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Pasadena Elementary News, October 2023

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Attendance

AACPS has changed how attendance notes are submitted online in Parent Portal. Please see info below or linked [here](#).



Message from the Principal

Dear Pasadena Elementary Families,

We have had an amazing start to the 2023-2024 school year. The staff and students have adjusted to the daily schedules and consistent routines. We truly appreciate your assistance in getting your student to school on-time. Our instructional day begins promptly at 8:00am and it is filled from arrival to dismissal.



Each night, students are asked to read and complete a lesson in i-Ready. Students will bring home a reading log with grade levels competing to fill our "Paws for Reading" posters. All students have completed the beginning of the year diagnostic assessment for i-Ready reading and mathematics. AACPS is recommending students complete a lesson daily. Please encourage your student to work in i-Ready independently. It is important to avoid assisting with i-Ready as this is a computer-adapted software that targets specific areas for your student as identified by the diagnostic assessment. i-Ready and First In Math applications can be located in the Classlink Student Portal.

At this time, all AACPS schools and offices continue to be closed for visitors. Volunteers will be permitted when pre-arranged and approved by admin. To volunteer, AACPS has specific criteria to be met that includes orientation, background check, and approval. If you have not completed fingerprinting with AACPS, please call the school's office to determine if your commercial background check has expired. If there is a chance you will want to volunteer in any capacity for a school or PTA event in the coming year, the background check must be current. Click on this [link](#) to start the process to reactivate your status - the application process begins at the bottom of the page. Background checks often take a few weeks to complete so please begin working on this well in advance of volunteer opportunities.

Mark your calendars:

- **School Picture Day:** Students will take individual school pictures on October 3 with our yearbook company, Classic Photography.
- **Joe Corbi** fundraiser information was sent home. Proceeds from these fundraisers support student and staff incentives and school initiatives.
- **PES Spirit Days:** Check out the calendar for PES colors, Wellness Wednesday, and Red Ribbon Week themed days. We hope your student can participate!
- **Harvest for the Hungry:** Donate [online](#) or bring food to PES. Each week we will collect different items.
- **PTA Meeting:** October 18 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.
- **Early Dismissal Days:** October 17 (Equity professional development); October 30 & 31 (End of marking period).
- **School closed:** November 1 (Elementary professional development & teacher workday)

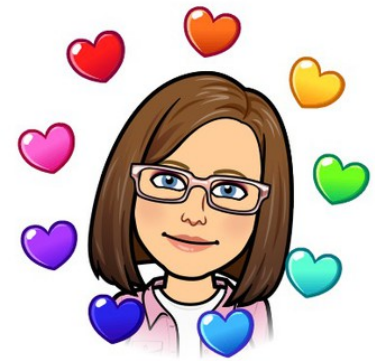
Thank you for your ongoing support,

Jennifer Quirino

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Counselor's Corner

October Classroom Counseling Topics: Throughout the month of October I will be visiting each classroom 2 times. Students will practice Growth Mindset by changing their internal dialogue to one that embraces challenges and persists in the face of setbacks. Since October is also Bullying Prevention Month we will discuss the difference between bullying, bothering and bugging and strategies to handle peer conflicts.



Bullying is NOT:

- Unkind words that occur once.
- Rough-housing or rough play that is not intended to hurt.
- A physical attack that is not part of a pattern of behavior.

Bullying IS:

- Intentional
- Repeated over time
- Intended to harm
- Involves a power differential
- Creates a hostile educational environment

Remember, there is a difference between rude, mean, and bullying behaviors.

The A.A. Co. Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation Reporting Form can be located here:

<https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/OSOS>

Please let me know if I can be of assistance!

Michele Noble, School Counselor

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Harvest for the Hungry

We will be participating in the county wide Harvest for the Hungry project. We will be collecting food donations throughout the month.

