

The PEN

Pasadena Elementary News, November 2023

November 2023		Book of the month suggestion: Balloons Over Broadway (Melissa Sweet)				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Harvest for the Hungry: canned soup or stew	30 2-hour early dismissal - Teacher Workday	31 2-hour early dismissal - Teacher Workday Character Parade PBIS Fall Celebration	1 No school - Teacher Workday/ Professional Development Joe Corbi delivery	2 2nd marking period begins Success Celebration Terrapin Club	3 PTA Fall Scavenger Hunt...did you get your copy?	4
5 	6 COGAT Gr 2 & 5	7 COGAT Gr 2 & 5 Game Club	8 COGAT Gr 2 & 5	9	10 Veterans Day (observed)	11 Veterans Day
12 Diwali	13 American Education Week World Kindness Day	14 Picture Day retake PTA Restaurant Event - Pat's Select Game Club	15 American Education Week Parent/Guardian Visitation - RSVP for 30 min classroom and 30 min Cultural Arts Dance Company	16 Terrapin Club PTA Meeting 4:30 pm PTA Mathnasium Night 5:00 - 6:00 pm or 6:00 - 7:00 pm	17	18
19	20 Parent/Teacher Conference	21 Parent/Teacher Conference	22 No school	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24 No school	25
26	27 Maryland Environmental Science presentation for gr 5	28	29	30		

Message from the Principal

Dear Pasadena Elementary Families,

This first marking period of the 2023 - 2024 just flew by! We have settled into our daily routines celebrated meeting goals. We had an amazing time at our first PBIS celebration with an assortment of literacy, math, and STEM activities as well as our quarterly 'Success Celebration,' with noisemakers, music, and lots of confetti.



Our students had several schoolwide & district assessments in the last nine weeks. Many of our youngest learners participated in mandated state screenings for foundational literacy so that we could place students in Wilson Foundations or Phonics Word Study. Students in grades 3 - 5 have completed their first district quarterly assessments for literacy, math, social studies, and science. Several students in grades 1 - 5 are participating in Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment to determine independent, instructional, and frustration levels for reading comprehension.

Are you looking to get more involved? We hosted two volunteer orientations in October. If you wish to volunteer but missed both of these sessions, please email Cindy Berning (cberning@aacps.org) to coordinate completing the necessary steps. Follow the PES PTA Facebook page to sign-up for volunteer activities.

Many thanks to our PTA and families. Our September and October PTA meetings were well attended and we look forward to a continued partnership. Our first PES Movie Night was awesome. Thank you to the families who organized, attended, and assisted with clean up. We absolutely love the weekly Sunshine Cart and appreciate the snacks, beverages, treats, and supplies. Race for Education was held on a beautiful day with students walking and running through bubbles on the track (installed by PTA).

We have three parent involvement events coming up this month:

- American Education Week is a time for our parents and guardians to celebrate our public school community. As a family day on Wednesday, November 15, we invite parents and guardians into the classroom to experience what the day is like for their child. Please [click here to RSVP](#) for the grade(s) you wish to attend with your child/children. Pre-registration is required. The schedule to attend each grade level is below.
- PTA is hosting a Math Night in partnership with Mathnasium on Thursday, November 16. While this is a drop-in event, there are two sessions: 5:00 - 6:00pm and 6:00 - 7:00pm. The activities will be the same in both sessions, so families should select the time that works best for their family. There will be games and activities as well as other resources for students to access. Mathnasium will distribute goody bags to all children who attend. (flyer below)
- We are scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences on November 20 or 21. We appreciate the time to connect and talk about first marking period progress, and ways to work together for the upcoming marking periods. If you have not heard from your teacher to schedule a time for an in-person, virtual, or phone conference, please email your teacher or call the school.

Our school fundraisers have ended. If you did not get a chance to purchase a school t-shirt, we have a few spiritwear items in the office. Please call and Deanna can assist. T-shirts are \$16. The Joe Corbi fundraiser has ended. Proceeds will support student and staff incentives and activities throughout the year. Thank you for supporting Pasadena Elementary.

