



# Four Seasons Newsletter

March 2021

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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## Calendar

### March:

5 F Interims



10 W Parent/Teacher conferences; No school for students

14 Su Daylight Savings Time begins -spring forward 1 hour

29 M Magic Monday

### A look ahead:

### April:

1-5 No School—Spring Break



7 W Kindergarten Registration begins; look for further details to come at [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)

### 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

So much excitement for a new schedule with hybrid option! While lots of things happen every day, know that our focus is on safety, and providing quality instruction for our students. Many thanks to the PTA for the gift cards, goodie bag, and nachos to welcome staff back into the building.

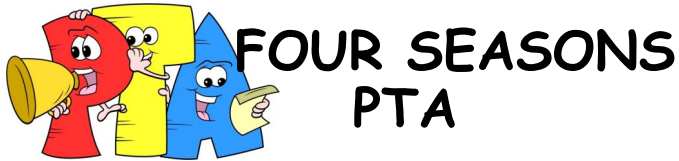
We wish Mrs. Judy Malamud all the best as she retires and welcome Mrs. Kristy Delgrosso as Teacher Assistant in Kindergarten.

We had a smooth building re-opening with our cohort A and B students. Thank you all for your patience as we move into this new learning model with virtual and hybrid.

We have a waiting list for families that are requesting hybrid learning. Please know that it all depends on the number of students in the class and transportation. If you have any questions about the wait list, please email Ms. Passwaters and Mrs. Kennedy.

Many thanks to our mid-day monitors that are assisting with lunch, recess, and Literacy Engage with our hybrid learners!





## FOUR SEASONS PTA

Please remember to become a member of the FSES PTA. Go to our PTA website: <http://www.fourseasonspta.org/>.

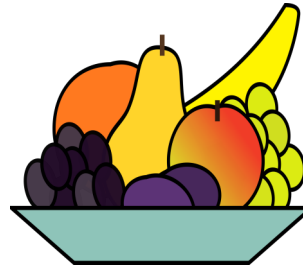
**Our next meeting will be  
Wednesday, March 10th at  
6:30pm.**

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.

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 Services in the Hybrid Plan



On the days that students are in the school building during hybrid instruction, Food and Nutrition Services will deliver free meals (breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner) to the classroom. Students may choose to bring their own lunch, if they wish. Students will consume lunch at their desks.

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.

For students who are learning virtually, Food and Nutrition Services will continue to offer breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner to all children ages 2-18. 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-2021-Menu-Curbside-Hybrid-Mobile.pdf>

### Important : Out of Area Transfers

**Four Seasons Elementary is a  
CLOSED school.**

More information about out-of-area transfers can be found on the AACP main webpage at [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)

# Dismissal Plans for Hybrid Students

Multiple teachers and staff members are involved in each 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.



## 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!

# 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. The health room is not able to do Covid 19 testing.

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.

# 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>



## Counselor's Spotlight

During the month of March, guidance lessons at all grade levels will focus on child abuse prevention. Preview the county lesson by clicking the appropriate link below. Please reach out to Lori Stuart, our school counselor if you have any questions or concerns (ldstuart@aacps.org or 410-222-6501).

### PreK:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tdtx\\_WB\\_eiTZLAbwJxYpps1K2-00OmNKU\\_2A4wbkOXM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tdtx_WB_eiTZLAbwJxYpps1K2-00OmNKU_2A4wbkOXM/edit?usp=sharing)

### K:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ow8DjSuASN7yeJPVvDGCKKt+Z4KmMtH-Jg1XWU9Ujkk/edit?usp=sharing>

### 1st Grade:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f0zW9eNKop1uRVAfHWYtE2RM4v7LpzC21R6qYyQRfes/edit?usp=sharing>

### 2nd Grade:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15bRlFbe5uNNQvk5mpPjKXiO2X6FTuWiC13PcyRFtBbk/edit?usp=sharing>

### 3rd Grade:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sK-y2aLcF-lPa3hbV1n5EO\\_KhGcR0GsSrXfVJHG7Uc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sK-y2aLcF-lPa3hbV1n5EO_KhGcR0GsSrXfVJHG7Uc/edit?usp=sharing)

### 4th Grade:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/17njUy5Vka5KQ0xvMkAzQlrnJeo9x2wk2J6Hrp93y\\_ek/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17njUy5Vka5KQ0xvMkAzQlrnJeo9x2wk2J6Hrp93y_ek/edit?usp=sharing)

### 5th Grade:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ihcrvPaKh-vmPUDTmI6LYF\\_P1K2FvQTyeqzSYPjjMUs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ihcrvPaKh-vmPUDTmI6LYF_P1K2FvQTyeqzSYPjjMUs/edit?usp=sharing)

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 is 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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Four Seasons Elementary:  
<https://twitter.com/4seasonsESaacps?s=20>

**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.



# Yearbook Well Wishes

## Choice #1 - \$5

Message Only (up to 50 words)

## Choice #2 - \$15

1 Photo &

1 Message (up to 50 words)

**Deadline: March 16th**

We have devoted a special section of the yearbook just for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Well Wishes!

Write your student a Wish, Good Luck, Inspirational Quote, Congratulations, and/or a Photo. This special message will be a memory that they can look back on and remember their milestone moment!

## Send your 5th grader off to Middle School with a Well Wish...



How to Submit Your Well Wish:

1. Select your Well Wish choice #1 or #2 and email us the message (don't forget to attach the photo if you selected Choice #2) at [fsesyearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:fsesyearbook@yahoo.com)
  - a. Please put "Well Wishes – student name" in the subject line of the email.
2. Mail the form below, with payment, to the school, in an envelope clearly marked "Attn: yearbook advisor".
  - a. Payment can be made in the form of cash, or a check payable to FSES PTA
  - b. Write 5th Grade Well Wishes on the memo line.

Special Note: Since payments and Well Wishes will be submitted to different locations, PLEASE make sure both the form/envelope and your email clearly identify whom the Well Wish is for. If you have any questions, please send an email to [fsesyearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:fsesyearbook@yahoo.com)



Mail to: ATTN: Yearbook Advisor 5<sup>th</sup> Grade WELL WISHES 2021  
Four Seasons Elementary School  
979 Waugh Chapel Rd, Gambrills, MD 21054

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Message only \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Message & Photo

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to FSES PTA)