



Four Seasons Newsletter

September 2019

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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September:

- 5, 6 & 9 Staggered entrance for Kindergarten
- 6 F First day for all ECI students
- 6, 9 & 10 Staggered entrance for Pre-K
- 10 Tu First day for all Kindergarten students
- 10 Tu PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- 10 Tu Back to School Night @ 6:30 pm
- 11 W First Day for all Pre-K students
- 24 Tu Volunteer Orientation 10 am
- 25 W Fall Picture Day
- 27 F Book Fair open from 4:30-6:30 pm; PTA Movie Night 7-9 pm
- 30 M **School Closed** in observation of Rosh Hashanah



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! As the new principal at Four Seasons, I've had a very busy and exciting few weeks preparing for the new school year! Our theme for the coming school year is Adventure (from the movie UP)! Together with our parent and community volunteers, we plan to work to ensure that our school is safe, academically challenging and focused on building relationships. Adventure awaits!

We welcome Mrs. Kennedy as our new Assistant Principal! Additionally, we welcome Ms. Odell to Kindergarten (coming from 2nd grade); Mrs. Boyle to 1st grade (coming from 4th grade); Ms. Torrence to 1st grade (coming from Monarch Academy); Ms. Pickering to 2nd grade (coming from Hilltop ES); Mrs. Vesely (new to AACPS); Mrs. Fynn to 3rd grade (coming from 1st grade); Mrs. McMahon to 4th grade (coming from Annapolis MS); Mrs. Battaglia to Special Education (coming from 3rd grade); Ms. Koziel to part-time Media; Mrs. Martin to Speech and Language (coming from Seven Oaks); and Ms. King to AACPS as our new School Psychologist. Mrs. Brubaker will be the sub for Mrs. Lydon, and Mrs. Noll will be the sub for Mrs. Coe.

Additionally, the AACPS Wellness Team is promoting a fun and healthy environment for celebrations in school. Please consider healthy alternatives for all school celebrations (e.g. birthday cupcakes, donuts). High rates of food allergies and an increase in childhood diabetes prevents all students from participating in food-related celebrations. Instead of food treats, send in stickers or pencils, donate a book to the library, or donate an indoor board game, etc. Thank you for your partnership in promoting a healthy environment.



October:

- 1 Tu Federal Survey Forms distributed
- 2 W PTA Ice Cream Social & Book Fair open
- 7 M Interims
- 8 Tu **Dismissal @ 1:30 pm; No PM Pre-K or ECI classes**
- 9 W **Schools Closed** in observation of Yom Kippur
- 15 & 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences; **No School for students**
- 17 Th Grade 2 Field Trip to the Aquarium
- 18 F PTA Skate Zone Party
- 22 Tu Grade 1 Field Trip to Science Center
- 23 W Wear orange for Unity Day
- 24 Th Grade K Field Trip to the Zoo
- 25 F PTA Fall Dance
- 29 Tu Grade 3 Field Trip to the BSO
- 31 Th Fall Parade @ 2:00 pm (bus loop circle)



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Everyone must scan their ID this year!! Please remember to **ALWAYS** bring your ID when picking up students, visiting, volunteering/chaperoning, and when attending conferences.

School Hours for 2019-2020

9:05 AM—3:30 PM
Supervision on back lot begins @ 8:40 AM
Students may enter building @ 8:45 AM
Students should be in their classrooms @ 9:00 AM

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Cafeteria News:

Student Meal Prices for School Year 2019-2020

Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools)
\$ 1.50
Breakfast, (Reduced-Price, All Schools)
\$.00

Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools)
\$ 2.75

Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools)
\$.00

Milk—1/2 pint, (A La Carte, All Schools)
\$.55

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Risse, Supervisor of Food & Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900 or jrisse@aacps.org.