Monetary donations are also being accepted online by going to aacps.org/harvest. All donations go to the Anne Arundel County

Food Bank to support our community. Each week we will collect a different food item:

Oct. 2 -6 Pasta and/or Rice

Oct. 9-13 Canned Vegetables

Oct. 16-20 Canned Fruits






Oct. 23-27 Cash or Coins

Oct. 30-Nov. 3 Canned Soups/Stews



Red Ribbon Week!

October 23rd - 27th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pledge to be Drug Free Wear Red	Peace, Love and Kindness Wear Tie Dye	My Brain is Powered by Kindness, Not Drugs Wear a Super Hero Shirt	Drugs Are Crazy. Caring for your Mind is not. Wear Crazy Socks	Work Out Problems with Kindness Wear workout clothes
				

Middle School Magnet Programs

All 5th grader students have the opportunity to attend 1 of 3 specialized programs in middle school: International Baccalaureate at Old Mill Middle North, STEM at Old Mill Middle South and Apex Arts at Brooklyn Park Middle. For additional information please visit <https://www.aacps.org/magnet>. The online application opens at noon on October 9 and closes at noon on November 13. To apply, you will need your child's username (Student ID Number) and password.

Interested families should consider attending an information session:

Apex Arts at Brooklyn Park Middle

Session 1: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:00 PM-7:00 PM: link to **virtual session:** <https://meet.google.com/wfc-dmvj-xwn>

Session 2: Thursday, October 26, 2023

6:00 PM-7:30 PM: **in-person** at Brooklyn Park Middle School

IB MYP at Old Mill Middle North

Session 1: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:00 PM-7:00 PM: link to **virtual session:** <https://meet.google.com/ukx-ycbo-aec>

Session 2: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:00 PM-7:00 PM: **in-person** at Old Mill Middle North

STEM at Old Mill Middle South

Monday, October 2, 2023

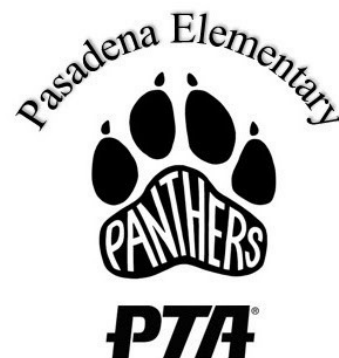
6:00 PM-7:30 PM: **in-person** at Old Mill Middle South Cafeteria

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.

Thanks for attending the PTA Movie Night and participating in September's restaurant events. We appreciate your support!

The next PTA meeting is October 18 from 6:00-7:00pm in the cafeteria.



Reading

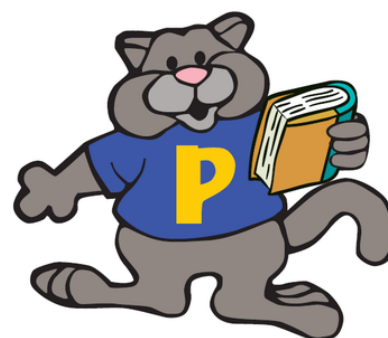
Did you know that writing is one of our school literacy goals this year? Our teachers are working hard to help students learn how to express their thoughts through writing. In Kindergarten it begins with touching and telling a story with pictures and goes all the way to writing using dialogue for 5th Grade. Here is how you can support your young writers at home. Three Tips for Supporting Writing Skills at Home 1. Help children practice handwriting, spelling, and typing. 2. Help children use the writing process for a variety of purposes. 3. Provide a supportive environment that encourages children to write daily. Handwriting and spelling are basic writing skills that children must draw upon to translate their ideas into writing. Children also use typing when composing on their Chromebook. • Support very young writers to hold a pencil correctly and form letters. • Help children to spell words correctly • Support children to learn to type on their Chromebooks.



Cathryn Nash, Literacy Teacher
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Media Center Notes

In October, students in PreK and Kindergarten will work on identifying the parts of a book and differentiating between fiction and nonfiction texts. First graders will be working with call numbers to locate books in the library and figuring out which books are a "good fit" for them. Second graders will be working with wordless picture books to identify the beginning, middle and end of a story, and will begin a mini-research activity about animals. Students in grades 3-5 will be exploring the OPAC, our online catalog, to find books independently. All students will have the opportunity to rate two more Black-Eyed Susan nominated picture books this month: Looking for a Jumbie by Tracey Baptiste and There's a Ghost in This House by Oliver Jeffers.