Pasadena Elementary is closed for students on November 20 and 21. AACPS will close all schools and central office from November 22-24. Wishing you and your family a Thanksgiving wish filled with blessings of health and happiness. May you always have an abundance and love and laughter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Quirino, Principal

Math Night 11_16_2023 Flyer

Bring your family to PES on Nov. 16 from 5:00-7:00pm!

[Download](#)

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Grade	Core Class/Homeroom	Cultural Arts
PK	12:50 - 1:20	1:20-1:50
K & Shaw	12:50 - 1:20	1:20-1:50
1 & Miller	11:50 - 12:20	12:20 - 12:50
2	8:50 - 9:20	9:20 - 9:50
3	9:20 – 9:50	8:50 - 9:20
4	8:50 - 9:20	9:20 - 9:50
5 & Bennett	9:20 – 9:50	8:50 - 9:20

PTA Info

The PTA is looking for new members! Check out the [website](#) or Pasadena Elementary PTA Facebook page to get updates on PTA sponsored activities. Enable notifications so you don't miss posts.

The next PTA meeting is November 16 at 4:30pm. Be sure to check the PTA website for information on painting the PES Spirit Rock!

Volunteers are needed for the PTA Math Night, November 16 from 5:00-7:00pm. If you are able to facilitate an activity, please let [Mrs. Quirino](#) know.

Federal Parent Survey

In September, parents and guardians were informed via a Connect-ED message about the collection of the annual Federal Parent-Student survey. Parents were directed to a log-in on the [AACPS.org](https://www.aacps.org) site to complete the annual survey. The official start date for the survey was Friday, September 29, 2023, and the survey will remain open until January 30, 2024.

Information can be found on the AACPS website at <https://www.aacps.org/federalsurvey> and there is a link that will take parents directly to the survey log-in page. Only those families who have not completed the survey will receive occasional reminders via Blackboard Connect.

The U.S. Department of Education requires all school systems that receive federal funding to survey each student every year. AACPS receives approximately \$2,000,000 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 (ie: Naval Academy, Fort Meade) or in subsidized federal housing, and children whose parents are employed on eligible federal properties in Maryland such as Goddard Space Center, Social Security, White Oak, etc.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in completing this task. If you have any questions, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.

Attendance Matters

We are here to support and work collaboratively with you and your child so that he/she meets academic, social and emotional success. It is important that children attend school every day to have an opportunity to learn and grow. We understand that children miss school for various reasons. Some excused, some not excused. Please note that vacation falls in the category of unexcused, which can lead to chronic absenteeism and/or truancy. Students who fall under this category are monitored carefully and absences could impact enrollment in magnet programs at the middle level.

Per county policy students with unexcused absences may not be allowed to make up missed assignments. However, we will work collaboratively with you and your child to determine the best plan for him/her to meet success when he/she returns. Please understand, as educators, we feel no amount of "make-up" work can replace the instructional time, strategies, and tiered assignments lost during extended absences.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year for any reason (excused or unexcused), or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism can translate into difficulty reading by third grade, achieving in middle school and graduating from high school. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

While we understand that vacations offer experiences to our students, please try to refrain from scheduling extended vacations during the academic school year. We hope collaboratively, we can continue growing our students academically and build life-long skills that can be used outside of the classroom.



or fewer!



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Counselor's Corner

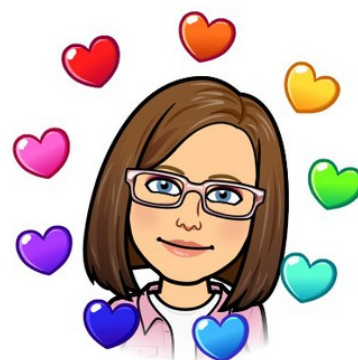
During the month of November I will be visiting classrooms to teach lessons designed to support students in developing and maintaining positive peer relationships.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade families should be on the look out for a ConnectED message including a letter discussing Start Talking Maryland lessons centered around substance abuse that will be taught during December.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance!

Michele Noble, School Counselor

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PBIS News

We celebrated the end of the 1st marking period with special fall activities. Students were able to select an activity that interested them and work with other students in their hallway. Projects ranged from literacy based activities, art projects and STEM or science projects.

As students demonstrate our schoolwide CARE expectations they fill up their CARE cards to be redeemed for classroom rewards. At the end of each month completed CARE cards are entered in a drawing for special stage seating in the cafeteria with Ms. Noble and Mrs. Quirino.

