



# Four Seasons Newsletter

February 2018

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## February:

- 6 Tu PTA Nando's Fundraiser 5-9 pm
- 7 W 2 Hour Early Dismissal @1:30 pm  
No pm Pre-K or ECI  
Pre-K Registration begins 9:00—2:00 pm
- 8 Th Report Cards Go Home
- 9 Fri BSO Field Trip for grade 3
- 13 Tu Family "Kindness Rock" Paint night—6:30-7:30PM  
Group Picture Day
- 19 Mon Schools Closed - Presidents' Day
- 26 Mon MAGIC MONDAY



## March:

- 2 Fri Schools Closed - P/T Conferences
- 8 Th Spring Picture Day
- 9 Fri Interims Go Home
- 14 W Grade 3 Field Trip to Balt. Museum of Industry  
PTA Meeting 6:30
- 15 Th Kangaroo Math Competition (Pre-register!)
- 19/23 Book Fair
- 20/22 PTA Talent Show Tryouts 6:30pm-8:00pm
- 21 W Milk & Cookies Night at the Book Fair
- 22 Th Grade 1 to Butterfly Life Cycle show
- 23 Fri Science & Technology Fair projects due
- 29-4/2 Schools Closed - Spring Break



## Our Look for the Good Project

Let's make America kind again...one school at a time! As a school and staff we are committed to helping you raise kind and caring children. This year we started with our focus on **Make Magic Happen** and we're continuing that theme with our upcoming **Look for the Good** project which kicks off on February 6th.

Our **Look for the Good** project will last 10 days and consists of 4 main parts. They include:

- 1.) Large temporary decals called **Gratitude Spots** will be placed on the floor throughout the school. These spots will remind everyone to look for the good. Everyone is allowed (and encouraged) to step on the spot and think about one thing they're grateful for that day;
- 2.) Orange **Kindness Cards** which say, *You Matter*, will travel throughout the school. Children demonstrating kindness will receive a card, initial it, and pass it on to someone else when they see a random act of kindness;
- 3.) A **Gratitude Wall**, where students and staff will add a gratitude note every day, will be created in the cafeteria; and
- 4.) A **You Matter Letter** will be written by every student to anyone they want. We ask that students read their letter out loud to the person they wrote it to by the end of the two weeks.

To encourage home participation in this project we are inviting parents to attend a "**Kindness Rocks**" Night on Tuesday, February 13th. Families can design and paint a "kindness" rock which will be placed in the small flower bed outside our front door. Students are also invited to paint their own rocks at home and bring them in for display in the Media Center prior to placing them in the flower bed.

It is February...almost 100 busy days of school have passed! Is your child on pace to complete the school-wide homework expectation of reading 25 books and mastering grade level math facts? We strongly encourage everyone to focus on meeting these targets in the next 80 days. Research tells us that, over time, the collective impact of spending a few extra minutes reading each day can be astonishing. Students with a strong foundation in reading, vocabulary, and number sense in elementary school will prosper as they tackle the demands of middle and high school.

Every student's progress and performance at Four Seasons is monitored on a regular basis. Assessment results guide teachers' decision making in day to day instruction. Children who perform at the advanced level are ready for content acceleration while students scoring intensive or basic need additional support in small groups.

Working together with parents is important as we face the challenge of meeting every student's need. There is much to be done over the next few months. It is essential that we work together to ensure all students master critical content. We are committed to moving every child from point A to point B. Whenever possible we ask that you spend time reviewing any re-do papers that come home with your child. School is challenging and the pace of instruction is increasing. Monitor your child's grades via your ParentCONNECT account. *Communicate with your child's teacher about any concerns you may have related to learning and progress.* There is one more day of Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for March 2nd.

Still to come are field trips, assemblies, Book Fair, Spring Break, a Science & Technology Fair, PARCC testing in grades 3-5, Family Fun Night, Boosterthon, a School Talent Show, and more. Stay tuned to our newsletters and the PTA website for the most up-to-date information. Thank you for the support of your child, our school, and public education in Anne Arundel County.

