



Four Seasons Newsletter

October 2020

Regina Passwaters, Principal

MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN! MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN! MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN! MAKE MAGIC HAPPEN!

Calendar

October:

5 M Band & Strings Instruction begins

5-9 Spirit Week (see flyer attached)

9- Interims available on Parent Portal

12-13 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences; no instruction for students

26- Magic Monday



AACPS Family Information Line

Línea de Información Familiar de AACPS

410-222-5001



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Principal's Message

Fall has arrived! Many thanks for all that you do to support your child's education and our school! Please be sure to sign up for parent/teacher conferences via sign-up genius. More info to come from your child's teacher! We look forward to meeting virtually.

Please complete and return student code of conduct forms (in child's Google Classroom). Also, please log in to parent portal (gr.1-5) to access grades and attendance.

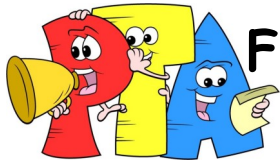
Our first Magic Monday was a success. Students wore dots and made a "mark!" Keep your eyes and ears open for the next Magic Monday in October. Additionally, we'll have a spirit week October 5-9th to keep us uplifted during this e-learning adventure! We will be getting more chromebooks in late October early November. Please email Mrs. Kennedy at CKennedy@aacps.org if you have any questions.

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.





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, November 11th at 6:30pm.

1. FSES PTA Board would like to send a big THANK YOU to our amazing Custodians as we celebrate them on Friday, October 2nd!
2. **Calling all Hammerheads:** Hammerheads are men (Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers, etc.) who want to be more involved in the school. As Hammerheads, we encourage you to volunteer your time to greet the students as they arrive in the morning, assist during lunch & recess, and wish them a great afternoon as they leave for the day, once school is back in the building. However, we understand this may be difficult due to your schedule, so we are expanding our efforts to include: partnering with the PTA to support their efforts/events and completing school projects. If you are interested in becoming involved in this program please reach out to the PTA at pta.fourseasons@gmail.com.
3. **FSES's spirit wear store is open until Monday, October 5th.** Need gifts for kids or teachers or yourself? Please make sure to take a look at the spirit wear store and make your purchases. This is a fundraiser for the school too. <https://mdembroiderystore.com/fses/>
4. Amazing 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.

Upcoming October Events/Dates: more details to come about these two fun (VIRTUAL) events
October 28th: Halloween Costume Contest
October 30th: Fall Pumpkin Decorating Contest

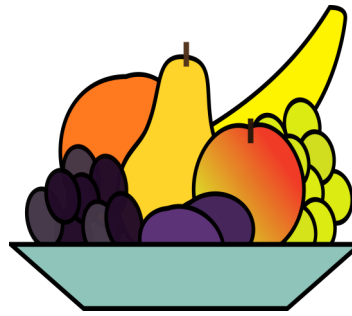
Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

A Google Form has been created to allow parents/guardians to submit absence notes to the office electronically: [Attendance Form Link](#)

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 or call Food & Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900.

A reminder that commercial background checks and fingerprinting requests are not being processed during the building closure. Questions? Please contact Erika Allen at 410-222-6501 or eallen@aacps.org





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 or 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

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 go to:

<https://www.aacps.org/virtualllearning>

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

www.schcounselor.com

Counselor's Website

For new and updated resources and information from our school counselor, Mrs. Stuart, please go to:

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/home/fes-school-counselor>



Let's Keep In Touch....
Download the AACPS APP today!

Anne Arundel County Public Schools now offers a free app available for download on Google Play or the Apple App store.

It provides access to emergency closure notices and changes to the school calendar, as well as many other types of important information.

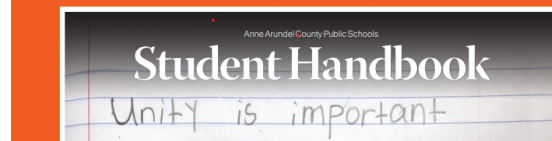
See the main website www.aacps.org for a scannable QR code to easily install the app."

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>

A Guide to Student Rights & Responsibilities | 2020-21



AACPS policies can be found in the Student Handbook

<https://www.aacps.org/studenthandbook>

The acknowledgement form can be found at:
<http://www.aacps.org/handbookacknowledgement>



Attention all 5th Graders...Is a Magnet Middle School a Good Choice for YOU?

Do you have a passion for science and math **OR** love to dance or draw **OR** do you like to problem-solve and learn through hands-on projects? If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you might be interested in applying to a **Magnet Middle School program** in Anne Arundel County. Here are the 3 types of Magnet Programs offered for middle school students:

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at Lindale Middle School
IB (International Baccalaureate) at Brooklyn Park Middle School
PVA (Performance and Visual Arts) at MacArthur Middle School.

For more detailed information about these programs, check out this brochure

https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/MD02215556/Centricity/Domain/269/Magnet_Programs_Open_Doors_Brochure.pdf

Also, Mrs. Stuart, our school counselor will share information about these opportunities with each 5th grade class during the first week of October. **The online application process starts on October 12th and ends at noon on November 24, 2020.** If you have questions or need more information about these middle school options or the application process, please go to <https://www.aacps.org/magnet> or reach out to Lori Stuart at ldstuart@aacps.org.

Second Step...What's That?