Check in with your child(ren) to see what rewards they are earning for following our CARE expectations to Care, Achieve, Respect and Engage.

Middle School Magnet Programs

Remember, the on-line application closes at noon on November 13. Considering a Magnet Program but just not sure? Apply anyway! Final decisions do not have to be made until spring following the lottery. For additional information please visit the link: <https://www.aacps.org/magnet>.



Mitten Tree

Give the Gift of Warmth! We will be collecting **NEW** hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks and blankets to donate to a local community organization. Please send in your items between **November 27 - December 15**. Thank you for your support.

EEE - Global Studies

Fifth grade will be continuing their "Hurricane Homes" unit, while fourth grade will be starting a new unit called "Take a Seat." Third grade will be starting "Harnessing the Wind," second grade will be finishing up with "Animal Map Museum." First grade will complete their "Made By Me" projects and Kindergarten will continue learning mindfulness strategies.



Enhancing Elementary Excellence

Ryan Peters, EEE Global Studies Teacher, rpeters@aacps.org

Reading

The Anne Arundel County Literacy Chapter is now accepting submissions for the 2023-2024 Young Authors' (YA) Writing Contest. If your child loves to write, please encourage them to enter this contest! The school-based winners will advance to compete with other entries from across the county. Please see this YA Contest Flier for more information. The Elementary School Young Authors' Contest is for students in grades 1-5. Students may submit a short story or a poem.

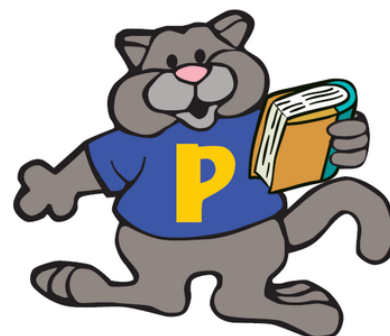
- Short story entries must range between 100-400 words in grades 1-2
- Short story entry must range between 300-800 words in grades 3-5
- Poetry entries will consist of a single poem any style from a minimum of 25-150 words

All entries must be original work and submitted in 12-point Times New Roman font. Entries must not include graphics. Please note that all entries must include a Cover Sheet and can be sent to homeroom teachers or emailed to cnash@aacps.org no later than Monday, December 4. We can't wait to read some awesome creative writing from our Pasadena Panthers!

Cathryn Nash, Literacy Teacher
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Media Center Notes

In November, students in PreK and Kindergarten will work on differentiating between fiction and nonfiction texts. First graders will be working with problems and solutions in a story. Second graders will continue working on their mini-research activity about animals. Students in grades 3-5 will continue their OPAC exploration to find books independently. All students will have the opportunity to rate another Black-Eyed Susan nominated picture book this month: Listen, How Evelyn Glennie, A Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion.



Julie Bradshaw, Media Specialist
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Art with Mrs. O'Boyle

I am currently adding new students and updating emails on our Artsonia website. If you are new to Pasadena you will receive an email by the end of the month from Artsonia asking you to create an account - this is completely optional. Artsonia is a secure and safe way to show off your child's artwork online with family and friends. Click [HERE](#) to check out our Artsonia website.



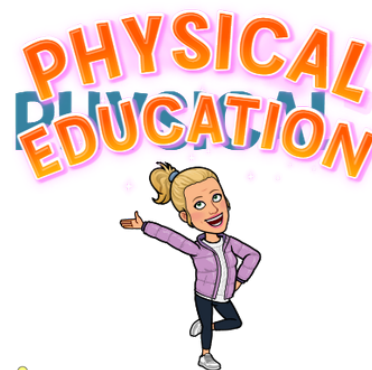
As the first marking period ends, I will begin to take pictures of student artwork to post on the website. Only students who have an active account with parental permission will have their artwork published on our website. Remember to invite family members and friends to view your student's page, join their fan club and leave them a special message about their artwork. Students can earn special Artsonia ribbons on their page once they achieve the required amount. All artwork remains on the Artsonia website from year to year. Thank you for supporting our Artsonia page!!