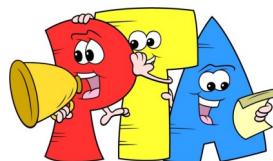
MyPaymentsPlus

MyPaymentsPlus allows you to monitor your child's account balance for meal purchases, check what purchases have been made, and receive e-mail notifications when your child's account reaches a low balance. The system also provides the option of making payments on-line for a small program fee of 4.75%. However, you can still simply provide payments directly to your child's school for no additional cost. To access your current account, register, or learn more about MyPaymentsPlus, visit: www.mypaymentsplus.com. MyPayments Plus is also accessible via certain mobile devices.

To Apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals at any time during the school year:

- Log on to <https://applyformeals.aacps.org/> or find link at www.aacps.org,
- Click on Food/Nutrition-School Menus
- Click on Apply for free or Reduced-Price Meals

All information is confidential. Once the on-line application is submitted and validated, the eligibility status of your child(ren) will be sent home. On-line meal benefit applications are fast, easy and determined within a few days. Paper applications are available to families without access to smart phones or computers. Questions? Contact Food & Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900.



FOUR SEASONS PTA

Congratulations to our new PTA Executive Board Members for the 2019 - 2020 school year! We are so excited for this year.

- President - Chris Williams
- Treasurer - Adina Caron
- Secretary - Laura Mitchell
- VP 1 - Michelle Estes
- VP 2 - Jennifer Case

Please join us for our first PTA Meeting. It is scheduled for September 10 at 6:00 pm (before back to school night activities begin).

More Cafeteria News:

This year the cafeteria will make snacks of ice cream or cookies available to Grades 1-5 on **Tuesdays**. Students must have funds available in their "general" meal account (on-line) or pay with cash.

Ziploc bags for books:



Every student will receive a Ziploc bag with their first Media Book check-out this year. We lost a great deal of books to water damage in backpacks last year. Please remind your child(ren) to put their Media books in the Ziploc bag every time they carry the books to/from school.



Thank you to our PTA for painting our blacktop! Your hard work is appreciated!

Please go to Four Seasons' website to see our full newsletter including: "Parent Link" published by the Office of School and Family Partnership

Federal Impact Aid Survey



On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and **return it to Four Seasons**. The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

★ Health Room Reminder ★

We would like to remind parents that when their children are sick, they need to be picked up as soon as possible from the health room at school. For those parents who work a significant distance from Four Seasons, a "back-up" plan needs to be in place so children do not spend hours in the health room while they are ill.
Thank you, Linda Grierson, RN

Volunteers Needed



We need a volunteer to change the lettering on the outdoor sign facing Waugh Chapel Road each month. It's an easy, flexible commitment of less than 1 hour per month. If interested please contact Erika Allen at eallen@aacps.org or call 410-222-6501.

Calling All Bookfair Volunteers



Please look for the volunteer sign-up sheet for the first book fair! We are starting early this year, and want to make sure everyone has a chance to participate in the book fair. We will need people to set up on the morning of Friday, Sept. 27th AND to work the fair from 4:30PM to 6:30PM that evening before the movie!

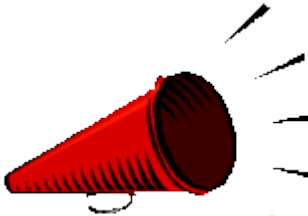
Yearbook Team Looking for Volunteers

We need your help in creating a yearbook to remember!

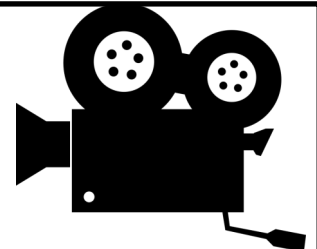
The Yearbook Committee works every year on making a fabulous yearbook for students to purchase and keep as a memory of their time at Four Seasons Elementary School. If you love photography and design, this might be the perfect volunteer job for you. We would love for you to join us! Email us at fesyearbook@yahoo.com

Memories last a lifetime!

The Scholastic Book Fair



The book fair is opening Friday, September 27th!
The book fair will be OPEN on Friday, September 27th from 4:30PM - 6:30PM! Come visit the book fair, and then go enjoy the PTA Movie Night from 7:00PM - 9:00PM!