The more you are in a state of gratitude, the more you will attract things to be grateful for.  
- Walt Disney



## SPRING FIELD TRIPS

### Chaperone Background Check Procedures

Prospective field trip chaperones must submit an on-line request for a background investigation **three (3) weeks prior to the event**. The form can be found on the:

- AACPS website: <http://www.aacps.org/>
- Go to "Parent"
- Select "Forms"
- Scroll down page to "Miscellaneous", on right.
- Select first item: Chaperone/Volunteer Background Investigation Form. Complete and submit form on line.

Chaperones and volunteers who have had an approved background investigation within the last two calendar years (2015/2016 - 2016/2017) are not required to undergo a new investigation.

## From the Health Room...

Please remember if your child is sick to keep them home. If they have a fever they need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning back to school. Also, have a backup plan in place in case your child gets sick in school and you are not available to pick them up. Your back up person should be able to pick up your child within a reasonable amount of time.

## Tips for Lice Management

Over-the-counter medications do not work for many cases. What does work is wet combing hair with a high quality lice comb in the following ways: front to back, back to front, and side to side. After all nits and lice are removed, this process is repeated for seven to ten days (removing any leftover nits or hatched lice). In addition, there is a fair bit of laundry, bagging stuffed toys, and vacuuming required. The final recommendation is to check the child's hair for lice **once a week** for prevention with wet hair and a lice comb.

For more information:  
<http://www.headlice.org/>

## Time to Order Yearbooks!

Order online at:

January 8th—March 2nd

<http://classic-photo.mypaysimple.com/s/four-seasons-elementary-school>

February 5th- 5th grade Well Wishes open

\$5 for a text only message (up to 50 words)

\$15 for a text message (up to 50 words) and a photo

Cost of the year book is \$22.00

For questions email: [fsesyearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:fsesyearbook@yahoo.com)

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.

## Incident Weather & Phone Calls:

Please make sure your child knows exactly what to do in the event of an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

The volume of phone calls coupled with the number of parents picking up children for early dismissal can be overwhelming. To ensure a safe and orderly dismissal for all we ask that all parents make a plan that does not involve phone calls to the school during this busy time. We appreciate your cooperation.

*Let it snow*

## PTA NEWS...

- We had an awesome turnout at Skate Zone. Did you know the PTA gets 100% of the entrance fee if we have 150 skaters!
- We had a great Sock Hop Night!
- Nando's Peri Peri fundraiser - Feb 6th
- Feed the Teachers - Feb 23rd
- Be on the look out for our "Milk and Cookies Night" during the Book Fair!

## ★★★ Parents of Prospective 6th Graders ★★★

### Parents Only Scheduling Information Night

Date: Thursday, March 1st at 6:00 pm

Location: Arundel Middle School Cafeteria

Snow Date: Tuesday, March 6th

Note: There will be a more detailed orientation in the summer for students and parents to attend.

## SCREENAGERS is coming!

Arundel Middle School PTA is hosting a showing of the award-winning documentary:

**SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age**

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Arundel High School Auditorium

Mark your calendars!!!

SCREENAGERS is appropriate for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Please RSVP by visiting: <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-arundel-middle-school-6934>

Donations of \$2 accepted at door!

## 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.





# Parent Link



"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



## February 2018



### Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at an AACPS school or in your community?

Our schools and partner agencies are always looking for volunteers to share their skills and time with our students. **No amount of time is too small!**

Check out the [Anne Arundel County Volunteer Center](https://www.aacvc.org/) at <https://www.aacvc.org/> for a wide variety of community volunteer opportunities.

Email Jasmine Coleman at [jacoleman@aacps.org](mailto:jacoleman@aacps.org) for opportunities.

