



Four Seasons Newsletter

September 2022

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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

Calendar September:

26 M No school
28 W Picture day (individual)

Looking ahead to October:

5 W No school
19 W 2-hour early dismissal
20 Th 2-hour early dismissal

Looking ahead to November:

3 Th 2-hour early dismissal
4 F 2-hour early dismissal

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

Welcome to the new school year! We will continue our Disney theme, with "Encanto!" We know this year is going to bring new experiences and lots of magical moments. Thank you to the wonderful PTA for our welcome back breakfast.

Students have been told any interactive devices brought to school such as cell phones, watches, tablets, etc. must be kept in their lockers throughout the school day. If a student breaks this rule, they will be given another verbal reminder. If it happens again, the device will be held in a locked location until a parent comes to retrieve it from school. We are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen devices.

Thank you to Crofton Coldwell Banker Realty for the school supply donation.

AACPS is providing a Chromebook device to all students. PK-Gr 2 will keep their Chromebooks at home. Grades 3-5 will bring their device to and from school daily. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Taylor at ltwtaylor@aacps.org

AACPS has committed to healthy habits. For your student's birthday, do not send in food items. Please celebrate with non-food items (bookmark, pencil, etc.). Meal Benefit Applications are still required by the State. We ask that all parents/guardians complete the State required Meal Benefit Applications. Click [here](#) to apply online!

We are continuing with our learning platform called BrightSpace. Additionally, we are continuing with our school-wide behavior program called Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS). Students will earn "shark bucks" for positive behaviors displayed. Special thanks to our PTA for buying items for the school store, Shark Shop!

Looking for someone who is good with woodwork. We have a wonderful family willing to donate wood. Ms. Passwaters is looking for someone who can cut/shape wood into "trees." Please email Ms. Passwaters if this sounds like something you could do for our school.
rpasswaters@aacps.org

New to our Staff



Mrs. Taylor, Assistant Principal
Juliane Williams, School Counselor
Sandy Evensen, Pre-K TA
Nikki Marie, Kindergarten
Janeath Brother, Kindergarten TA
Kristina Connolly, Grade 1
Lisa Haste, Grade 2
Tina DeVleeschouwer, Grade 3
Erin Bargerhuff, Grade 4
Kaitlyn Salapong, Art
Christina Bird, part-time Art
Susan Shelby, Media
Brittany Maruca, part-time Music
Jessica Sharma, Strings Teacher
Rebekah Thompson, Special Education
Shara Rung, part-time Special Education
Katherine Flemister, School Psychologist
Haley Martinez, part-time Early Interventionist



Lunches Brought to the Office

We are committed to seeing that everyone receives a lunch. If a student arrives without a lunch, our cafeteria will provide one. If you choose to bring a lunch to the office for a student who has forgotten a lunch, please be sure to clearly label the outside of the bag/container 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
September
[School Meals Menu](#)

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



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 transportation routine. 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 requesting 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 2:00-2:25 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.

School Meal Prices SY 2022-2023

Student:

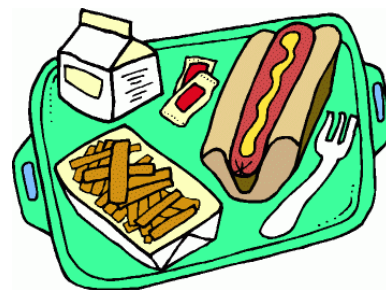
Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools) \$1.50

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

Lunch, (Full Price, Secondary Schools) \$3.00

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

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



Meal Benefit Applications are available for SY 2022-2023! Log onto www.aacps.org/mealapplication It's About More Than Lunch

If you have any questions regarding the school meals program, please email jrisse@aacps.org or call 410-222-5900.

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:

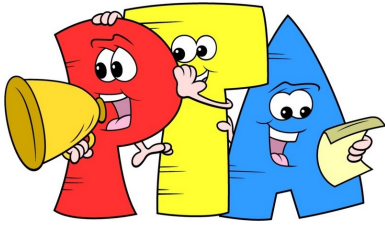
- Student safety is always our first priority! Drive slowly and do not use your cell phones. Please be patient and respect the staff on duty. We complete dismissal in approximately 10 minutes once everyone learns the routines.
- Be sure to have your child's name and grade on a card clearly visible on 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.**



FOUR SEASONS PTA

Our new PTA Executive Board Members for the 2022-2023 school year are:

President- Michelle Estes
Treasurer - Mariam Pelletier
Secretary 1 - Rachel Jack
Secretary 2 - Marykate Willhelm
VP 1 - Jerri Cok Duyan
VP 2 - Omar Olmeda

Thank you to everyone who came to the first PTA meeting of the school year! It was a great turnout! Please check out our website at FourSeasonsPTA.org or our Facebook page @FourSeasonsElementaryPTA in order to join the PTA and see what events we have coming up.

PTA meetings for the 2022-2023 school year are:
November 9th - January 11th- March 8th- May 10th

Feed the Teacher dates are:
September 30th- October 28th- November 18th- December 16th- February 24th-
March 24th- April 28th- May 26th- June 2nd

Upcoming events:
Family Fun Fall Fest - October 6 5-7pm
Skate Zone Night - October 21st 5-7pm
Fall Family Monster Mash Dance - October 28th
*Note - Dates subject to change

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

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 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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