



Four Seasons Newsletter

January/February 2020

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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January 2020:



- 6 M On-line Yearbook Sales begin
- 7 Tu AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm
- 7-9 Grades 2 & 5 COGAT testing
- 8 W PTA meeting 6:30 pm
- 10 F PTA Winter Dance
- 14-17 Gr 5 Drownproofing
- 15 W AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm
- 16 Th "It's a Jungle Out There" performance 7:00 pm
- 20 M **No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed**
- 22 W Arundel High School Feeder Chorus Concert 7 pm
- 24 F PTA Skate Zone Party 5-7 pm
- 27 M **MAGIC MONDAY**
- 28&29 **2 hour early dismissal for students (1:30 pm); No PM Pre-K or ECI classes**
- 30 Th **No school for students; teacher workday**



February:

- 5 W Pre-Kindergarten Application window opens
- 10 M Report Cards
- 11 Tu Vision & Hearing testing; AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm; PTA Chick-fil-A fundraiser
- 12 W **2 hour early dismissal for students (1:30 pm); No PM Pre-K or ECI classes;** Unity day (wear orange)
- 13 Th Yearbook & Candid Pictures
- 17 M **No school; President's Day observed**
- 18 Tu Vision & Hearing re-checks
- 19 W AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm

Principal's Message



It was a busy and exciting year! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The staff joins me in thanking you for the opportunity to work with you and your children. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generous support of the families in need that we were able to provide for during the holidays. Our collective efforts make a difference! January has some schedule adjustments such as early dismissal days and school closings. Please consult with the school calendar to ensure that you make appropriate arrangements for your children.

Congratulations to the Sharks of the Month November

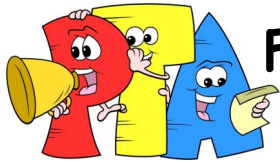
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Naomi Lackey
Eli Leroux

Alleana Merriweather
McKenzie Meeks
Isabella Mitchell
Cora Myers
Emma Nudell
Caroline Perry
Dominic Powell
Clara Pruski
Vivian Purvis
Judah Rojas
Lydia Walker
Xavier Williams
Nora Yoon

December

Jersey Boomgaarden
Nathan Coiner
Hadley DelGrosso
William Eager
Mark Estes
Cristopher Emanuel Gatica
Marquez
Grace Gill
James Granado
Kayleb Haley
Ibrahim Jalloh
Arsal Javaid
Ariana Killebrew
Sloane Layman

Yosiah Lee
Addison Lerch
William Madeley
Delaney McClay
Qinwan Mohammed
Ryan Nunes
Nikalas Paige
Maxwell Park
William Pittman
Ava Raeder
Elizabeth Reider Woodson
Liam Sneddon
Ryan Thomas



FOUR SEASONS PTA

Please remember to become a member of the FSES PTA. Go to our PTA website: <http://www.fourseasonspta.org/> or check the front bulletin board in the school's front lobby.

The winter dance is coming up on Friday, January 10th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the school. We can't wait to host our 2nd dance of the school year. Please be on the look out for volunteer sign up and more information.

Upcoming January Events/Dates:

- 7th: FSES PTA Play Rehearsals (6:30pm - 8pm at school)
- 8th: General PTA Meeting - 6:30pm
- 9th: FSES PTA Play Rehearsals (6:30pm - 8pm at school)
- 10th: Winter Wonderful PTA School Dance - 6:30 - 8:00pm
- 14th: FSES PTA Play Rehearsals (6:30pm - 8pm at school)
- 16th: The School Play "Its A Jungle Out There" Performance - 7:00pm
- 24th: Skate Zone Fundraiser - 5:00-7:00pm

Upcoming February Events/Dates:

- 11th: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night (Crofton or Waugh Chapel locations) - 5:00-8:00pm
- 26th: FSES PTA Talent Show Auditions (6:30pm - 8pm at school)
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Any questions, concerns, or suggestions please email the FSES PTA at pta.fourseasons@gmail.com

Notes from the Nurse...

- Please send a warm set of clothes for your child to keep in their locker in case of an accident.
- Students may have non-medicated cough drops and chapstick in their backpacks without a doctor's form.
- **Vision & hearing testing will be February 11th** for students in Pre-K, K, 1st & 3rd grades. If your student wears glasses, please make sure they are wearing them that day.



Thank you!

AR Nights Are Back!!!

- Back by special request, the Media Center/ Computer Lab will be open from 4:30pm - 6:30pm on **Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 15**. Bring your child in, with the books they read, to take AR Quizzes.
- AR Nights will also take place on **Tuesday, February 11 and Wednesday, February 19**. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Manion at cmanion@aacps.org.
- Keep Reading!

- If you are looking for an AR quiz for a book your child is reading, or is interested in reading, try downloading the "Points Scan Free" app (you will scan the barcode on the back of the book, and it will give you the information you need).

