



Four Seasons Newsletter

October 2022

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar October:

- 19 W 2-hour early dismissal
20 Th 2-hour early dismissal
24-28 Harvest for the Hungry Food Collection

Looking ahead to November:

- 3 Th 2-hour early dismissal
4 F 2-hour early dismissal
8 Tu No school—Election Day
16 W Picture Re-Takes
21&22 Parent/Teacher Conferences
No school for students
23-25 No school—Thanksgiving

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

The school year is underway! Thank you for your patience with arrival and dismissal. Please do not drop off students in the car loop unless you are at the sidewalk with a staff member. We have had students crossing through parked cars. We are trying to keep everyone safe, so please drive slowly. Additionally, a staff member is on the blacktop at 7:45 for students who arrive early. No one is on duty prior to 7:45 a.m.

Please remember we do not have parents/guardians, etc. join students for lunch - we have grown and space is limited at lunches. Parents/guardians coming to the school should have an appointment (or be dropping off/picking up for early dismissal). Safety continues to be a top priority.

October 2 was National Custodian Appreciation Day. Please take time to thank our amazing custodial staff, Mr. Louis, Ms. Weems and Ms. Brown. Mrs. Mascetti and Mrs. Manion have officially retired! We wish them the best. Mrs. Idhe, our IEP clerk, has transferred to Waugh Chapel ES for their part-time IEP clerk position. We welcome Ashley Byrne-Rice as our new full-time IEP clerk. We are still hiring for a lunch monitor, temporary support assistants, and substitutes.

Sharktober Fest: Students will be allowed to wear pajamas or their costume on October 31st. Costumes must be "friendly" - no blood, guts, gore, violence, or weapon-like props. The room parent or teacher will be sending an email for healthy snack donations for the class celebration. Only the room parent will be granted access to enter the building for the classroom celebration. Our wonderful PTA has lots of events planned for October!



Annual Federal Parent-Student Survey

On September 30, parents and guardians received an email about the collection of the annual Federal Parent-Student survey. Parents were directed to a log-in on the AACPS.org site to complete the survey, just as you were last year. The official start date for the survey was Friday, September 30, 2022, and the survey will remain open until January 23, 2023. Information can be found on the AACPS website at <https://www.aacps.org/federsurvey> and there is a link that will take you directly to the survey log-in page. Only those who have not completed the survey will receive occasional email reminders. The U.S. Department of Education requires all school systems that receive federal funding to survey each student every year. AACPS receives approximately \$3,000,000 in unrestricted funding through the Impact Aid Grant annually. Impact Aid is a federal formula grant program designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally-connected students. Federally-connected students are children of active duty uniformed services personnel, children who live on federal property or in subsidized federal housing, and children whose parents are employed on eligible federal properties in Maryland. We encourage you to complete the online survey. Thank you!



Lunches Brought to the Office

We are committed to seeing that everyone receives a lunch. A lunch will be provided in the cafeteria if a student arrives without a lunch. If you choose to bring a lunch to the office for a student who has forgotten his/her lunch, please be sure to clearly label the outside of the lunch with the student's full name, grade, and teacher's name. Office staff will ensure that the lunch is placed on the stage in the cafeteria. Staff who supervise lunches will do their best to match the lunch to the student. It is the student's responsibility to check the stage for his/her lunch.

Thank you for your understanding.



Click here to view the
October
[School Meals Menu](#)

Please note that due to supply shortages, substitutions to the menu may occur.



Harvest for the Hungry

Four Seasons will be participating in the 2022 Harvest for the Hungry campaign from October 3rd-28th. We encourage on-line donations which can be made at aacps.org/harvest

During the week of October 24-28, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items. Please do not send in glass containers.

All monies raised benefit the Arundel County Food & Resource Bank, which benefits families right here in Anne Arundel County. Every dollar donated is equivalent to donating 8 pounds of food!



