



Four Seasons Newsletter

September 2017

Sharon Ferralli, Principal

MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN! MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN! MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN! MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN!

September:

- 5 Tue School Begins for Grades 1-5
- 5-6 Conferences for Kindergarten and Pre-K
- 6-7 Conferences for Pre-K and ECI
- 7, 8 & 11 Staggered Entrance for Kindergarten
- 8, 11 & 12 Staggered Entrance for Pre-K
- 8 Fri First Day of School for all ECI Students
- 11 Mon PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
Back to School Night 6:30/7:00 pm
(2 sessions)
- 12 Tues First Day of School for all Kindergarten Students
- 13 Wed First Day of School for all Pre-K students
- 22 Fri PTA Movie Night 7:00—9:00 pm
- October:
- 2—6 Book Fair Browsing/Buying
- TBA 2nd Grade to Baltimore Aquarium
- 4 & 5 Kindergarten to Camp Woodlands
- 9 Mon 4th Grade to Arlington Echo
- 10 Tues 1st Grade to Papa John's Pumpkin Farm
- 11 Wed Arundel High Homecoming Parade
- 13 Fri PTA Skate Zone 5:00—7:00 pm
- 18 Wed 2 Hour Early Dismissal @1:15 pm
No PM Pre-K or ECI
- 19 Thur School Closed for Students
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 20 Fri School Closed for Students
- 25 Wed Fall Photos
- 27 Fri PTA Monster Mash Dance 6:30-8:00 pm
- 31 Tues Sharktoberfest Celebration/Parade 2:00 pm

Principal's Message...

Kudos to students, teachers, staff, and parents for a job well done! I sincerely appreciate everyone's effort in making this year's opening a smooth one for the children. Everyone seems to be adjusting nicely to the start of a new year after a long summer break.

This year we have many new staff members joining our team and we know you will love them. Our school population is almost 675 students, a slight increase over last year. Back-To-School Night is set for Monday, September 11th in hopes everyone can attend and learn important information about the year ahead as soon as possible. Our teachers work hard to establish relationships with your children so make sure you take the opportunity to introduce yourself. We are committed to making our "SHARKS" the Safe, Happy and Respectful Kids our world needs.

Some of you may have noticed the emphasis on **MAGIC** throughout our building this year. This is our attempt to keep our school free of the many negative real world distractions impacting our children and their well-being. Our vision is to become an exceptional school where teachers want to teach, students want to learn, and parents want to be involved. Just like Disney we want everyone to be happy and excited when they walk through our doors!



Good news to share:

*Welcome to our new team members:
Ms. Ainsley Bernstein - Kindergarten
Ms. Kristina Connolly - First Grade
Ms. Jenna Lydon - Second Grade
Ms. Ellen Olson - Fourth Grade LA
Ms. Kara O'Rourke - Fifth Grade Math
Ms. Jennifer Benson - Special Education
Ms. Julie Dennis - PT Art
Ms. Tamala Coe - PT Media
Mr. Trevor Greenfield - PT Music
Ms. Leanne Rodriguez - PT PE
Ms. Rebecca Ritenour - Band
Ms. Lynne Weise - PPW

School Hours for 2017-2018

New school hours are 9:05 am—3:30 pm
Students enter building @ 8:50 am
Supervision on back lot begins @ 8:35 am

Office Hours
8:30 am—4:00 pm
New Student Registration
9:15 am—2:15 pm

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please remember to bring your ID when picking up students, visiting, volunteering/chaperoning, and when attending Parent/Teacher conferences at the school.

Student Safety and Dismissal

GREEN NOTES

Once again, our PTA will provide each family with a packet of **GREEN NOTES** to notify school staff about **absences, late arrivals, early dismissals or changes in how a student is getting home.** We need your cooperation in establishing a consistent Monday through Friday

routine for how your child gets home. If your child is going home a different way than what is stated on the emergency card, a green note is the safest way to provide the school with the required written note indicating the change. It is imperative that students know their dismissal procedure each day and that changes are in writing.