Be on the lookout for the annual Winter Wonderland exhibit. The exhibit will be at the Westfield Annapolis Mall and run from December 2 – January 3, 2024. This winter themed exhibit hopes to represent each elementary school in the county. Two students' work will be selected to be in this exhibit, their names will be listed in next month's newsletter.

Karen O'Boyle, Art Teacher

Physical Education





We have a lot of fun and engaging Physical Education lessons throughout the month of November. Students will be working on the underhand roll to a target and working cooperatively in groups. We hope you can join us for parent visitation during American Education week.



As the colder weather is upon us, please make sure your child wears sneakers/tennis shoes. Boots, crocs, etc. are not a safe choice for P.E. class.

Our November Mind and Body Calendar is a great way to add movement into each day.

Carrie Deaver, Physical Education Teacher
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November 2023 Elementary Health & Physical Education Calendar						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National Health Observances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Gratitude Month American Diabetes Month 13th World Kindness Day 17th National Take a Hike Day 			1 Mindful Walk Take a <u>mindful walk</u> and bring full attention to the movements and sensations in your body	2 National Native American Heritage Month Watch the video <u>Native American Traditional Games</u> to find a new game to try. Why was this game created?	3 Choice Read Read a book of choice (not required for school). Find a topic or person you want to know more about!	4 Favorite Animal Mimic different animals that you know. Walk, jump, hop, crawl, gallop around the house or outside.
5 Bicycles Lie on your back and move your legs like you're riding a bicycle to strengthen your stomach muscles. Need help? Watch here!	6 Board or Card Game Day Play a board or card game with family or friends.	7 Mindful Eating Not sure what mindful eating is? Take a look at <u>Mindful Eating</u> . Use Mindful Eating to try a new food today.	8 Striking With Shoe Challenge Grab a shoe, a rolled-up pair of socks, and a laundry basket. See directions HERE .	9 American Diabetes Month Try to go sugar free for a day! Look at the food labels to notice how much hidden sugar is in food.	10 Veterans Day Thank a Veteran for their service. Write a card or note and ask a grown up to help send it to a Veterans' organization.	11 Star Jumps! Complete 5 star jumps with your family and friends. 
12 I am... Repeat this 3 times today. I am grounded. I am supported. I am enough!	13 World Kindness Day Leave a nice note for someone to find. Examples: -You have a nice smile -Thank you for being a good friend. -You're fun to play with	14 Dragon Breath Practice the <u>Dragon Breathing exercise</u> with your siblings or friends! 	15 Paper Plate Planks In plank position with paper plates under your feet. Complete 30s each: -mountain climbers -in and out feet -knees to chest	16 Deep Breathing Practice <u>Deep Belly Breathing</u> .	17 Outdoor Walk Take an outdoor nature walk to find different trees, flowers, bushes, insects. Write down what you saw and the distance that you walked. National Take a Hike Day	18 Limbo Grab a broom stick and have 2 people hold it. Take turns going under the stick arching backwards. Lower the stick after each successful pass. How low can you go?
19 Inch Worms Keeping your legs straight, place your hands on the ground, walk them into push-up position, and walk your legs up. Here's what it looks like!	20 Eat Your Colors Find or name a fruit or vegetable that can go with each color of the rainbow. How many did you find or name?	21 Gratitude List 3 things that you are grateful for. If it is a person, tell them.	22 Teachers vs. Students Challenge Can you do more exercises than the teachers? To find out, click on the link HERE .	23 Thanksgiving Tell someone why you are thankful for them and follow it up with a hug or high five.	24 Active Chores Do active chores like vacuuming, sweeping, scrubbing, hand washing dishes, pulling weeds, etc.	25 Jump Rope Jump rope to your favorite song!
26 Army Crawl Lay on your stomach resting on your forearms. Crawl across the room dragging your body as if you're moving under barbed wire.	27 No Device Day Detox from technology – can you go all day without playing on your phone, tablet, or video game?	28 Encourage Someone Find 5 people (before school, at recess, or after school) and give them a positive message!	29 Celebrate! Celebrate your success by picking your favorite activities from the calendar. Put a star on your favorite, heart on the one that made your heartbeat fastest, and smiley face one that made you content/calm.	30 Set a Goal How many days can you be active in November? Tell a grown-up at home your goal, and write it in this square!	SHAPE America recommends school-age children accumulate at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of physical activity per day. Each bout of physical activity should be followed by cool-down stretches that help reduce soreness and avoid injury. Reproduced with permission from the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America)	

Health and Physical Education Elementary English Calendar - November 2023.pdf

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Music Notes

Chorus Concert Dates:

PES Winter Concert: December 18, 2023.