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GREEN NOTES

Once again, our PTA will provide each family with a packet of **GREEN NOTES** to notify school staff about **absences, late arrivals, early dismissals or changes in how a student is getting home.** We need your cooperation in establishing a consistent Monday

through Friday routine for how your child gets home. If your child is going home a different way than what is stated on the emergency card, a green note is the safest way to provide the school with the required written note indicating the change. It is imperative that students know their dismissal procedure each day and that changes are made in writing.

The office gets inundated with calls from parents wanting to change transportation or request early dismissal at the end of the school day. It has become increasingly difficult to manage these requests, with 700 students. In addition, because dismissal is an important and busy time, we ask that families avoid picking up their child for early dismissal between 3:00-3:30 pm.

The safety of our students is our first priority. We understand that emergencies arise, but please save these phone calls for true emergencies. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

If you have any questions please call the office at (410) 222-6501.

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.

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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.



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Arrival:

- **8:45 am:** School doors open
- **9:00 am:** Bell rings & announcements begin
- **9:05 am:** Instruction begins

Car Riders: Students arriving between 8:45-9:00 am will be directed to the front door by the Media Center where bus riders enter. Students arriving before 8:45 am should line up at the marked grade level lines at the rear of the building. **There is no supervision outside prior to 8:40 am or admittance to the school prior to 8:45 am.**

- Be patient. We are unloading/loading cars as expeditiously as possible. **DO NOT PASS!**
- Follow the direction of the teachers on duty. Pull all the way up when dropping off your children.
- **BE WARY OF CELLPHONE USE WHILE IN THE PARKING LOT.** It distracts you!
- Follow established traffic patterns. Do not cut through areas marked with safety cones.
- Please do not enter into the bus loop!

Walkers: Students arriving before 8:45 am should line up at the marked grade level lines at the rear of the building. Students arriving between 8:45-9:00 am will be directed to the front door by the Media Center where bus riders enter. **There is no supervision outside prior to 8:40 am or admittance to the school prior to 8:45 am.**

Dismissal:

- Dismissal bell rings at 3:30 pm
- Car riders exit through the rear gym doors.
- Walkers exit through the rear gym doors.
- Staff will supervise the dismissal of all students.
- We complete dismissal in 15 minutes, once students learn the routines.
Safety is a priority!

YOUR CHILD'S DISMISSAL PLAN:

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 or van rider, this is essential. We do not want any child left unsupervised at any time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLANS

On October 22, 1986, the United States Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The final rule, published October 30, 1987, requires all public and private elementary and secondary schools to address various asbestos issues including inspections, development of management plans, notifications, training, operations and maintenance activities, response action, post-response action activities, re-inspections and periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools' asbestos management program has been structured to fulfill the AHERA requirements. A management plan developed for each facility outlines our program and AHERA compliance activities. All personnel who work in an Anne Arundel County Public Schools facility are instructed to: (1) review the management plan prior to performing work, and (2) not disturb asbestos containing materials. Accredited, licensed asbestos abatement professionals will perform all asbestos-related abatement activities.

For buildings completed after October 12, 1988, our management plan consists of the exclusion documentation including this notification. This documentation indicates that to our knowledge, no asbestos-containing building materials were used or specified in the construction of these buildings. These schools are as follows: Annapolis Elementary, Arnold Elementary, Belle Grove Elementary, Benfield Elementary, Brooklyn Park Middle, Carrie Weedon Early Education Center, Crofton Elementary, Crofton Meadows Elementary, Davidsonville Elementary, Deale Elementary, Ferndale Early Education Center, Folger McKinsey Elementary, Freetown Elementary, Fort Smallwood Elementary, Germantown Elementary, Glendale Elementary, Hebron-Harman Elementary, High Point Elementary, Jacobsville Elementary, Jessup Elementary, Lake Shore Elementary, Lothian Elementary, Manor View Elementary, Marley Elementary, Marley Middle, Mayo Elementary, Meade Heights Elementary, Meade Middle, Mills-Parole Elementary, Nantucket Elementary, Northeast High, Overlook Elementary, Park Elementary, Pasadena Elementary, Pershing Hill Elementary, Phoenix Academy, Piney Orchard Elementary, Point Pleasant Elementary, Ridgeway Elementary, Rolling Knolls Elementary, Ruth Parker Eason Special, Seven Oaks Elementary, Severna Park High, Severna Park Middle, Shipley's Choice Elementary, Solley Elementary, Southgate Elementary, South Shore Elementary, Southern Middle, Tracey's Elementary, West Annapolis Elementary and Windsor Farm Elementary Schools.