### Screen Time for Children

It's important to limit video game time because:

- The more time children spend playing video games, the more likely they are to have difficulty concentrating in school.
- Many video games contain violence.
- The more time spent playing video games and watching TV, the less active a child is.

It's important to limit TV/DVD time because:

- Having the TV on can disturb children's sleep and play, even if it is on in the background.
- Some programs include advertisements for unhealthy foods. Young children cannot tell the difference between programs and advertisements. \*Information provided by USDA\*



### Remember:

President's Day is  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

All AACPS Schools & Offices will be closed.

### Save the Date for the Marine and Maritime Career Expo

Does your child have a passion for....  
-Marine Trades -Marine Science -Boating technology -Maritime Shipping -Marine and Ocean Engineering -And more...

Come learn about cool jobs!

February 24, 2018

12:00 - 3:00

Annapolis High School

2644 Riva Road Annapolis, MD

FREE for ALL Students Grades 6 – 12+

To Register: [www.eycfoundation.org](http://www.eycfoundation.org)

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

January 2018

Rutanya Quarles-Miles  
Marley Elementary School

*"for going above and beyond the call of a volunteer"*

Do you know a volunteer that is doing great things for our community? Please nominate them for

**Volunteer of the Month!**



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*Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, Global Perspectives,*

*Nuestra Comunidad (Our Community),*

*(Chauhanas Juntas) (Let's Join)*

# Parent Link



"Al final del día, la clave más abrumadora para el éxito de un niño es la participación positiva de sus padres." – Jane D. Hull



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## ¿Están interesado en ser voluntario en una escuela de AACPS o en su comunidad?

Nuestras escuelas y agencias asociadas siempre están buscando voluntarios para compartir sus habilidades y tiempo con nuestros estudiantes. ¡Ninguna cantidad de tiempo es demasiado pequeña!

Visite el Centro de Voluntariado del Condado de Anne Arundel al <https://www.aacvc.org/> para una amplia variedad de oportunidades de voluntariado comunitario.

Envíen un correo electrónico a Jasmine Coleman al [jacoleman@aacps.org](mailto:jacoleman@aacps.org) para las oportunidades.

## Tiempo frente una Pantalla para los niños

Es importante limitar el tiempo de juego de video porque:

- Cuanto más tiempo pasen los niños jugando videojuegos, más probabilidades tendrán de tener dificultades para concentrarse en la escuela.
- Muchos juegos de video contienen violencia.
- Cuanto más tiempo pase jugando videojuegos y viendo televisión, los niños son menos activo.

Es importante limitar el tiempo de TV/DVD porque:

- Tener el televisor encendido puede perturbar el sueño y el juego de los niños, aunque este encendido en el fondo.
- Algunos programas incluyen anuncios de alimentos no saludables. Los niños pequeños no pueden ver la diferencia entre los programas y los anuncios.

\* Información proporcionada por el USDA \*



### Recuerden:

El Día de los Presidentes es el lunes 19 de febrero de.

Todas las Escuelas y Oficinas de AACPS estarán cerradas.

## Guarden la Fecha para el Expo de Carreras Marinas y Marítimo

Tiene su hijo una pasión por....

- Comercios Marinos - Ciencias Marinas - Tecnología Náutica - Transporte Marítimo - Ingeniería Marina y Oceánica - Y más...

¡Vengan a aprender sobre los trabajos!

24 de febrero de 2018

12:00 - 3:00

Escuela Secundaria Annapolis

2644 Riva Road Annapolis, MD

GRATIS para TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES de Grados 6 – 12+

Inscripción: [www.eycfoundation.org](http://www.eycfoundation.org)

## VOLUNTARIO DEL MES Enero 2018

Rutanya Quarles-Miles

Escuela Primaria Marley

*"por ir más allá de la llamada de un voluntario"*

¿Conoce a un voluntario que está haciendo grandes cosas para nuestra comunidad? Por favor, nomínelos para el ¡Voluntario del Mes!



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