



Four Seasons Newsletter

April 2021

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar

April:



- 7 W Kindergarten Registration begins on-line ; look for further details to come at www.aacps.org
- 13&14 2 hour early dismissal; No PM classes for Pre-K and ECI students; End of 3rd Marking Period
- 15 Th 4th Marking Period begins
- 19 M School Pictures for students in Cohort A
- 21 W 2 hour early dismissal; No PM classes for Pre-K and ECI students; School Pictures for virtual students
- 23 F School Pictures for students in Cohort B; Report Cards (Gr. 1-5)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please remember to bring your ID when picking up students, visiting, volunteering/chaperoning, and when attending any Parent/Teacher conference.

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.



Principal's Message

I sincerely appreciate the hard work and effort this year. This is a wonderful school community with dedicated teachers and staff, involved parents and enthusiastic children.

We are in the planning process with the Arundel cluster schools discussing how to celebrate our fifth graders. We do know it will be a different celebration than in previous years. More information to come!

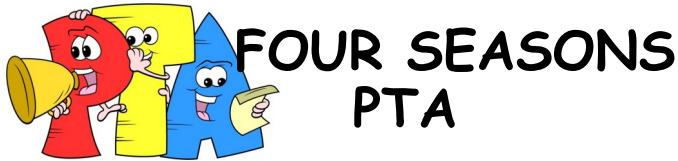
Spring photos have been scheduled. If you have any questions, please email or call Mrs. Kennedy or Mrs. Allen in our front office. More virtual time slots have been added.

Please be sure to contact PTA for any yearbook photos or well wishes for fifth graders. They are working hard to put together a yearbook.

If you have any neighbors that haven't registered for PK or K next year, please remind them to register online. Our staffing depends on enrollment, so it is important for us to get every student registered as soon as possible.

If you have moved out of our area, please contact Mrs. Snyder in our front office.





Please remember to become a member of the FSES PTA. Go to our PTA website: <http://www.fourseasonspta.org/>. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30pm.

1. NOMINATIONS FOR PTA ELECTION - Calling all those interested in running for the FSES PTA Board. Elections will be coming up in May 12, 2021 PTA meeting. We need nominations from the FSES community. We are specifically looking for those willing to run for Treasurer and Secretary. Send all nominations to Chris Williams at pta.fourseasons@gmail.com. It is a great way to get involved and take your great ideas and make them a reality for the whole school. Any questions please ask.

2. Yearbooks will be happening for the 2020-2021 school year. We will have a link out VERY SOON to purchase yearbooks and to submit any yearbook pictures you may have.

3. Who's got Talent? We know a lot of our FSES Shark students have some AMAZING talents! FSES PTA will be hosting a Virtual Talent Show. We will have our initial virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend if you want to participate in the FSES PTA 2021 Virtual Talent Show. More details and link to ZOOM call are on Facebook and the PTA website.

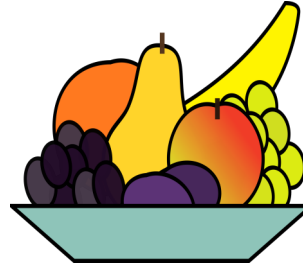
4. Chick-Fil-A Fundraising Night is April 13th at the Crofton or Waugh Chapel locations, 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Spread the word to your family, neighbors and friends to help support our school.

5. The FSES PTA's big fundraiser of the year is coming in May 2021. Boosterthon is back and better than ever! Be on the look out for more information about daily character matters stories and how your kids can get involved! As always, if you can give, please do. If you cannot give right now, please do not.

6. Amazon Smiles is a great way to shop on AMAZON and raise fundraising dollars for FSES PTA. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1774352> to get started. List Four Seasons Elementary PTA as the business to receive the fundraising dollars

GO SHARKS!

Food Services in the Hybrid Plan



Food and Nutrition Services will continue to offer breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner to all students in the building during hybrid learning and all children ages 2-18 through curb-side pickup. Meals are available for pick-up from 12-12:30 pm at Four Seasons.

Please see menu at <http://aacpschools.org/nutrition/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/March-29-April-23-2021-Menu-Curbside-Hybrid-Mobile.pdf>

Please do not bring food items to share for special occasions, such as birthdays. No parents/guardians/special friends will be permitted to eat lunch with students at the school.



Please remind your student(s) to plug in their Chromebook when they arrive home from school each day so it is fully charged when they return to school the next day. Thank you!

Important : Out of Area Transfers

Four Seasons Elementary is a CLOSED school.

More information about out-of-area transfers can be found on the AACPS main webpage at www.aacps.org

Picture Day is Coming!

Four Seasons Elementary

April 19, 21, & 23

Pre-order Before Picture Day

[https://
classicphotographyimaging.simplephoto.com/search/fourseasons2021](https://classicphotographyimaging.simplephoto.com/search/fourseasons2021)

-- Pre-order access will expire 48 hours after
picture day --

We are committed to your student's safety!

