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PASADENA ELEMENTARY NEWS, OCTOBER 2019

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Panther Families,

Happy autumn! The school year is off to a terrific start, and we are approaching the halfway mark of the first marking period. This year, our School Improvement Plan action steps focus on literacy and expanding our wellness initiatives with PBIS and character education. Your involvement and support will be needed as we encourage our students to think critically and apply learning in new ways. Please set aside time for your child to read daily and ask questions about what was read. Encourage your child to persevere when faced with challenges. When a mistake is made, give your student a chance to find the mistake and correct it. These are valuable skills, and we need to continue to work together to help your student reach his/her potential. At Pasadena Elementary, we are dedicated to the academic, social, emotional, and physical growth for each student, regardless of race, color, socio-economic status, disability, or other family or social situations. Parental and community involvement will be key to our success, so please look for opportunities to get involved through the school activities and the PTA. We invite you to participate in reading or math with your child during American Education Week in November to observe learning in action. Grandfriends will be invited to attend Cultural Arts classes in the spring. For safety reasons, siblings are not permitted.



If you have not received emails through our AACPS Blackboard Connect system, please contact the school so that we may update your contact information. Whenever you make a change to your home, work, or cell phone, or address, please be sure to update your information with the school. It is important that we have accurate contact and transportation information on file.

Please take a close look and compare your family calendar to the AACPS calendar and note upcoming events. We look forward to our first marking period Parent Teacher Conference days that are scheduled for October 15 & 16. We would also love to see you at the PES PTA Trunk or Treat Fall Festival on Friday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30pm. There is a greater Pasadena community Trunk or Treat event at Chesapeake High School on Saturday, October 26 from 3:00-6:00pm. Our first service project, Harvest for the Hungry, will begin this month. Our fifth-grade students are making preparations and taking on a variety of leadership positions to host this schoolwide event. Look for more information to follow, and help feed families in need.

To ensure the safety of all of our students, any changes to your student's dismissal routine will need to be made in writing. Please send a note, or fax your note, with a signature to 410-222-6576. No requests made via phone will be accepted. Please do not email a teacher or secretary as staff cannot always monitor email during the school day. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Quirino, Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					World Smile Day	
			Gr 4 Arlington Echo 1	Gr 4 Arlington Echo 2	PES Spirit Day 3	4 5
Autism Speaks Walk 6	Harvest for the Hungry Interims 7	AACPS Professional Development 2-hour early dismissal 8	Yom Kippur – No School 9			Fall pictures 11 12
	Harvest for the Hungry PTA Ledo's Restaurant Night 13 14	No school – 15	No school – Parent Teacher Conferences 16	ACS Denim Day (Wear Pink) 17	PTA Race for Ed 18	19
			Unity Day: Wear Orange 22 23	Dress for Success 24	PTA Trunk or Treat @ PES 5:30 – 7:30pm 25	PTA Trunk or Treat @ Chesapeake High School 26
Diwali 27	Red Ribbon Spirit Week Hats Off To Being Drug Free: Wear Favorite Hat 28	Peace Out To Drugs: Wear Tie Dye 29	Wellness Wed Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up: Wear Mismatched Clothes 30	Wild About Being Drug Free: Crazy Hair Day 31	"CARE" About Your Health: Wear School Colors 1	

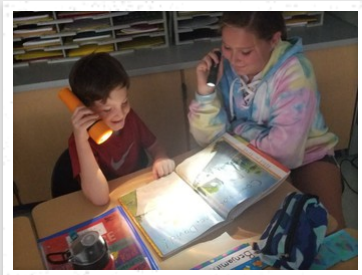


PARKING @ PES

This is a reminder that parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is **prohibited**. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at extracurricular events, day care vans, and after school activity transport vans. When dropping off or picking up at PES, please use designated parking spaces only. Thank you for your cooperation!

IMPORTANT!

On Tuesday, October 1, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Pasadena Elementary School. The U.S. Department of Education now allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org/students. Also, please note that the complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call 410-222-5200.



WHAT IS FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY?

Independent reading time is fun with a buddy and a flashlight. Each quarter, students in different grade levels partner to read with flashlights around the room in cozy spots in a semi-darkened classroom. The change in atmosphere and quiet setting is just the right touch to make reading and talking about the book more fun!

EXCITED ABOUT READING

#WeAreBetterTogether when reading with a buddy

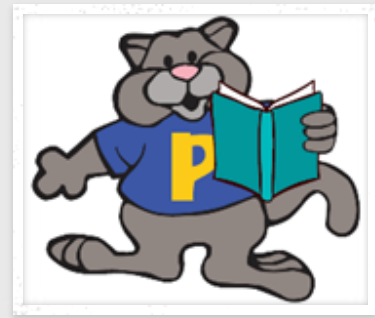
Check out [PES Twitter](#) page to see our Summer Reading Celebration pictures!

