

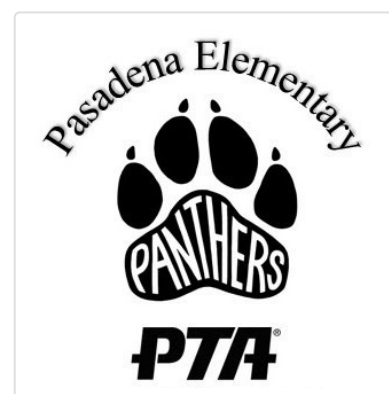
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Pasadena Elementary News, March 2021

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1 Spring Sports Begins BACK TO SCHOOL: HYBRID LEARNING 	2	3 AACPS Board of Education Meeting	4	5 PES Spirit Day Wear School Colors or PES Gear Interims Sent Home
8 PTA Restaurant Night @ Ledo Pizza (Severna Park)	9 PTA Meeting 5:00 pm	10 Schools Closed for Students 	11	12 Fitness Friday Wear Fitness Gear
15 Spirit Week: Comfy Day – wear your pajamas or favorite comfy clothes	16 Spirit Week: Team Day – wear a favorite jersey or team colors	17 Spirit Week: St. Patrick's Day – show off your green AACPS Board of Education Meeting	18 Spirit Week: Superhero Day – honor a favorite hero	19 Spirit Week: PES Spirit Day Wear School Colors or PES Gear
22	23	24	25 Maryland Day: Show your pride for Maryland 	26 Fitness Friday Wear Fitness Gear
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PTA Info

Hello Panther families! Check out the PES PTA Facebook page or [website](#) to get updates on all of our PTA sponsored activities, just make sure to enable notifications so you don't miss our posts! **Mark your calendar! The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 9 at 5:00pm.**



Message from the Principal

Dear Pasadena Elementary Families,
The faculty and staff of Pasadena Elementary are so excited for schools to re-open. We look forward to working with students in person as well as online. Class schedules will shift to our 'bell hours' with the school day starting at 9:35am and ending at 4:00pm. Class schedules were shared by teachers and will also be posted in your student's Google Classroom. A video of info was sent last week. If you missed this email, click here: [HYBRID/VIRTUAL RE-OPENING](#).



Our PTA will host the monthly membership meeting on March 9. The meeting is virtual so you can attend from the comfort of your home. It's not too late to join PTA!

There is no school on March 10 as AACPS has identified this date for (virtual) Parent Teacher conferences. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to your student's teacher.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools requires students to attend school in their geographic attendance area. All students presently on Out-Of-Area must submit completed application for 2021-2022. The timeline to submit an Out-of-Area application to the principal of the receiving school is between March 1 and May 1. Schools have been instructed to time/date stamp all applications. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Click here for information about [Out-Of-Area](#) transfers. Pasadena Elementary is considered a CLOSED school for 2021-2022.

While school is re-opening, we continue to remain closed for visitors. Volunteers are not permitted in the school at this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Jennifer Quirino

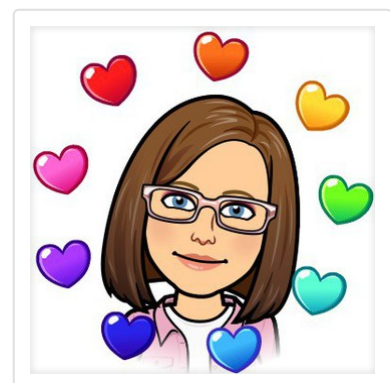


Pasadena Elementary Re-opens
Click here for Hybrid/Virtual Info

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Counselor's Corner with Ms. Noble

During the month of March, I will be visiting classrooms in grades K-1 to discuss Personal Safety. The lessons focus on age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult. Materials used for these lessons come from the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and can be viewed by going to <https://fightchildabuse.org/>.



In grades 2-5 we will continue our discussions on Personal Safety by focusing on Internet Safety. Below are some websites that parents may want to check out related to Internet Safety:

<https://www.connectsafely.org/>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/net-safety.html>

<https://internetsafety101.org/parentsguidetosocialmedia#>

<https://thrive.psu.edu/blog/internet-safety-for-parents/>

<https://www.netsmartkids.org/>

Reading with Mrs. Cornetti

What is AACPS Unites?

AACPS Unites is a reading initiative that diversifies student literary experiences by reflecting and celebrating the diversity of the AACPS community. Starting with Read Across America Day on March 2, 2021, monthly themes will be explored through book suggestions for all grade levels. These activities are supplemental to the academic framework; however, they are an awesome way to enhance the home-school connection and bring together our entire school community. For March, the theme is Cultivate Compassion.



One School, One Book- Some friendly reminders:

According to our reading log schedule, students and families should be reading chapters 6 and 7 this week of "The Mouse and the Motorcycle."

Week of March 7th- Chapters 8 and 9

Week of March 14- Chapters 10 and 11

Week of March 21st- Chapters 12 and 13

End of the Month- We will host our Family Virtual Literacy day which will incorporate culminating activities for our selected book! More information and detailed directions will be provided.