The office gets inundated with calls from parents wanting to change transportation or request early dismissal at the end of the school day. It has become increasingly difficult to manage these requests, with 700 students. In addition, because dismissal is an important and busy time, we ask that families avoid picking up their child for early dismissal between 3:00-3:30.

The safety of our students is our first priority. We understand that emergencies arise, but please save these phone calls for true emergencies. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe. If you have any questions about green notes or dismissal, please call the office at (410) 222-6501.



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- **8:50 am:** School doors open
- **9:00 am** Bell rings & announcements begin
- **9:05 am:** Instruction begins
- **Car Riders:** Students arriving between 8:50-9:00 am will be directed to the front door by the Media Center where bus riders enter. Students arriving before 8:50 am should line up at the marked grade level lines at the rear of the building. **There is no supervision outside prior to 8:35 am or admittance to the school prior to 8:50 am.**
- **Walkers:** Students arriving between 8:50-9:00 am will be directed to the front door by the Media Center where bus riders enter. Students arriving before 8:50 am should line up at the marked grade level lines at the rear of the building. **There is no supervision outside prior to 8:35 am or admittance to the school prior to 8:50 am.**

Principal's Message

Every Friday is "Fan"tasy Friday at Four Seasons. In addition to Four Seasons' Spirit Wear, students and staff may wear their favorite team jersey or sports-wear. This year we're adding "Fan"tasy gear so everyone can sport their love of princesses, Star Wars, and more! Look out-we have avid Redskins, Ravens, Terps and Disney fans on staff!



Sharon Fer-

Tip: Take a picture of the calendar on page one with your phone so it will always be with you!

ParentCONNECTxp

Anne Arundel County Public Schools offers access to your student's grades and attendance information in an easy-to-use website. Grades 1-5 parents and/or legal guardians can:

- Follow your student's progress throughout the school year online in one secure, convenient location.
- View your student's grades, attendance information and student schedule.
- Access your student's individual subject/course assignments and teacher information.

All AACPS Parents are encouraged to request an account. On-line registration for new accounts begins Tuesday, September 5, 2017. To get started go to <https://parentconnect.aacps.org/>.

For additional information go to:
<http://www.aacps.org/html/parents/parentconnect/parentconnect.asp>

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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.



Art Supply Donations Requested

Mrs. Schultz would greatly appreciate donations of the following items:

- Baby Wipes
- Elmer's Glue
- Thick Colored Markers

- Egg Cartons
- Boxes of Tissue
- Foil
- Plastic Ziploc Bags
- Paper Towel Tubes
- #2 Pencils

Meal Prices for School year 2017-2018

Students:

Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools)	\$ 1.50
Breakfast, (Reduced-Price, All Schools)	\$.00
Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools)	\$ 2.75
Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools)	\$.40
Milk—1/2 pint, (A La Carte, All Schools)	\$.55

Questions contact: Jodi Risse, @ 410-222-5900 or jrisse@aacps.org

MyPaymentsPlus

MyPaymentsPlus allows you to monitor your child's account balance for meal purchases, check what purchases have been made, and receive e-mail notifications when your child's account reaches a low balance. The system also provides the option of making payments online for a small program fee of 4.75%. However, you can still simply provide payments directly to your child's school for no additional cost. To access your current account, register, or learn more about MyPaymentsPlus, visit: www.mypaymentsplus.com. MyPayments Plus is also accessible via certain mobile devices.

PTA Officers for 2017-2018

President: Rachel Rogers
1st Vice President: MaryAnn Landin
2nd Vice President: Christine Williams
Secretary: Joanna Goodwin
Treasurer: Mariam Pelletier

PTA email: pta4seasons@gmail.com

For PTA News See our Website:

fourseasonspta.org

Event updates, info, photos and more!

GOING HOME SICK FROM HEALTH ROOM

We would like to remind parents that when their children are sick, they need to be picked up as soon as possible from the health room at school. For those parents that work a significant distance from Four Seasons, a "back - up" plan needs to be in place so children do not spend hours in the health room while they are ill. *Thank you, Linda Grierson, RN*

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 nondiscrimination 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.