School specific management plans are available in each school's administrative office for review. All school plans are available for review in the Facilities Division, located at 9034 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122-3223. Five (5) working days notification is required to access these plans.

If you have any questions regarding the Anne Arundel County Public Schools' asbestos management program, please contact Mr. C. Thomas Leary, Asbestos Program Manager, at 443-770-5913, by email cleary@aacps.org, or by mail at the above address.

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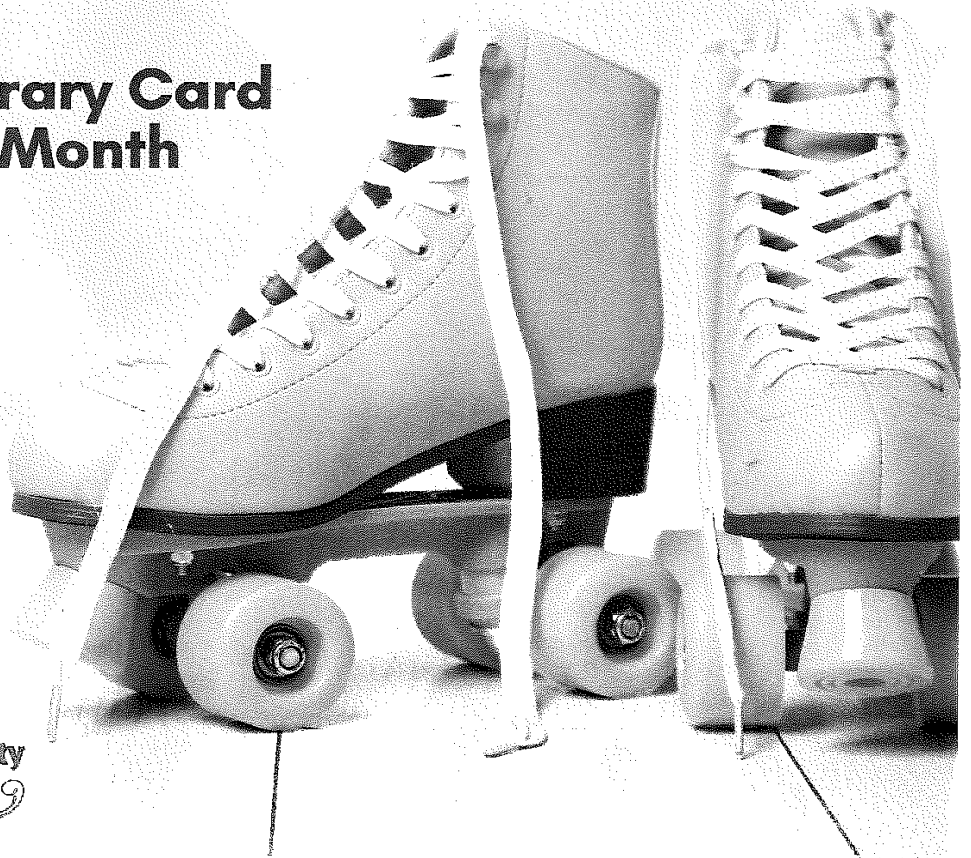


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AND GET

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**National Library Card
Sign-up Month**



September at the Crofton Library

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