Julie Bradshaw, Media Specialist
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EEE - Global Studies

In Global Studies, K and Pre-K will be learning mindfulness strategies while first grade begins a unit titled "Made By Me." The second grade will discover endangered animals in "Animal Map Museum" and third grade will become "Explorers of the World." Fourth grade has already begun their first unit to combat world hunger and raise awareness for the PES Harvest for the Hungry food drive. Fifth grade will be researching and constructing "Hurricane Homes."



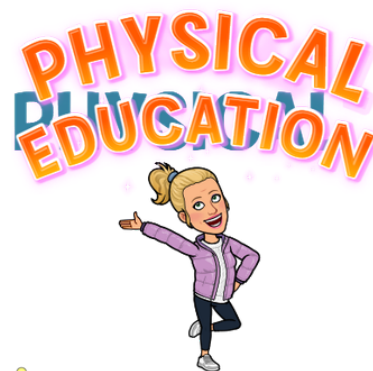
Enhancing Elementary Excellence

Ryan Peters, EEE Global Studies Teacher

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Physical Education

We have been participating in lots of fun and engaging Physical Education lessons during the first month of school. Please ask your child (Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd) to show you their locomotor movements that include: Hop, Jump, Skip, Gallop, Slide, Leap. Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade have been working on their skills for dribbling, passing, and shooting. We will begin our dance unit in the next few weeks. Students in 5th grade will be participating in a week-long "Dancing through the Decades" artist in residency. Our grade 5 parents will be invited to attend on Friday, October 13th. An email with a google form link to RSVP will be sent in advance of the event.



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

Carrie Deaver, Physical Education Teacher

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October-2023-Health-Literacy-Calendar-English.pdf

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283.0 KB

Art with Mrs. O'Boyle

I'm excited to start a new school year for my 24th year at Pasadena! I will continue to keep our Artsonia website updated throughout the year. If you are new to Pasadena you will get an email in about a



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](#).

During the first few weeks of school, students are creating a cover design for their sketchbooks. Students in K-5th grade will keep & use their sketchbooks in the art room throughout the school year. We are also creating a collaborative piece of artwork that was displayed in the main hallway.

A few recyclables that I can always use in the art room are cardboard paper towel tubes and bubble wrap. If you have other items that you want to send in please call or email me first.

I'm looking forward to a great year!

Karen O'Boyle, Art Teacher

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Music Notes

During October, all classes will be learning some fall themed songs. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will be exploring opposites in music and be introduced to their first rhythms. First grade will be working on ostinato and rhythm compositions. Second grade will be working with their solfege syllables. Third grade will be working on musical form and tempo. Fourth grade will be focusing on rhythms and the pentatonic scale. Fifth graders will be working on a musical autobiography project.



Chorus Students: *The PES Winter Concert will take place on December 18, 2023 *The order forms for PES music shirts will be sent home in early October.

Anna Gavrilov, Music Teacher

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Band and Orchestra

Hello Pasadena families! The first couple of weeks of band and orchestra has been great so far; meeting everyone, handing out instruments, and starting to play. Just a reminder for the schedule: It is a 4-week rotation, so your child will have a different schedule every week so they are never not pulled from the same 30-min period every time. The schedule is posted outside of my classroom, the students have a paper copy, their homeroom teachers have a paper copy, and it is on my website as well (jcallison.weebly.com). It also states what week it is on my website as well.