Picture Re-Take Day—November 16, 2022

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, all students who missed our first picture day will have their picture taken. If you would like a retake of the picture taken in September, please send the old package of pictures with your student to return to the photographer. This will ensure that you receive the correct package of new pictures.



A brief email to your child's homeroom teacher to let them know that you want the picture re-taken is also helpful.

If you have questions about picture day, please call the main office or email bshank@accps.org

October Spirit Week

Monday Oct 17—
Pajama/Onesie Day

No slippers. Sneakers/school appropriate shoes required.



Tuesday Oct 18—
Mismatch Day



Wednesday Oct 19—
Orange Day



Thursday Oct 20—
Shark Attire or Blue/White



Friday Oct 21—
Disney Day



Fall Magnet Middle School Information Sessions

Below is the schedule for the **information sessions** regarding the different **magnet middle school** programs available for 5th graders currently attending Four Seasons Elementary School.

Online application process opens at noon on October 10th, 2022 and closes at noon on November 21st, 2022.

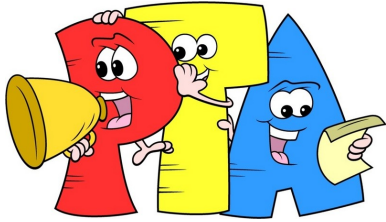
The **Magnet Middle School** programs include:

- **Apex Arts**; formerly known as Performing Visual Arts (PVA)
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- **IB**=International Baccalaureate
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- **STEM**=Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
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For more information about the **Magnet Middle School Programs** and application process, please visit their website: <https://www.aacps.org/magnet>

<u>Program</u>	<u>School/ Contact Email</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Link to Virtual Meeting OR Location</u>
Apex Arts	Brooklyn Park MS mcbeall@aacps.org	October 26, 2022	12:00-1:00 PM	https://meet.google.com/xfi-zttakik
Apex Arts	Brooklyn Park MS mcbeall@aacps.org	November 2, 2022	6:00-7:30 PM	In person
IB	MacArthur MS dmccallister@aacps.org	October 12, 2022	7:00-8:00 PM	In person—at the Severn Library, Room B Severn Square Shopping Center 2624 Annapolis Road
IB	MacArthur MS dmccallister@aacps.org	October 18, 2022	7:00-8:00 PM	https://meet.google.com/znd-iafzffu
STEM	Lindale MS lnoreiga@aacps.org	October 19, 2022	6:00-7:00 PM	In person
STEM	Lindale MS lnoreiga@aacps.org	November 2, 2022	6:00-7:00 PM	https://meet.google.com/awi-rxozwbs

FOUR SEASONS PTA



Happy Fall!

The PTA has some exciting events planned for October!

We will have our Feed the Teachers luncheon, Skate Zone night, and the Monster Mash Ball. Please be on the lookout for dates and times for these events.

In September, the PTA provided the Feed the Teachers lunch from Mission BBQ. We also treated the teachers to the hospitality cart biweekly. For our students, we provided 4 Deerpark Water Jug Stations around the school. This will provide our students with fresh water to fill their water bottles.

Upcoming events:

Skate Zone Night - October 21st 5-7pm

Fall Family Monster Mash Dance - October 28th

*Note - Dates subject to change

Parent Volunteers Needed for the County Eco Buddy Program

Eco Buddy Volunteers are responsible for maintaining the monarch gardens and kindergarten trees on their respective elementary school property in Anne Arundel County. The monarch gardens are an integral part of the first-grade curriculum. They contain milkweed and nectar flowers to support the monarchs throughout their lifecycle. First-grade classrooms raise caterpillars and then release the butterflies in the garden. Each kindergarten class plants a tree as part of the Trees are Terrific program. The trees, hopefully, do not require as much attention as the garden. Once the gardens are well established, most of the work involves weeding and trimming. When a volunteer decides to participate, we provide some education and training. Eco Buddy Volunteers are required to pass a commercial background check with AACPS and keep it up to date every 2 years. They are responsible for logging and reporting their monthly hours to the volunteer coordinator.



