



# Four Seasons Newsletter

February 2021

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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## Calendar

### February:



- 2 Tu 3rd Marking Period begins
- 9 Tu Progress Reports/Report cards distributed; Pre-Kindergarten on-line application begins
- 10 W 2 hour early dismissal for students; No PM Pre-K or ECI classes
- 15 M No School—Presidents' Day

### A Look Ahead:

**March 1 & 2 Students in Cohort A begin in-person instruction.**

**March 4 & 5 Students in Cohort B begin in-person instruction**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

### 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.



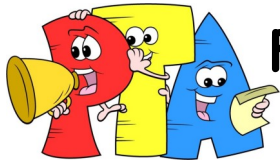
## Principal's Message

February is sure to bring about more changes! We started the "new schedule" on February 3, 2021. We will make adjustments as needed if changes need to be made. We will keep you updated on any information from AACPS. Unfortunately a lot is unknown at this time. Thank you for completing the AACPS survey. We are working on grouping students for cohorts for those that selected hybrid instruction and will be communicating with families about cohort and teacher changes as soon as we can. Hybrid students will need to bring their bookbag of supplies and CHARGED Chromebook on their cohort assigned day.

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 need your support at home to ensure that our students are reading on a daily basis. We hope *Accelerated Reader Program* and *iReady* provide extra motivation to help students develop a reason to read outside of school. Make sure you monitor your child's independent reading.

Please continue to send emails to "shout out" or communicate a special thanks to our teachers. They are doing an amazing job virtually. Mrs. Wojno has resigned to stay at home with her newborn. Mrs. Brubaker will continue as the long-term sub teaching fifth grade. We also send you a special thanks for all you are doing at home to support your children. It takes us all. We certainly appreciate all that families are doing too!





## FOUR SEASONS PTA

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. We are asking parents/guardians of FSES students to reach out to the PTA with any special talents/passions that they would like to teach the kids via ZOOM (all pending approval of PTA Board and school administration). We are discussing having a painting class, walking competition and other fun virtual events. The PTA is looking for talented parents willing to volunteer a few hours of their talents. Any questions or suggestions please feel free to email the PTA at [pta.fourseasons@gmail.com](mailto:pta.fourseasons@gmail.com).

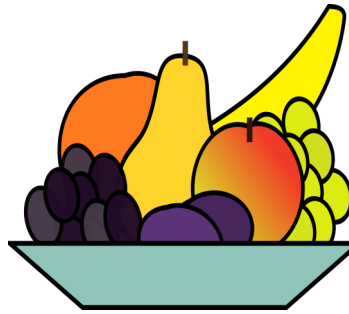
2. Calling all those interested in running for the FSES PTA Board. Elections will be coming up in May 2021 and we need nominations from the FSES community. We are specifically looking for those willing to run for Treasurer and Secretary. Any specific questions please reach out to Chris Williams at [pta.fourseasons@gmail.com](mailto:pta.fourseasons@gmail.com). It is a great way to get involved and take your great ideas and make them a reality for the whole school.

3. More details will be coming soon about a possible yearbook for the 2020-2021 school year. Please watch for a flyer to be coming out soon.

4. Amazon Smiles is a great way to shop on AMAZON and raise fundraising dollars for FSES. 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.



## Food That's In ... While School is Out



Anne Arundel County Public Schools is providing a free breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack to children, ages 2-18, Monday through

Friday. There are no income or registration requirements. Meal service is available at Four Seasons Elementary from 12-12:30 pm. For more information, including the entire list of meal sites and their hours, please see [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org) or call Food & Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900.

Live.Life.Healthy

### Message From the Health Room ...



If you have received forms/paperwork from the health room, please complete and return them. Forms can be mailed or emailed to:

[Nurse3272@aacps.org](mailto:Nurse3272@aacps.org) or [health3272@aacps.org](mailto:health3272@aacps.org).

If your child has received any new vaccines, please send the health room an updated immunization record.

Thank you so much!

Linda Grierson, RN



## 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](http://www.arbookfind.com))

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

Keep reading!

## AACPS Virtual Learning

### Need Technical Help for Your Student's Chromebook?

AACPS's website offers some helpful tips to help you troubleshoot issues with your student's Chromebooks. Please see: <https://www.aacps.org/virtuallearning> or call 410-222-5001.