PTA RACE FOR EDUCATION

On October 18, PES PTA will be hosting our 9th Race for Education. Each participant is encouraged to raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a tax deductible donation. Congratulations, Mrs. Johnson! At mid-point, her class was in 1st place! Kindergarten has now taken the lead for grade level prize and Mrs. Veasel's class now has the highest average. We have reached 35% of our overall goal thus far so please keep fundraising!

THE READING CORNER BY MRS. CORNETTI, LITERACY TEACHER

Happy October! I'm so excited to share that our school will be participating in a literacy project called, One School, One Book. Please read below to get an overview of our upcoming event!



What is One School, One Book? This is a project designed to get our entire school community- including parents- involved in the joy of reading. Each family will purchase a copy of the selected book. Following a shared schedule, families will read at home together. In the classroom, there will be events and projects that reinforce the reading and get everyone at school excited about the book. From trivia quizzes, to art, music and drama events, everyone shares the reading experience. Often the entire staff - from lunch ladies to the principal - are involved. Our Family Literacy Night in January will include culminating activities for our selected book.

When will I learn all the details of the One School, One Book? Letters will be given out during parent conference days, October 15th and 16th. The letter will include the specific details about our amazing literacy event.

What if I can't attend parent conferences? Please reach out to me by phone or email, and I will make sure you get the needed information: 410-222-6573 or scornetti@aacps.org .

What book has been chosen? Where can families purchase this book? The book that has been selected is, "Chocolate Fever," by Robert Kimmel Smith. The book may be purchased anywhere you want. However, some purchase options with the best prices that I have found:

1. <https://shop.scholastic.com> (\$3.71)
2. bookoutlet.com (\$2.79)
3. booksamillion.com (buy online- \$ 2.97)

#READWITHME IN NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day: GUEST SPEAKERS wanted during American Education Week to share their love of reading! Active Duty or Retired Veterans are invited to be guest speakers to read a favorite childhood book, poem, or short story and then share information about the type of training and education needed for their occupation. We look forward to our students learning about careers of our guest speakers, and how learning led you to your occupation today. Guest readers are invited to spend 30-45 minutes in a classroom.



Who: Active Duty or Retired Veterans

When: 10:00am Monday, November 11, 2019

If you are a Veteran, and you are available to participate as a guest reader, please email Stacey Cornetti at scornetti@aacps.org by Friday, November 1. Please include name, branch of service, and preferred grade level.



COURTYARD MAKEOVER

Thank you to SJR Lawn Care, The Reynolds family, & Kathy Jovan for beautifying our front entrance and courtyard. The Reynolds family have had children at Pasadena Elementary School since 2009 and are continuous supporters of our students, staff, and Chesapeake community. Their family owned business, SJR Lawn Care donated time and materials to help with the project. Mrs. Jovan, retired from PES after 25 years, helped PES earn the first Green School certification in 2009, & works with Arlington Echo.

PTA INFO

It's not too late to order a birthday gram from PTA! All birthday gram orders for the school year are due by November 1. Please submit your order asap!

Visit the [PTA website](#) for more information.

The annual Race for Education fundraiser has begun. Please share your student's unique RACE ID with family and friends to sponsor. General donations can be made to PES PTA via cash, check, or [online](#).

UNITY DAY IS COMING!

All schools and school system offices will take part in Unity Day 2019, an initiative of the National Bullying Prevention Center designed to visibly show commitments to behaviors and mindsets that eliminate hate and bullying. As part of that October 23 event, the National Bullying Prevention Center encourages participants to wear orange as a clear indication of their commitment. Please mark your calendar and send your student to school wearing orange!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER WITH MS. NOBLE

Red Ribbon Week

Mon., Oct. 28 – **Hats Off To Being Drug Free** : Wear Your Favorite Hat

Tues., Oct. 29 – **Peace Out To Drugs**: Wear Tie Dye

Wed., Oct. 30 – **Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up**: Wear Mismatched Clothes

Thurs., Oct. 31 – **Wild About Being Drug Free**: Crazy Hair Day

Fri., Nov. 1 – **"CARE" About Your Health**: Wear School Colors

October Classroom Guidance Topics

Kindergarten – Problem Solving

1st Grade – 5th Grade - Problem Solving/Bullying Behaviors

Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive October 1st-31st

More information will follow regarding special collection days and grade level challenges.