Family Lunch Application for Free and Reduced Meals

Apply on-line at:
<https://applyformeals.org>

"Fan"tasy Fridays

Show your spirit!
 Wear your favorite school
 t-shirt or fantasy character to
 school on Fridays throughout
 the year!
 Yea!

At what time should your child go to bed?

	Wake-up time						
	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
Sleeping time							
Age							
5	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM
6	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM
7	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM
8	19:30	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM
9	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM
10	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM
11	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	9:45 PM
12	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	9:45 PM

Please go to Four Seasons' website to see our full newsletter including: "Parent Link" published by the Office of School and Family Partnership

Are you planning on being a Chaperone or Volunteer this Year?

Anne Arundel County Office of School Security requires perspective Chaperones AND Volunteers to complete BOTH steps below:

Step #1: On-line Background Investigation

Step #2: Watch the Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Video

Step #1

On-line Background Investigation

Please note, if you have completed the background check within the past 2 years, your clearance is still good. Clearances expire 2 years from the date requested.

To access the on-line background investigation:

- Go to <https://www.aacps.org/>.
- Click the "Families" tab.
- Scroll down and look to the left hand side under "Resources/Links." Click on "Chaperones/Volunteers Background Investigations".
- Scroll down and hit "Apply for a Background Check."
- Complete Form.

Note: You are required to fill in both a date you wish to start volunteering and a date and location of a field trip. If you do not have an exact date or are not going on a field trip the form requires you to put in something. Put in a date that is 2-3 weeks out or an approximate date you think you will be starting to volunteer/chaperone.

Step #2

Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Video

To watch the Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Video:

- Go to <https://www.aacps.org/>.
- Click the "Families" tab.
- Look to right of screen, under the heading "Getting Involved in Your School." Click on "School and Family Partnership".
- At top of page to left, click on "School Support/Volunteers tab."
- Look to right of screen under "New volunteers can view the: Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Presentation ([YouTube version](#)). Click on [YouTube version](#) link to view video.

Once you have completed the on-line background investigation and viewed the Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Video, please sign the form your child brought home and send it in to school with your child and his/her teacher will forward it to the front office. Forms are also available in the front office.

Federal Impact Aid Survey Form

On Friday, September 29, 2017, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and returning it back to Four Seasons Elementary School.

The U.S Department of Education is now allowing a multiple child form. Therefore, 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 Four Seasons Elementary 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 2017-2018 will be available to download on September 29, 2017. 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.

Parent Link



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"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of their parents." — Jane D. Hull



September 2017

Welcome Back to AACPS!

The Importance of Routines:

Comfortable and consistent routines bring easier mornings, smoother homework habits, and healthier bedtimes for everyone!

- Start with a healthy breakfast and a predictable morning schedule.
- Get to school on time.
- Make sure everything is ready the night before.
- Set up a regular homework time and place.
- Read together everyday.
- Get plenty of sleep and exercise.

When parents are engaged and involved in school, their children:

- have more regular school attendance.
- have a more positive attitude toward school.
- are more likely to do better in school.

How to be engaged and involved in school:

- Know what your child is learning and studying.
- Know the teachers' expectations.
- Read *together* for 20 minutes daily (through middle school).
- Attend parent/teacher conferences and school events.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Prepare classroom materials at home.
- Help in the classroom, media center, with school events or field trips.
- Join a parent committee.

Remember to register to volunteer and ask how to log your hours!!

Save the DATE

Family Involvement Conference

Saturday, November 18th, 2017

Anne Arundel Community College

- 11 engaging breakout sessions
- Keynote speaker
- Childcare provided on a limited basis

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2016-2017

Bruce Morgenstern

"For working tirelessly for the good of all citizens of Anne Arundel County"

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

June 2017

Lauri Miller

Oak Hill Elementary

"For being an exceptional PTO president, volunteer, and person"



Office of School & Family Partnerships

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SD Channels: Comcast & Broadstripe #96, Verizon #36

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(Children's Justice) (Pete's Club)*