What if I have questions? Please reach out to us by phone or email, and we will make sure you get the needed information: 410-222-6573, jbradshaw@aacps.org, or scornetti@aacps.org.

Happy Reading!

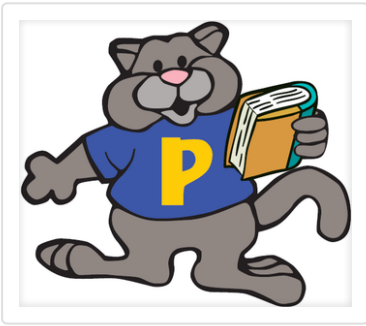
EEE - Global Studies with Mr. Peters

In Global Studies, intermediate students (grades 3 -5) will be learning about wind energy as an alternative form of energy.

They will be entering a poster design contest to promote wind power. Second grade students will continue learning about

features of the Arctic circle, while Kindergarten and first grade students will continue to update their journals while learning about Animals Around the World.





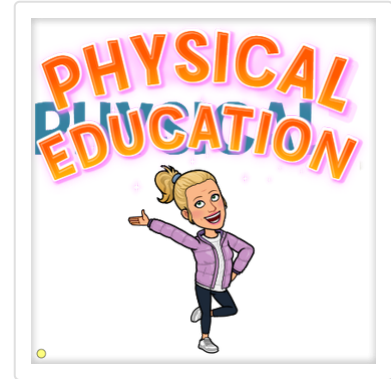
Media Center Notes with Mrs. Bradshaw

March is Women's History Month. Students in all grades will be learning more about women's contributions to history, culture and society. We will also continue to share our Black Eyed Susan nominated picture books and explore different literary genres. Be sure to check out our new Women's History collection in MackinVIA!

Physical Education with Mrs. Deaver

Many students will be returning to PES for hybrid this month. Although Physical Education will still be streamed virtually to students in their classrooms and at home, we ask that you ensure your child dresses for movement on their P.E. days. If students have P.E. on their virtual days, please help them find a safe place to move and have their cameras on during class. This allows us to give feedback on movement performance.

As our school times have shifted, so have Cultural Arts times. Please help students log on at the correct time and stay on for the duration of their class time. We kindly ask that your child(ren) not eat during P.E. class for safety reasons. If your child missed a lesson, please check their P.E. Google Classroom for slides and graded assignments. The March Mind and Body Calendar is a great way to add movement into each day.



Notes with Mrs. Gavrilov

General Music Class Reminders:

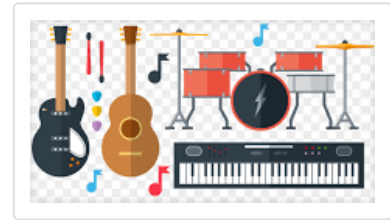
-If your student is absent on a music day, please check the classwork tab in the music google classroom for any work that will need to be made up as some assignments are graded.

-Students in hybrid learning at school will not be allowed to sing or hum. Because of this safety restriction, music lessons will be focusing on rhythm, timbre, and form. We will be incorporating more listening activities as well as the use of body percussion and movement. I also ask students to use their speaking voice instead of their singing voice to perform a song because speaking the words will still allow them to feel the rhythm of the words and the overall beat of the music. 1st and 2nd Grade Families: If your student is participating in hybrid learning and has music class on a day when they are in the building, please have them bring their egg shaker with them to school in their backpack.



Parents of Chorus Students: Your students chorus class day and time may be changing depending on when or if they are in the building. Please have students check their google classroom and accept the invite to their new chorus classroom.

Music Notes with Mrs. Kramer-Dickinson



Music Notes

Did you know? Multiple studies indicate that early music instruction is linked to significant improvements in spatial reasoning.- *Journal of Aesthetic Education, 2000*

Hybrid scheduling: Both Chorus and Instrumental Music will continue on the hybrid schedule. These classes will still be taught virtually to ensure everyone's safety with the airborne virus. The most up-to-date [Instrumental Music schedules](#) can be found on that website. Check the Chorus Google Classroom for those rehearsal times.

Is practice time difficult? The more often musicians practice independently, the easier and more fun making music becomes. There are videos posted in the Instrumental Google Classrooms each week to give the students something to play along with and utilize the most effective steps for success.

Upcoming events: **Beginning Strings** students are learning how to use the bow! Be sure to ask them to share a brief performance of this skill after a few weeks of practice to help them feel good about their accomplishment.

Music In Our Schools Month The month of March is a nationally recognized time to acknowledge how important music is to our schools and communities. How often does your family hear music? What would certain parts of your life be like without music? Why does each member of the family prefer the songs or styles of music that they do? We will also have some special features on morning announcements. Please encourage your students to tune in on time for class to see them.

Band & Strings Karate is a new practice incentive program that started in February for 4th and 5th grade students ONLY. Karate students will earn practice points toward their report card grade based on how many "belts" they are able to achieve. Details for each belt are posted in the Google Classroom Practice section. You can always check your child's Band/ Strings [Karate standings](#) on this special website.