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FOUR SEASONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

2022-2023

ARRIVAL:

- Arrival begins at 7:45. Doors close at 8:00 AM. After 8:00, students must check in the office.
- Instruction begins at 8:05.
- Students need to be in the classroom by this time for attendance.

DISMISSAL:

- Bell rings at 2:25 PM.
- Bus riders exit through the front Media Center door.
- SACC students go to the cafeteria.
- Gr 1-5 Walkers exit through the rear gym door. K Walkers exit through K door.
- Van riders exit through the lobby.
- Gr 1-5 Car riders exit through the rear gym door. K Car riders wait in music hall until car arrives.
- While waiting for dismissal to begin, please do not block the entrance to the staff parking near the cafeteria/kitchen doors.

GENERAL ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR

CAR RIDER ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

- Student safety is always our first priority! Drive slowly and do not use your cell phones. Please be patient and respect the staff on duty. We complete dismissal in approximately 10 minutes once everyone learns the routines.
- Be sure to have your child's name and grade on a card clearly visible on the front windshield.
- Pull up as indicated by staff on duty.
- Follow the "Kiss and Go" plan - **Do NOT get out of your car**. Do NOT park in a no parking zone.
- At 7:45 AM, staff will assist children to their appropriate door to enter. There is no supervision or admittance prior to 7:45 AM.
- **Doors will be closed at 8:00 AM**. Any arrivals after 8:00 will need to check in the office.
- Our loop is one lane! Do NOT pull alongside another vehicle to exit unless directed by a staff member.

WALKERS:

- Students arriving between 7:45-8 AM will be directed to the side entrance (car rider door).
- Remember - there is no supervision or admittance to the building prior to 7:45 AM.
- Your student is expected to walk home. [If you are meeting your student on property, you must have a plan/meeting location. Walkers are independent and are not handed off individually to a parent/guardian.](#) Students should not go to the playground without parent supervision.

REMINDERS:

- Please do not drop off or park in the bus lane. We have buses that arrive at different times throughout the day.
- Please drive slowly and watch for children in the school zone.
- Pre-K, ECI, and Kindergarten parent(s) need to park in a parking spot if getting out of the car to drop off/pick up students.
- Instruction begins at 8:05 and all students are expected to be in their seats at that time.
- Students not in their seats by 8:05 AM when instruction begins are marked tardy.
- Keep your dismissal consistent Monday through Friday. For example, if your student is a bus rider, but you are able to pick him/her up one day - consider picking them up at the bus stop versus changing their dismissal procedure. **CONSISTENCY IS KEY FOR DISMISSAL!**
- **Please do not call the school after 2:00 to change dismissal plans! We cannot guarantee that we are able to make a change that close to dismissal. And please do not email the teacher for a change in dismissal as they cannot always check their email before dismissal.**

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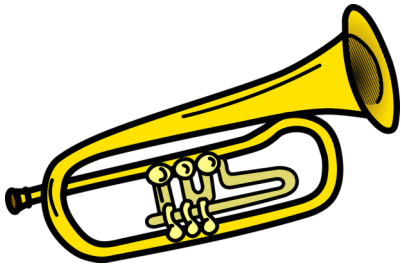
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Musical Instruments Brought to the Office

If you choose to bring a musical instrument to the office for a student who has forgotten his/her instrument, office staff will take the instrument to the music room. Please be sure to clearly label the outside of the instrument with the student's full name, grade, and teacher's name. The student should always report to his/her lesson, even if he/she thinks he/she doesn't have their instrument. It is the student's responsibility to check the music room to see if an instrument was dropped off.

Thank you for your understanding.



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.

BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

There are very few clip boxtops on boxes, but if you find a boxtop with a red dotted line around it, clip it and bring it in to Four Seasons. Go to boxtops4education.com for more information.



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