logo on advertising materials (newsletter & banner)
- Name on race t-shirt in small print
- Acknowledgement during door prizes at race

***Please provide promotional materials to us by April 1, 2020 so they can be prepared for the race.

Contact us for more details.

Thank you,

Carrie Deaver
Race Director
410-222-6573
cdeaver@aacps.org

Vendors Needed for Upcoming 5K

This event will be an opportunity for you to introduce your services to our community and connect on an individual basis. In the past, we have had over 100 participants each year, from our school, their families, and the residents of the community complete our 5K.

There is no charge for this event. We are asking you to provide educational materials, informational brochures, and free samples of your product(s). We believe if you partner with us, this will encourage the school and community residents to patronize your business.

Suggested arrival time to set up booth: 7:00 a.m.

Health fair hours: Approximately 2.5 hours

Outdoor Event- Will be held indoors if raining.

Vendor/Business Owner to provide: Table, Tablecloth, chair(s), signs (if needed)

If you would like to participate, please contact Carrie Deaver at cdeaver@aacps.org or call 410-222-6573. We thank you for your consideration to partner with us for this event.

Sincerely,

Carrie Deaver

Pasadena Elementary School Wellness Committee

You're Invited to
Pasadena Elementary School's
Family STEAM Night

Thursday, February 20th
5:30-6:30PM



- Discover the fun of STEAM through hands-on activities
- Science/Engineering fair projects on display

Please return this bottom portion to your child's teacher by February 12th.

Number of students attending: _____

Student name(s): _____ grade _____

_____ grade _____

_____ grade _____

* Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.





Clean Out Your Closet & Help Our School Raise Money!

Clothing To Cash[®] Collection Program

OUR SCHOOL WILL BE PAID FOR EVERY POUND WE COLLECT.

All items will be Re-worn, Repurposed or finally Recycled.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot.

The goal is to **FILL** our collection bin **WEEKLY** with as many **PLASTIC BAGS** of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!



**Help Support
Our School &
Save The
Environment
One Bag At A Time.**



WE ACCEPT NEW & GENTLY USED:



Clothing

(Women's, Men's & Children's, Clothing, Coats, Etc.)

Footwear

(Shoes, Sneakers, Boots, Cleats, Etc.)

Textiles

(Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Towels)

Accessories

(Handbags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Wallets)

**ACCEPTED ITEMS MUST BE
CLEAN, DRY, IN BAGS and TIED CLOSED**



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Furniture, Food, Cushions, Plastic / Glass Items, Carpet, TV's, Electronics. Anything breakable, or too large to fit in the bin.