

The PEN

Pasadena Elementary News - September 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Panther Families,

The Pasadena Elementary staff is ready and excited for the 2020-2021 school year. A special Panther welcome to our new students and their families. I hope you were able to join us for the virtual Sneak-a-Peek on September 3. Although we were not able to meet in person, it was so much fun connecting with students online. If you had technology issues or were unable to join the Google Meet sessions, we will host our annual Back-to-School on September 22 at 6:00pm. This will provide parents with an opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about the curriculum components, and receive resources to help bolster your student's skills for academic success.

This summer, the school staff participated in many hours of professional development. We learned new ways to incorporate student use of technology and we look forward to applying what we learned to provide opportunities to help make your student's thinking visible. We are excited to offer organized, structured, and engaging activities in the online environment for your child.

Many thanks to our 2019-2020 PTA Board, committee chairs, and parent volunteers. We appreciate the time and energy devoted to supporting our school community. In early September, the PTA held elections for new officers. Our 2020-2021 PTA Board has prepared the upcoming budget, planning for online and in-person activities later in the school year. Our PTA is active and always looking for new members and volunteers. Please join and get involved to support PES. To sign-up online, please click on Membership: <https://sites.google.com/pespta.org/pespta-org>. All families are invited to attend the upcoming virtual PTA meetings.

Lots of info is available for you. AACPS updates the website frequently, so please visit <https://www.aacps.org/fall2020> and click on the Family & Employee Resources area. New info is available for recording students' images and voices in Google Meet. Additional info can be found on the AACPS website: on www.aacps.org/VirtualLearning. Our school website has been updated. This year we will continue to communicate and share the newsletter via email to support our Green School initiative. We invite you to follow us on the school's Twitter page: @PES_AACPS. At this time, all AACPS schools and offices are closed for visitors so we are not able to host volunteers at this time.

When in-person school operations resume, a student will have the assistance of a service dog. I am sharing this information to make all of you aware and to ask you for your assistance in making this a positive experience for everyone at our school. The dog, a lab named Misty, is trained to detect any changes that could be indicative of a medical event which requires attention. Misty will be in classes, as well as at lunch and recess. Anne Arundel County Public Schools and Pasadena Elementary School are proud of our efforts to be as inclusive as possible and to accommodate situations such as this one. I have no doubt that you will welcome Misty as a member of our family. I ask you to take a few minutes to talk to your child and explain that Misty is a service dog, whose "job" entails looking after the student she accompanies. Your child – and all children and staff at our school – should refrain from petting Misty and interacting with her in any way that will detract from her duties. If your child has any allergies to dogs or any other issues which we need to address, please contact me directly.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with new experiences and opportunities. Thank you for everything you do for your child/children and our school. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns at 410-222-6573.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Quirino, Principal



#PanthersCARE

School Values:

- Care
- Achieve
- Respect
- Engage

Click for a [special message](#) from the staff.

Virtual Learning

AACPS continues to post updates regarding Virtual Learning. For the latest news and announcements, visit: <https://www.aacps.org/virtualearning>.

Collection Programs

Clothing, footwear, textiles, accessories & paper may be donated. Please place items in a bag before placing in the collection bin in the school parking lot. Paper can also be recycled in the green bin. The school is paid by the pound and money is used for student/staff incentives.

Counselor's Corner

Guidance Topics for September

Role of the Counselor: How I can help

Mindfulness: Awareness to acknowledge and accept one's feelings and thoughts; Strategies to respond to these thoughts and feelings

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Pasadena a PBIS school. PBIS is a process of teaching appropriate behavior and providing supports necessary to sustain that behavior. As part of PBIS we have identified 4 core values which we expect students to demonstrate throughout all school settings. Follow this matrix during virtual learning and show Panthers **CARE**:

Care	Achieve	Respect	Engage
Log into all meetings on time 	Be focused-avoid doing other things 	Use audio and video as directed by the teacher 	Use equipment appropriately 
Be Positive 	Complete assignments independently 	Use kind words and faces 	Raise your hand to show you have a question or something to share 
Encourage each other to stay on topic 	Ask for help when you need it 	Gather and organize materials needed to complete assignments 	Be an active listener 

Literacy

Reading is **FUNDAMENTAL!**

Please encourage your student to read each day for at least 20 minutes. Use the resources on the AACPS website, <https://www.aacps.org/Page/1713>, as opportunities to work with your child to better understand what they are learning and to help them grow as 21st Century readers, writers and thinkers.



Health.Moves.Minds

Carrie Deaver, PE Teacher, challenges us to move, move, move!

 [Download](#)
217.4 KB

Health Room Info

Welcome back! The Health Room will be staffed with Michelle Martin, RN and Dawn Howard, Health Assistant. **Michelle Martin** has been a school nurse for several years and has a dual role with School Health Services as a Nursing Supervisor for the Chesapeake and North County clusters of schools. **Dawn Howard** is the Health Assistant for Pasadena ES. Dawn is a Certified Nursing Assistant and a Certified Medication Technician. She has been working for School Health Services for 3 years.

As you get your students ready to come back for another great year, consider taking a moment to visit this website from NIH.gov that talks about healthy tips for returning to school: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/wecan/downloads/tip-back-to-school.pdf>

School Pictures & Yearbooks

When school re-opens for students, we hope to provide opportunities for individual school and class pictures.

If you forgot to order and wish to purchase a 2019-2020 yearbook, please call the school. We have copies available.

Technology Assistance?


Resources for Tech Support are available online at: <https://www.aacps.org/virtualllearning>.
If additional assistance is required, please call the Help Desk at 410-222-5135.

Video Camera System

Pasadena 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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