



# Four Seasons Newsletter

February 2019

Sharon Ferralli, Principal

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## February:

- 5 Tu PTA Chick-fil-A fundraiser
- 6 W Pre-Kindergarten Registration begins 10 am to 2 pm
- 6 W 2 hour early dismissal for students 1:30 pm); No PM Pre-K or ECI classes
- 8 F Report Cards
- 12 Tu 100th Day of School
- 12 Tu Talent Show Parent Information Night 6:30 pm
- 18 M No School-Presidents' Day
- 21 Th Grade 4 NAEP testing
- 26 & 28 Talent Show Try-Out 6:30 pm



## March:

- 1 F Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration
- 4 M LAST DAY TO ORDER YEARBOOKS & Send 5th Grade Well Wishes
- 5 Tu Parent/Teacher Conferences; No school for students
- 6 W Science Fair Projects Due
- 8 F Grade 1 Field Trip to Cat in the Hat performance at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
- 10 Su Daylight Savings Time begins—Spring 1 hour forward
- 11 M Grade 5 MISA Testing
- 12 Tu Spring Individual/Class Pictures & 5th grade panoramic photo
- 12 Tu Interim Reports go home
- 13 W PTA meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 Th Grade 5 MISA testing
- 21 Th Kangaroo Math Competition 5:30 pm (Pre-registration required)
- 21 F PTA Skate Zone Party 5-7 pm
- 26 Tu 2 hour early dismissal for students (1:30 pm); No PM Pre-K or ECI classes



## Principal's Message



We kicked off our ten days of kindness and gratitude campaign today. Students and staff will focus on gratitude and acts of kindness for a few minutes each day. Hearts and post-it notes pasted on classroom doors and lockers will assist everyone in seeing the good that exists within the Four Seasons community. Please join in the experience with your child and feel free to add a written note of thanks or gratitude for posting on one of our doors.

Scientific research tells us that children must develop strong reading skills in the early grades. As part of our school's effort to make all children successful readers and writers for life, we are doing mid-year checks on our students to help us provide the best targeted instruction to move them forward. We need your support at home to ensure that our students are reading at home on a daily basis. We hope our *Accelerated Reader Program* and our March Reading Incentive provide extra motivation to help students develop a reason to read outside of school. Make sure you monitor your child's independent reading. It is a homework expectation.

Speaking of homework, many thanks for supporting your child's interests by helping with Passion Projects. We're seeing some amazing work where students incorporated technology, talent, building, and more. The best part is watching the enthusiasm of children when they present and the reaction of their peers. It truly brings smiles to our faces.

### GOOD NEWS TO SHARE:

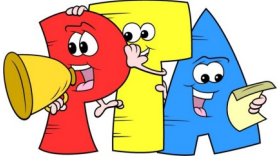
- Congratulations to Mrs. Connolly (1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher) and family! Jonah Ridgley Connolly entered the world on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 lbs. and 19.75 inches.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Lindsey Coe (3rd grade teacher) on her recognition as a National Board Certified Teacher. She joins an elite group of educators including 5 other teachers at Four Seasons.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> is an upcoming Parent Teacher conference day. Parents who did not have the opportunity to meet in the fall will be scheduled.
- We're getting a sound / voice amplification system for the Media Center!



A friendly reminder that children need to be dressed in coats for the colder winter weather. Please dress them to be comfortable for outside recess, drills or the event of an emergency that requires us to go outside. It is a violation of safety rules when children throw snowballs on school property. The snow quickly becomes icy and can lead to injuries. Please help us enforce this rule.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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



## FOUR SEASONS PTA

A reminder that we will need a new President, Treasurer and Secretary for our upcoming school year! If you or anyone you know may be interested please email us at: **Ptafourseasons@gmail.com**.

We need these positions to be filled to have a PTA!

We are excited to announce that we are hosting another talent show this year! The parent meeting for more information will be Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 pm and tryouts will be Tuesday, February 26th and Thursday, February 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm.

We need t-shirt sponsors and sizes for our Fun Run, which will be held on May 31st. Look for flyers for more information.

### No Dogs Allowed



A reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Please do not bring your pet with you when you come to pick up your child(ren). We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this important safety policy.

### Order your Yearbook Today!

The deadline to order a yearbook is **March 4, 2019**. The cost is \$22.00. You can place your order on-line at: <https://classic-photo.mypaysimple.com/s/four-seasons-elementary-school>

5th grade Well-Wishes are also due by March 4, 2019!

If you have any questions, or to submit pictures, please email the yearbook committee at [fsesyearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:fsesyearbook@yahoo.com)

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Toy Drive for the Sharing Foundation. They were truly overwhelmed by the response from the Four Seasons community! Your donations brightened the holidays for families here in Anne Arundel County.



## AR!

If you are looking for an AR quiz for a book your child is reading, or is interested in reading, try downloading the "Points Scan Free" app (you will scan the barcode on the back of the book, and it will give you the information you need).

You may also choose to use the website [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to type the title and author of the selected book. Accelerated Reader quizzes can **ONLY** be taken inside the school building, per Renaissance Place regulations.



**Students may return and check out new books every morning before announcements.**

**Attention 5th Grade parents:**  
Middle School Scheduling Information Night  
Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the  
Arundel Middle School cafeteria

Look for a flyer coming home with your student soon. For additional information please contact Mrs. Kayser at Arundel MS 410-674-6900 or [rkayser@aacps.org](mailto:rkayser@aacps.org)

### Most Wanted: Tissues!

It's that time of year when supplies begin to run low! Please consider sending in a box of tissues with your child. Our Cultural Arts teachers would especially appreciate your donations. Thank you!



### Speed Stacks

Speed Stacks (a.k.a. cup stacking) morning program is on-going. Students can come in on **Thursday** mornings from 7:30-8:30 am. There will be no permission slip for this, it is a drop-in program. Entrance to the building will be through the front door. **If we have a delayed opening, there will be no speed stacks that day.** If your child is in morning care at the school, SACC has a form you need to complete. The program will run until early March. If you have questions, please e-mail [eschmid@aacps.org](mailto:eschmid@aacps.org).



Please go to Four Seasons' website <https://www.aacps.org/Page/4358> to see our full newsletter including: "Parent Link" published by the Office of School and Family Partnership



## SHARKS OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2018



Sofia Anthis  
Spes Maria Ariston  
Gracie Bliss  
Kiarra Caffee  
Peyton Cuza  
Kayden Dang  
Hadley DelGrosso  
William Fried  
Grace Gill  
Isaiah Hammer

Jayo Johnston  
Damarion Kidd  
Benjamin Kim  
Sloane Layman  
Emilie Linthicum  
Alexander Liu  
William Madeley  
Austin McClellan  
Rishaan Minumula  
Lianne Mohammed

Qinwan Mohammed  
William Pittman  
Gwendolyn Ray-Dulany  
Maysa Reynolds  
Banu Unlusoy  
Clara Van Rompay  
Kar'Leii B Wilson  
Genevieve Yoshida

### Thank You Four Seasons PTA

for purchasing and organizing  
T-Shirts for every member of  
24 Math Club!

They are beautiful, and we appreciate them,  
Mrs. Baker and Ms. O'Rourke  
and the 40 members of the club

#### Contact Information Reminder:

Please remember to update your contact information in writing when any of your phone numbers change, including: cell, home, or work. We need to be able to reach you quickly in the event of an emergency.

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 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.

#### 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.



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