[Click Here](#) to view our 2021 COVID Picture
Day Process

Questions?

(800)869-9515 x112

Dismissal Plans for Hybrid Students

Multiple teachers and staff members are involved in your child's dismissal. For your child's safety, we ask that you make **one plan** and stick to it except for emergencies. If your child is a bus rider, this is essential. We do not want any child left unsupervised at any time.

Please make every effort to limit early dismissals for your students and schedule appointments on their virtual days. **We will be unable to accommodate early dismissal requests after 2:30 pm.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



Health Room Information for Parents of Hybrid Students

The health room will be the location of any student exhibiting signs of a CLI (Covid Like Illness) and it has been divided into clean areas and CLI areas as well as to have social distance. CLI is defined as: Any 1 of the following: Cough, Shortness of Breath, Difficulty Breathing, New loss of taste or smell; Any 2 or more of the following: Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, chills or shaking, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue and congestion or running nose. Students in both of these categories as well as students with only 1 of the second category will be sent home with directions and school reentry protocol based on the MD State Department of Health decision aid. Per the hybrid agreement, all students being sent home due to CLI must be picked up within 30 minutes and these students are also not allowed to ride the bus.

It is important that no medicine be used to mask illness or fever and that students who exhibit any of the above symptoms stay home from school. Please contact your child's doctor for guidance.

To decrease the traffic in the school, we are limiting the things that will be taken care of in the health room. Teachers will call the health room for guidance in sending students to the health room and minor things will no longer be taken care of in the health room. These items include but are not limited to:

- Bathroom Accidents (every student will need a change of clothing at school)
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, hair malfunctions
- Lost teeth without blood
- Chapped lips, minor scrapes and cuts such as paper cuts (All classrooms have a supply of band aids)

If the school or health room is informed of a positive Covid 19 case, both the school and the health room will work with the county contact tracing department. Please remember Confidentiality must be maintained while we continue to keep everyone safe.

Medication in School: Medication with completed PRAMs may be dropped off at school with an appointment. Please call to set up the appointment. Someone will meet you at the front door. If you have a medication that requires counting, it will be counted with you and the health room staff in the foyer of the school.

Books in Hands Program



Starting this week, Hybrid students will be able to read physical books from the Media Center at Four Seasons. This is very exciting, as students have not been able to do this for a year!

Each week, Mrs. Manion will select age appropriate books (nonfiction, fiction, graphic novels, chapter books) and will place them in a box in their Cohort classroom. Students will have one week to read the 2 books they choose, and then return them to a different box in their classroom, where the books will be quarantined for a few days before being circulated again.

If you should find any Four Seasons library books at your home, we would love to have them back...NO Questions Asked! Your child may place them on a yellow cart outside Media when they return to their classroom.

Mark your calendar for Summer Camps

Global Languages Summer Center

For rising 4-6th graders
at Old Mill Middle School
North
Monday-Thursday
July 19-22 & July 26-29
8:30 am—3:30 pm (Before/
after care available)



El Campo Del Bosque

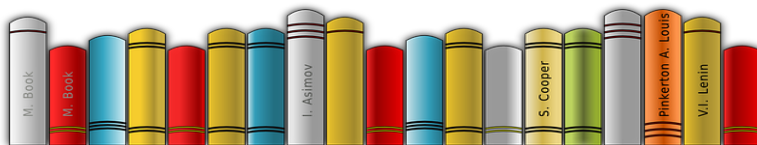
For rising 1-5th graders
at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education
Center
Monday-Thursday August 2-5

On-line registration coming soon.



AACPS Unites is a reading initiative that diversifies student literary experiences by reflecting and celebrating the diversity of the AACPS community.

April's AACPS Unites theme is *Inspire Stewardship*. The featured book is We Planted a Tree by Diane Muldrow. Students and families can watch a video of the book being read aloud by clicking [here](#). Families can access fun activities to accompany the book and learn more about the AACPS Unites program at <https://www.aacps.org/aacpsunites>. Be sure to share pictures on social media whenever you participate in an AACPS Unites activity and use **#AACPSUnites**.



Accelerated Reader

A reminder that students in grades 1-5 are expected to read and take quizzes on the books they have read. Each year, the goal is to read 25 books in a school year. Now that we are halfway through this school year, it is my hope that students will be taking quizzes on what they have read in class and on their own time.

You can check to see if a book your child is reading has an Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz by visiting this website and typing in the title/author. (www.arbookfind.com)

I look forward to watching your child's progress as they read and take the AR quizzes!

Keep reading!