- You may also choose to use the website www.arbookfind.com to type the title and author of the selected book. Accelerated Reader quizzes can ONLY be taken inside the school building, per Renaissance Place regulations.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

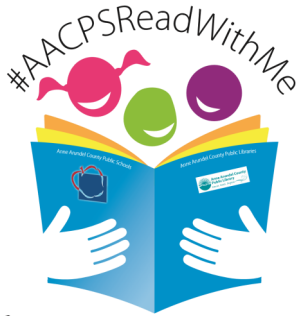
Order your Yearbook Today!

Yearbook sales begin on January 6, 2020. The deadline to order a yearbook is **March 13, 2020**. You can place your order on-line at: <http://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD882017/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

From Jan. 6th to Feb. 13th the cost will be \$22.00.
From Feb. 14th to March 13th the cost will increase to \$25.00.

5th grade Well-Wishes are also due by March 13, 2020!

If you have any questions, or to submit pictures, please email the yearbook committee at fsesyearbook@yahoo.com



January 6th through 31st

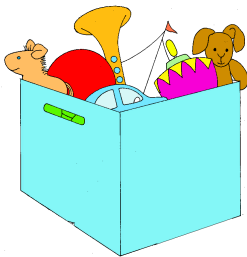
How to Participate:

- Tweet pictures @4seasonsESaacps and #AACPSREADWITHME.
- Follow AACPS to participate in weekly Twitter challenges. Challenges end January 31st.

Inclement Weather & Phone Calls:



Please make sure your child knows exactly what to do in the event of an early dismissal due to inclement weather. The volume of phone calls coupled with the number of parents picking up children for early dismissal can be overwhelming. To ensure a safe and orderly dismissal for all, we ask that all parents make a plan that does not include a phone call to the school during this busy time. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Toy Drive for the Sharing Foundation. They were truly overwhelmed by the response from the Four Seasons community! Your donations brightened the holidays for families here in Anne Arundel County.

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 nondiscrimination 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.

Contact Information Reminder:

Please remember to update your contact information in writing when any of your phone numbers change, including: cell, home, or work. We need to be able to reach you quickly in the event of an emergency.

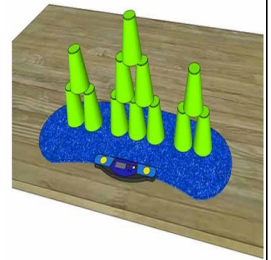
Most Wanted: Tissues!

It's that time of year when supplies begin to run low! Please consider sending in an box of tissues with your child. Our Cultural Arts teachers would especially appreciate your donations. Thank you!



Speed Stacks

Speed Stacks (a.k.a. cup stacking) morning program begins January 2nd and continues through March 5th. Students can come in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-8:30 am. There will be no permission slip for this, it is a drop-in program. Entrance to the building will be through the front door. **If we have a delayed opening, there will be no speed stacks that day.** If your child attends SACC in the morning, you will need to complete a form for SACC's records. If you have questions, please e-mail eschmid@aacps.org.



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.

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.



Report to PARENTS

Reinforce Math Skills With Everyday Activities

A solid foundation in math is essential for students to succeed in school and beyond. Incorporate math into your family's daily life—without a lot of time, effort, or expense—with these fun ideas.

In the kitchen. Cooking is not only a terrific way to help children understand fractions—it's also excellent family bonding time. Show younger children how measuring two half-cups of flour yields the same amount as one full cup. Ask older children to help you cut a recipe in half or double a recipe. Have them write down the new measurements and check the computations together.

At the grocery store. Bring a calculator with you to the store when you shop. Young children can add up how much you have spent on groceries or saved with coupons. Kids in third grade or higher can help determine which size of detergent offers the best value, or whether using a particular coupon is cost-effective.

In the garage. A tire gauge is one of the simplest tools for a child to use, and can help him or her learn about addition and subtraction. Show your child how to measure the pressure in your bicycle or car tires. Then, have your child help you determine how much air you need to add or release. Older children can calculate gas mileage.

On the computer. Find activities that reinforce math skills, from computer games like Math Blaster to apps.

On the road. Long car trips were made for math games. Pick a number from one to 10 and have each family member try to find a license plate with the target number. Younger children can add the numbers together. Children who have learned subtraction can try to find one that involves adding a few of the numbers and then subtracting one.

Kids who have learned multiplication and division can put those skills to use.

At the toy store. If your child is trying to save up to buy something special, keep a chart of how much money they will need and what they have saved to date.

At home. Classic games such as dominoes, cards, puzzles, or Monopoly teach math reasoning. Sewing and building projects both involve plenty of computation. Teach your child how to measure and sew fabrics together, or build basic structures out of wood (with adult supervision).

Above all, avoid passing any math phobias that you might have on to your child. It's important for children to hear at home that what they're learning is valuable—that all the work they're doing trying to comprehend division or fractions or measurement will pay off their whole lives.



Web Resources

Common Sense Media provides reviews of education apps.
www.commonsensemedia.org

PBS Parents has a math portal with tips, games, and everyday activities.
www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/

The **Figure This Family Corner** offers tips, tricks, and downloadable brochures.
www.figurethis.org/fc/family_corner.htm