



Four Seasons Newsletter

April 2018

Sharon Ferralli, Principal

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April:

- 4 W Kindergarten Registration begins
- 6 F Grade 4 Field Trip to Annapolis
- 11/12 **2 hour early dismissal-1:30 pm;**
No PM Pre-K or ECI; End of 3rd Quarter
- 17 Tu **2 hour early dismissal-1:30 pm;**
No PM Pre-K or ECI;
Professional Development for teachers
- 18 W Talent Show Rehearsal 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- 20 F Report Cards go home
- 23 M **MAGIC MONDAY!**
- 24 Tu ECI, Pre-K & K Field Trip to the Baltimore Zoo
- 25 W Grade 1 Butterfly Life Cycle show @ Goucher
PARCC begins in Grade 5



May:

- 2|3 Hearing & Vision Screening
- 4 F Family Fun Night 5:30-8:00 pm
- 9 W PARCC ends in Grade 3
- 10 Th Grade 2 FT to Eco-Adventures
- 11 F Four Seasons Night @ Bowie BaySox
- 15 Tu Band & Chorus Concert 6:30 pm
- 21/22 Pre-K/K Conferences— No School
- 28 M **MEMORIAL DAY—No School**
- 30 W Field Day
- 31 Th Talent Show Night



Principal's Message



CRUSH THE PARCC! Our state testing program for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders begins April 25th and continues through May 9th, followed by make-ups. Our teachers' and students' focus and effort on this assessment are noteworthy. Everyone is working hard to maintain a balance between focusing students on doing their best and remaining calm as students show what they know! We appreciate your efforts to send your children to school on time and ready for testing. Specific testing dates for each grade level are listed in this newsletter. PARCC results are expected in the summer. We hope our scores reflect the hard work done at school and at home every day.

NEWS TO SHARE:

- Pre-Kindergarten registration is still open.
- Kindergarten registration opened April 4th. Encourage friends and neighbors in our school attendance area to register ASAP.
- Thanks to everyone who supported our school book fair. The funds raised through book fair help us purchase new books and media supplies. We sincerely appreciate the effort of our volunteers who work tirelessly to put up, take down, and run this production. Kudos to Mrs. Manion, Media Specialist, and Mrs. Weiss, Media Assistant, for all the time and energy they expend to make this happen for our students.
- Shout-out to the PTA for their support with so many school needs – from folding tables to some classroom-based Chromebooks for grades 3, 4, and 5. In addition their efforts with the “Feed the Teachers” lunches are a huge morale booster.

**Reserve our PARCC testing dates—
morning & afternoon!**

Grade 5: April 25—30

Grade 4: April 30—May 3

Grade 3: May 4—9

We ask that you avoid scheduling appointments.

New Security Measures!

All visitors to our building for any event during the school day must be entered through our Raptor system. This includes large events like Field Day, the Fun Run, our Kindergarten program, and 5th Grade promotion. Please bear with us as we explore safe and efficient ways to make this happen. We have decided that we will not call for siblings to attend the Kindergarten or 5th grade programs this year due to supervision issues.



Science Fair

We are pleased to announce the winners of this year's Four Seasons Science Fair:

Paige Morgan — Third grade

“Would Fruit Grow Faster in Milk or Water?”

Jean Hahn, Sedinam Amuzu, and McKenzie

Wagner — Fourth grade

“Solar Roller.”

Sarah Pickering — Fifth grade

“Electro Magnet Strength.”

We are also excited to announce that fifth graders **Ryon Garrett and Peter Kim** will represent Four Seasons at the new Innovator's Olympics event at the county science fair this year.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to everyone who participated!



PTA NEWS...

- Please join us on April 9th for our Panera Bread Night.
- A flyer will be sent home soon with information regarding our Spirit Wear. Orders will be accepted through our on-line store until April 13th.
- We are excited to announce we are hosting the **Fun Run** again this year! We are STILL in need of sponsors for the back of the t-shirts. If you are interested please email us at ptafourseasons@gmail.com
- Hope to see you at our **May 9th PTA meeting** for elections! A friendly reminder that you must be a member of the PTA to vote.

Thanks!

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers, parents, teachers and students for their flexibility during the Book Fair. If only “Mother Nature” had been so accommodating! In spite of the lost time due to the snow day, we had a profitable book fair. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support Four Seasons and the reading incentive program.



Carrie Manion

From the Health Room...

On May 2nd and 3rd, the Health Dept. will be here to screen Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st & 4th grades for vision & hearing. Please have your child bring her/his glasses to school if s/he is scheduled for screening.



Plan ahead for summer...

Registration for Elementary Summer Academy will open in mid-April. Summer Academy will be held July 9-August 2, 2108 and the cost will be \$250. More details to follow or see aacps.org for more information.

El Campo del Bosque is a Spanish language summer camp for rising 1st-5th graders. Please go to www.aacps.org/languagecamps to register.

Rising 4th - 6th graders can choose one of four languages to experience at the Global Languages Summer Center. Please go to www.aacps.org/languagecamps to register.

REMINDER....

Although it seems like a friendly gesture, *please* DO NOT HOLD OPEN A SCHOOL DOOR. Office staff is required to greet each person entering the school. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

★★★★ Kindergarten Registration ★★★★★

Registration opened Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Please let your friends and neighbors know that registering early helps us with staffing. Hours are 9:00 am—2:00 pm in the main office foyer. Please bring the required documents to registration:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Two Proofs of Residence
4. Custody Papers (if applicable)
5. Drivers License

Are you planning on being a Chaperone or Volunteer?

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.



Your opinion matters!

If your child receives special education services, please complete the Maryland Department of Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. It will take approximately 5 minutes. It can be completed on-line at www.mdparentsurvey.com by May 1, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