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October is Bullying Prevention Month

Bullying is NOT:

1. Unkind words that occur once
2. Rough-housing or rough play that is not intended to hurt
3. A physical attack that is not part of a pattern of behavior
4. Behavior that may be inappropriate to the adult, but that the child does perceive as hurtful

Bullying IS behavior that:

1. Is intentional.
2. Is repeated over time.
3. Is intended to harm.
4. Involves a power differential.
5. Creates a hostile educational environment

Help your child become more resilient:

Encourage your child to make contact with friendly students in his/her class.

Provide opportunities to make friends outside of the school environment who are respectful and fair.

Teach your child safety strategies: how to **seek help from an adult** and discussing **who** to go to for help, how to **Stand up for yourself in a strong, calm way**, how to **Speak up and walk away** and **Practice responses to bullying behavior**.

<http://www.kidpower.org/>

Remember, there is a difference between rude, mean and bullying behaviors.

The A.A. Co. Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation Reporting Form can be located at the link below.

<https://secure.aacps.org/bully/bullyForm.asp>

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAMS

All fifth grade students have the opportunity to attend 1 of 3 specialized programs in middle school: International Baccalaureate at Old Mill Middle North, STEM at Old Mill Middle South and Performing and Visual Arts at Brooklyn Park Middle. For additional information please visit the link below: www.aacps.org/magnet . The online application opens at noon on Oct. 14th and closes at noon on Nov. 26th.

Interested families should consider attending an information session:

October 15th IB Information Session

Old Mill Middle North 6:30-8:00 pm

October 28th STEM Information Session

Old Mill Middle South 6:30-8:00 pm

November 4th PVA Information Session

Brooklyn Park Middle 6:30-8:00 pm

AACPS Students:

To apply, you need your lunch number (Student ID Number) and your password used to access computers at school. The online application opens at noon on Oct. 14th and closes at noon on Nov. 26th.



MUSIC NOTES

Did you know?: When given music instruction over seven months, this group caught up to their fellow students in reading and surpassed their classmates in math by 22 percent. -*Nature Journal*, 1996

We are delighted to have the students that have signed up for the Instrumental Music and Choral programs this year! Thank you for encouraging your child's participation. Please continue to encourage your students as we move into our concert season. Young musicians should try to **practice four days a week at home for 15-20 minutes at a time**. When we split up our efforts over time, we can build more muscle and memory for what we are learning.

Instrumental Books: All Band and Orchestra students need to have the band or orchestra book for their instrument in order to participate successfully in the program. The books cost around \$10 and are available at most of the local music stores or on Amazon. The title is *Essential Elements 2000*, Book 1 for that instrument. Violin and Viola players must also have a **shoulder rest**. These items are not supplied by the school and are the responsibility of the family. If your child does not already have these items, please purchase them as soon as possible to ensure their success.

Blackboard: Our school has a special instructional website. It will be used frequently for band, strings, and choral documents that you may want copies of at home. To access this information, go to <https://blackboard.aacps.org>. Click on the blue "Guest" button to login. LOGIN = "Pasadena" and the PASSWORD is "Panthers." Click on the "Cultural Arts" à "Band & Strings" or "Chorus" from the list.

5th grade students: Are eligible to apply for the Performing and Visual Arts Magnet program. All of the 5th grade instrumental students have learned the necessary skills for the audition and we will briefly work on the audition materials in class. Applications must be completed online and submitted by November. There are even audition prep sessions that students can sign up for at the PVA schools. Additional information can be found at: www.aacps.org/pva

Music T-Shirts: Please remember that students participating in the Chorus or Instrumental Music program need to purchase a Pasadena Music T-Shirt. Orders are due to the Music teachers by October 11. Order forms are available on Blackboard or from Mrs. Gavrilov & Mrs. Dickinson. The fall order is the only order that will be placed for the entire school year. **Please consider purchasing a shirt that is one size larger than required so it will still fit comfortably in May.**

Performances:

- There is a special side-by-side performance opportunity coming up for our Pasadena **CHORUS** musicians to perform with the High School in the Star Spangled Banner on October 4. The opportunity is open to Chorus members only. Permission forms were sent

home recently. Please check with your musician for this information.

- This year, there will be a side-by-side performance for our **ADVANCED BAND** students to perform the Star Spangled Banner with the middle and high school students at the AACPS Marching Band Exhibition on October 16 (Rain date: Oct 23). Please look for additional information on Blackboard or in your child's Music folder.
- **INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED STRINGS** will also have a side-by-side opportunity called *Spooky Strings*. This will be a very short concert in the CHS cafeteria on October 30. All students are welcome to perform *in costume* as long as they are able to play their instrument correctly in said costume. Check with your musician or on Blackboard for further details.

Donations: Pasadena is always open to accepting gently used instruments if you have some at home that will not be used again. A receipt with instrument value can be provided for tax purposes if desired.

#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.



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