Chesapeake Choral Cluster Concert (Gr 5 only) January 25, 2024.

National Anthem Performance at the Bowie Baysox: April 21, 2024

*This is our fundraising event for the year!

PES Spring Concert: May 20, 2024.



Anna Gavrilov

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Band & Orchestra

What an amazing first quarter! Thank you to everyone who has been communicating with their concerns. I have been trying my best to help resolve many of them. Just a reminder that I started putting in grades for band and orchestra as follows:

CD - Student shows up on time with their instrument ready to go

PR - Student either: forgot their instrument OR they were late

EM - Student both forgot their instrument AND they were late

ND - Student never showed up (I do not give the student a grade if they were not in school, otherwise they MUST show up, this is a graded course and I expect them to be there).

For the most part the students have been doing a really great job with remembering their lesson times; if you need a schedule, it is on my website (jcallison.weebly.com). It will also always say which week it is (A, B, C, or D). The schedule is also posted outside of my door in the hallway in case your child needs to double check when their lessons are. If your child needs a new paper copy, I always have extras so all they need to do is ask :) CONCERT: The concert date is set for Monday, December 18th and is REQUIRED for all students to attend in the evening.

Jacob Allison

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School Health Services Positions

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is seeking RNs, LPN's and Health Assistants to provide health services for students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the current and upcoming school year. The positions include:

- Full-time positions
- No nights or weekends
- Summers off – follows the public school calendar
- Health Insurance and leave benefits
- Deferred Compensation Plan

For more information or to obtain an application, please call 410-222-6838/SHSRecruiter@aacounty.org or visit our website: www.aahealth.org.

Smoke-Free Workplace EOE

Volunteer/Chaperone

You may have an expired or expiring background check, or you need to complete one to be a volunteer/chaperone. Please visit: <https://www.aacps.org/volunteer> for more information.

VIRTUAL SUPPORT FOR ELEMENTARY MATH

AACPS Elementary Math Virtual Family Support is back!

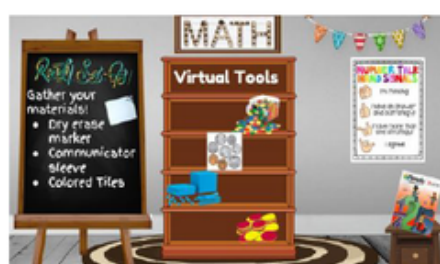
Join us with questions about Pre-K through grade 5 math concepts or in search of help understanding current problem-solving teaching/techniques.

Who? Parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn

When? On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(First session begins Tuesday, September 26th)

Where? Live Google Meets (See links below) with AACPS math teachers

***English and Spanish support is available**



Please use the Google Meet links below where a math teacher tutor will provide a visual response with support.

Primary (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)

Link: meet.google.com/yqy-bwfg-uxi

Intermediate (3rd -5th Grade)

Link: meet.google.com/ujs-rwje-xie



#PanthersCARE

VALUES: Care, Achieve, Respect, Engage

VISION STATEMENT: We envision Pasadena Elementary to be a school where we maintain high expectations for academic standards through rigorous instruction. We will continue to foster a positive, caring school climate where we respect and value diversity and prepare individuals for success in higher learning and careers.



MISSION STATEMENT: Pasadena Elementary is dedicated to preparing students for college and career readiness, promoting academic excellence and citizenship for all students.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools NON-DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE: Anne Arundel County Public Schools prohibits discrimination in its educational programs, and in employment, on the basis of **actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or disability**.

This prohibition pertains to enrollment in courses and program offerings, participation in school-sponsored activities, hiring, promotion, compensation, job classification, assignment, and all other functions and activities of the school system affecting either its student population or its employees.



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PreK-5 school-Anne Arundel County; 2019 E-GATE; 2016 Nat'l Blue Ribbon; MD Blue Ribbon; Green School; & AACPS Wellness School of Distinction. #PanthersCARE