## PowerSchool Parent Portal



PowerSchool Parent Portal is a powerful, easy-to-use, secure communication tool that connects parents/guardians and schools. Online access to class grades, attendance information and student schedules are available to parents with students in grades 1 through 12. For complete instructions on accessing Parent Portal go to <https://www.aacps.org/Page/1325>

Do you have questions about how to support your student's math skills?  
We can help!



Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 6-8 pm a group of AACPS teachers will be available to answer live questions from **adults** regarding their student's elementary math lessons, so that the adult can better understand the problem-solving techniques being taught in math lessons today. This an opportunity for adults to ask questions of teachers, not direct tutoring for students.

Pre-K—Grade 2: <https://meet.google.com/yqy-bwfg-uxi>

Grade 3- 5: <https://meet.google.com/vhz-xnya-xsr>



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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.

## **Prekindergarten Application Process for School Year 2021-2022**

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools Prekindergarten Application process will be **online beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am EST**. At present, **schools are not accepting in-person or walk-up applications** for prekindergarten. Families have two options to complete the prekindergarten application process:

- (1) 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**
- (2) Contact the school to have a staff member complete the online application over the phone on their behalf.

Families that have trouble uploading the required documentation can submit a photo of the documents to the Enrollment Secretary via email or text using Google Voice. If a family is truly having issues with uploading the documents, they can call the school and make an appointment for a “document delivery” after the online application has been completed.

**At this time, AACPS cannot offer in-person appointments due to the COVID-19 metrics.**

Applications for AACPS prekindergarten will be considered complete and families placed on the enrollment category list when all documentation has been submitted (*only exception of the physical*). As a reminder, families that choose not to submit income verification, and that do not have an IEP/IFSP, or are not an English Language Learner are placed on the Category 3 enrollment list. If the family submits qualifying income at a later date, the application is then placed on the Category 1 enrollment list at the time and date the income documentation is submitted.

Parents should be certain to have their documents ready to upload prior to entering the online portal by saving them in PDF, JPG, or PNG format. All the following documents are required for the online process to accept the submission:

- Complete the *Prekindergarten Application* and save it as a PDF. This is required for eligibility consideration; it can be found at <https://www.aacps.org/earlychildhood> and must accompany income verification documentation.
- Parent’s proof of identity
- Two proofs of residency
- Student’s birth certificate
- Student’s immunization (shot) record
- Custody order (if applicable)

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>**





# Help Children Learn at Home

*There are many ways you can help children learn at home. Whether your child is attending in-person classes, online classes at home, or a combination of both, adjusting to a new learning routine can be challenging and stressful for everyone involved. The following strategies are meant to help you get the support you need to facilitate at-home learning while staying connected and engaged with your school community.*

## Create a schedule and routine for learning at home

- Limit distractions from siblings, television shows, tablets, or other devices that may take your child's attention away from learning. Set up rules for everyone at home to try to be as quiet as possible while your child is engaged in class.
- Review assignments and expectations from the school, and help your child establish a reasonable pace for completing their schoolwork. You may need to assist your child with turning on devices, reading instructions, and typing answers.
- Plan for flexibility in the schedule—it's okay to adapt based on your day! Consider designating an amount of time each week that allows for more flexibility in your child's learning schedule.

## Consider your child's individual learning needs

- If your child has special or intensive support needs, consider increasing the structure and consistency of the learning routine. Increase the frequency of reminders about expectations and share positive feedback or other rewards when they are met. Consider spending time at the end of each day of at-home learning to talk with your child about the progress they made toward their goals that day.

- For younger children or children who have trouble focusing, allow for more frequent breaks and use a timer to indicate the end of a break. You may also consider providing breaks as rewards for completing more challenging activities.
- For younger children or children with sensory needs, sitting at a table all day may prove challenging. Consider alternatives such as floor space, floor pillows, or a yoga ball.



## Consider additional options for learning

- Consider hands-on activities, like puzzles, painting, drawing, and making things to supplement online learning activities and reduce screen time.
- Independent play can also be used in place of structured learning or used as a reward when your child completes a challenging structured learning activity or task.
- Practice handwriting and grammar by writing letters to friends and family members. This is a great way to help your child feel connected to others without face-to-face contact.

## Web Resource

- Fun Online Family Activities:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children/learning.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children/learning.html)