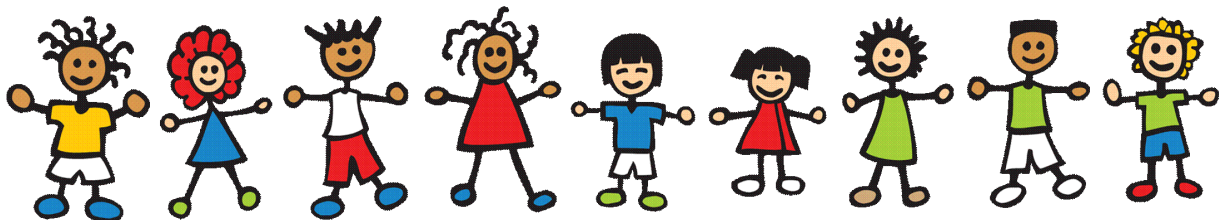
We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. **Starting on Thursday, October 15th**, our teachers will introduce a new program called **Second Step** to all students during their morning Circle Time (Prek-2 grade) and Community Building (3-5 grade). The **Second Step program** teaches skills in the following four areas:

- 1. Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
- 2. Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
- 3. Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
- 4. Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child will be learning a lot this year—and he or she will need your help! Throughout the year, teachers will post **Home Links** on their Google Sites for families. **Home Links are simple, fun activities for families to complete together.** They are a great way for families to understand what children are learning at school and for our students to show what they know!

Lori Stuart, our school counselor will provide more details about the **Second Step** program at the **virtual PTA Meeting on November 11th**. We hope you will join the meeting so that you can use these skills and the Second Step language to support your child's social and emotional growth at home.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the **Second Step** program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Lori Stuart (ldstuart@aacps.org). Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.



Four Seasons Spirit Week

October 5th - 9th

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

**World Teacher
Day**

Wear your
teacher's favorite
color



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

**National Mad
Hatter Day**

Wear your favorite
hat



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

**National World
Smile Day**

Dress Up & Smile



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

School Spirit Day

Wear Four
Seasons Shark
or Disney Attire



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

**National Sneaker
Day**

Wear Workout
Gear



2020 Harvest for the Hungry



**GIVE WHERE
YOU LIVE**

October 1st – November 25th

*Together we can unite to fight hunger
in Anne Arundel County!*

#AllMeansAll #WeAreBetterTogether

- ▶ Food insecurity impacts a child's ability to learn
- ▶ Every dollar collected is equivalent to 8 pounds of food
- ▶ COVID-19 increased the number of needy families in our community
- ▶ 1 in 8 families in Anne Arundel County struggle with food insecurity

**Your monetary donation will make a difference for families throughout our schools & community.
To donate go to: www.aacps.org/harvest**

Proceeds benefit the Anne Arundel County Food & Resource Bank

**Kids Helping Kids
Virtual Campaign**



Anne Arundel County Public Schools:
<https://www.facebook.com/aacps>.

Four Seasons Elementary PTA:
[https://www.facebook.com/
FourSeasonsElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA)



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.

AACPS | Taking Care Of Your Chromebook

Students and parents/guardians are responsible for the general care of the device they have been issued. Anne Arundel County Public Schools has issued Chromebooks in order to support access to virtual learning. When a Chromebook becomes damaged, that learning is interrupted,

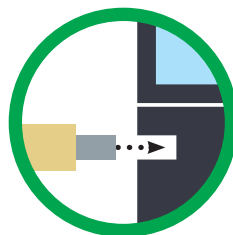
so please take care of your Chromebook as you would take care of your gaming station or cell phone. For resources and help using your Chromebook, please visit AACPS Virtual Learning Information www.aacps.org/virtuallearning.



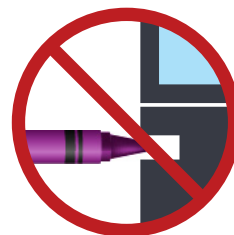
Protect your password.
Do not share your password or account information.



Keep all food and drinks away from your device.



Be careful when inserting and removing cords, cables, and external devices.



Do not place foreign objects into your Chromebook.

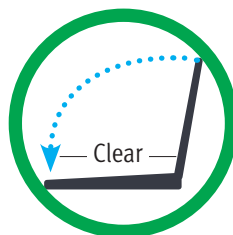
Transporting your Chromebook

Always carry and transport your Chromebook with care.

The screen is delicate and can crack easily. Always be sure the lid is completely closed and secured before moving your Chromebook.



Never move a device by lifting from the screen.



Be certain all objects are out of the way before closing the screen.



Be careful when carrying the device in a case or backpack. Notebooks, books, writing utensils, earbuds, etc. may put too much pressure and weight on the Chromebook screen. Small items may slip between the screen and keyboard.

Screen Care

Your Chromebook screen can easily be damaged! Excessive pressure can break the screen.



In Case of a Spill

If a liquid spills into the Chromebook, **unplug it immediately**. Do not plug back in until it is thoroughly dry.

If your Chromebook is not working, contact your school or email ChromebookIssues@aacps.org.



Do not lean or place anything on the top of the device that could put pressure on the screen.



Do not store the device with the screen in the open position.



Do not poke the screen with anything that will mark or scratch the screen surface. Only use your clean finger.



Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid (e.g. pens, pencils, etc.).



Do not use any liquid to clean the screen—use a soft dry microfiber cloth or anti-static cloth.