At the present time, it is our intent to offer a ***virtual Spring Concert*** very similar to the Winter one. All students enrolled in Band, Strings, or Chorus will have the opportunity to perform for and be included. Please encourage your musicians to maintain class attendance and participation so that they will feel prepared for this event. A date will be announced later in the semester.

Instrument Storage: We still have some cold weather in store. Please keep in mind that exposure to cold or damp air can damage any instrument. Proper storage will help ensure that your child's instrument remains in good working order. If you do think there is a problem with your child's instrument, contact [Mrs. Dickinson](#) to work out options for rectifying the problem.

Other music fun:

Many optional resources for online music games can be found on the [Instrumental Music website](#) in the [E-learning tab](#).

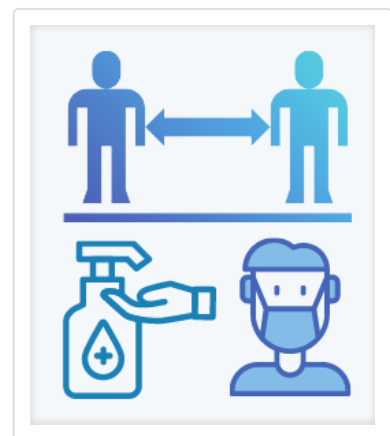
Students also have access to **tiered activities** in the Games & Fun section of their Instrumental Music Google Classroom.

[Fun Fingering Practice!](#) There are several websites that offer instrumental students a way to practice fingerings for their notes and get immediate feedback through a "game" type of interface. Click your instrument for the link: [Flutes](#); [Clarinets](#); [Saxophones](#); [All brass](#). Choose "fingerings" from the drop down menu and then choose your instrument. Do NOT enter more than your first name if you win. Good luck!

Click here for [Strings](#) Scroll 2/3 down the page to "String Instrument Fingerboards." Click on your instrument. Then click on all the notes we have not learned yet to gray them out. Click BEGIN and have fun!

Notes from Nurse Michelle Martin

Welcome back to our hybrid students from Dawn Howard, Health Assistant & Michelle Martin, School Nurse. March is Save Your Vision month. A concern for our students is looking at screens. Please take some time to look over this [link](#) about Computer Vision Syndrome. If you are concerned, please talk to you child's vision provider. If you need assistance locating a vision provider, please email Michelle Martin, School Nurse at nurse2182@aacps.org.



Cafe News with Ms. Robin & Ms. Donna

We will continue serving meals for curbside pickup from 12:00 - 1:00pm, Monday through Friday. Students coming into the building for hybrid learning will also receive breakfast and lunch meals in the classroom; take home snacks and dinner meals will also be provided as they pack up at dismissal. Thank you for coming to PES everyday. We love seeing all of you and the puppy dogs, too!

School Success in Virtual Learning

This year has brought unprecedented changes, but some things remain the same, school [attendance](#) matters and is critical to student success.

A screenshot of a "PES Attendance Note" form. The form has a purple header and contains the following text: "Parents and Guardians, please fill out the form below for each day your student was absent. Absences shall be treated as unexcused until the attendance office receives a written or electronic note justifying the absence. Additional documentation is not required unless requested by the school. If your student has missed five or more consecutive dates, a doctor's note will be required. Please allow 24-48 hours processing time." Below this is a line for "Please enter a valid email address that is currently on file with the school for your student." followed by a red asterisk and the word "Required". There are two input fields: "Email address *" and "Student's First Legal Name (no nicknames) *".

Attendance is huge barrier to school success, even in the virtual world. Starting as early as kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school. Anne Arundel County Public Schools considers any student who unlawfully misses school for eight days in any quarter, fifteen days in any semester or twenty days in a school year truant.

What can you do?

- Communication with your child's school is critical.
- Make school attendance a priority.
- Establish routines for bedtime, waking up, and showing up for class.
- Identify a learning space for your child.
- Reach out to the school or community agencies for help if you have multiple children or need technology resources.
- Have a back-up plan for when you cannot be there to help your child.
- Avoid non-urgent medical appointments and vacations when school is in session.
- Help your child stay healthy and engaged.
- Sign up for Parent Connect to monitor attendance and progress.
- Click here to [Send a written excuse when your child is absent from school.](#)
- Ask for help when you need it.

Please contact Mrs. Quirino at 410-222-6573 to discuss your student's attendance if assistance is needed.

#PanthersCARE

VALUES: Care, Achieve, Respect, Engage

VISION STATEMENT: We envision Pasadena Elementary to be a school where we maintain high expectations for academic standards through rigorous instruction. We will continue to foster a positive, caring school climate where we respect and value diversity and prepare individuals for success in higher learning and careers.

MISSION STATEMENT: Pasadena Elementary is dedicated to preparing students for college and career readiness, promoting academic excellence and citizenship for all students.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools NON-DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE: The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or familial status in matters of affecting employment or in providing access to programs.



The latest Tweets from Pasadena Elementary (@PES_AACPS). We are a K-5 school in Anne Arundel County; 2016 National Blue Ribbon; MD Blue Ribbon School; Green School; & AACPS Wellness School of Distinction. #PanthersCARE. Principal: Jennifer Quirino