A few reminders about the Hybrid Model



- Students must be wearing a properly fitted mask when at the bus stop or at school (except when eating)
- No visitors/Admittance into the building (kiss and go outside)
- Please consider arriving by car or bus if possible to limit outdoor exposure with other families

Elementary students should bring:

- tissues
- fully-charged Chromebook and charging cord
- headphones (preferably noise canceling)
- backpack with the learning materials provided earlier in the school year
- teacher-requested materials
- change of clothes for ECI, PK, and K

Elementary students should consider bringing (not mandatory):

- three personal reading books to be used in student's personal space
- one small personal item, e.g., small toy, puzzle only to be used in personal space during midday break (Item cannot make any sounds, cannot be an electronic toy with a screen, and must fit fully in student's backpack.)
- extra face covering or mask (labeled with student's first initial and last name)
- pocket-sized bottle of personal hand sanitizer
- change of clothes for Grades 1-5 (in case of spills)

Elementary students should NOT bring

- food to share with classmates for birthdays, special occasions, etc. (consider pencils or other non-food items)



Registration for Pre-Kindergarten

Registration for Pre-K for the 2021-2022 school began February 9th and is on-going. Families have two options to complete the prekindergarten application process:

Complete the application using the online portal and upload documentation with their home computer, laptop, or smartphone, or consider utilizing community resources with computer/internet access; **OR** Contact the school to have a staff member complete the online application over the phone on their behalf.

Click the link below to access the online portal and upload required documents in order to apply for pre-kindergarten:

<https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/en-US/OSS/Enrollment>

Kindergarten Enrollment for School Year 2021–2022

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools are eager to welcome our newest kindergarteners. **The 2021-2022 enrollment process for Kindergarten will open on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.**

WE MUST CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO SAFETY AND HEALTH GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS; NO WALK-INS ARE PERMITTED.

The primary option for submitting kindergarten enrollment is by using our Online Enrollment Portal. Through this portal, the parent/legal guardian will complete enrollment paperwork and upload the required documentation using their home computer, laptop, or smartphone, or consider utilizing community resources with computer/internet access. Use link listed below.

If families are unable to complete the online process, these options are available: Contact the school to have a staff member complete the online application by phone on their behalf and submit a photo of the documents to **Lisa Snyder** Enrollment Secretary via email, **Lasnyder1@aacps.org** or schedule an appointment for document delivery. Contact the school to schedule an in-person appointment; these will have limited availability and could likely extend into the summer months.

Parents should be certain to have their documents ready to upload prior to entering the Online Enrollment Portal by saving them in PDF, JPG, or PNG format. All the following documents are required for all enrollments; these documents must be uploaded in the online portal in order for the system to accept the enrollment submission:

- Parent's proof of identity: government-issued photo ID
- Primary proof of residency: mortgage, deed, or lease
- Secondary proof of residency: utility bill, bank statement, or pay stub within the last 60 days
- Student's birth certificate
- Student's immunization (shot) record
- Custody order (if applicable)

A video explaining the use of the Online Enrollment Portal is available at <https://www.aacps.org/enrollment>.

Scan the QR Code or click the link below to access the online enrollment portal and upload required documents to initiate enrollment of your child for 2021–2022 Kindergarten:



www.aacps.org/enrollment

or contact your school at 410-222-6501

410-551-5725



★ SUMMER WITHDRAWALS ★

If your child will not be returning to Four Seasons Elementary for the 2021-22 school year, please complete the short form below and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Transfer papers will be prepared and can be picked up the last day of school before summer vacation. If you are virtual, please contact our office at 410.222.6501.

My child:

Homeroom teacher:

Will not be attending Four Seasons Elementary for the 2021-22 school year.

He/She will be attending:

(Name of School)

Located in:

(City, State)



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Notice: 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 non-discrimination 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 LINK

APRIL 2021

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

April 18-24 is Volunteer Appreciation Week.



Thank you to all the AACPS Awesome Volunteers who support our students!

Do you know a volunteer who is doing great things for the school community?



Consider nominating them for Volunteer of the Month!

APRIL VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

"Sewing Angels"

Marcia Freeman, Cathy Kovacs,
Kim Kovacs, Jean Cleckner,
Nancy Cann Shimer, Sara Blight,
Joan Twigg, Monette Callahan,
Colleen Schnable, Susan Kitchen, Pat Scholls,
Pam Menefee, Marisa Martin, Lenore Martin

"Thank you for sharing your time and talent to create shield-kerschlefs for our students!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1-5

Easter/Spring Break -- All Schools & Central Offices Closed



April 7

Registration for Kindergarten begins

April 13-14

End of Third Marking Period
Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI

April 15

Beginning of 4th Marking Period

April 21

Professional Development
Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students

April 23

Report Card distribution for students in grades 1-12

Time to Visit
Your Public
Library!

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Anne Arundel County Public Library has eliminated fines. For details go to www.aacpl.net/finesfaq

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