I am very excited to see how everyone grows the next couple of months before our first concert in December! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Jacob Allison, Band and Orchestra Director

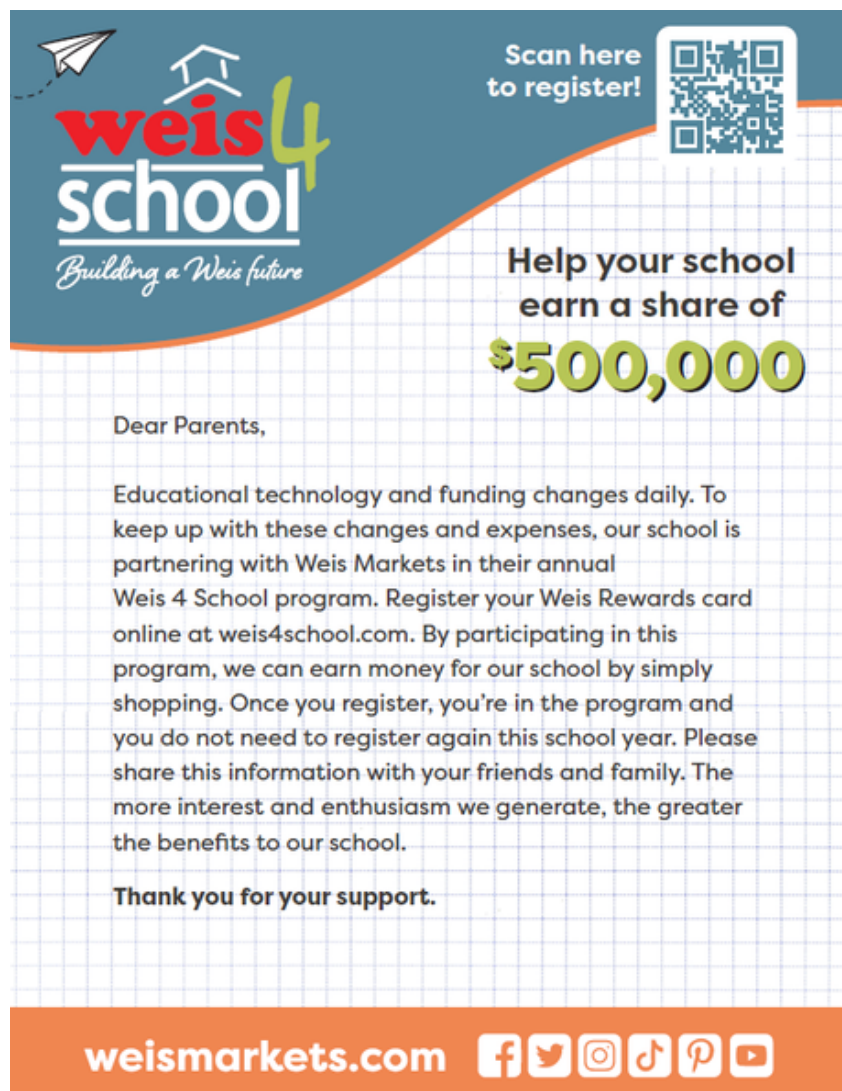
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Earn \$ for PES!

In case you did not know...there are many ways to earn money for the school. The funds are used to purchase equipment, technology, training, supplies, and incentives for your child's classroom and teachers. Please consider helping and/or supporting in the following ways.

- **Joe Corbi's** Fundraiser: This fundraiser ended and orders will arrive in November.
- **Clothing to Cash Recycling Bin**: Please drop off gently used clothing, shoes/sneakers, textiles, and towels to the recycling bin in the front parking lot. The school is paid for EVERY pound collected. Help support the school and our environment. Clean out your closets!
- **Office Depot**: While shopping for school supplies at the store or online, please designate the school number 70047113.
- **Harris Teeter**: Every time you shop at Harris Teeter, using your bonus card, Pasadena Elementary will earn money for our school. Be sure to designate Pasadena Elementary School.
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Please encourage other family members to participate! Thank you for your continued support!



The flyer features a blue header with the 'weis4 school' logo, which includes a paper airplane icon and the tagline 'Building a Weis future'. To the right of the logo is a QR code with the text 'Scan here to register!'. Below the header, the text 'Help your school earn a share of \$500,000' is displayed in large, bold, green letters. The main body of the flyer is on a light blue grid background and contains a letter to parents explaining the Weis 4 School program. At the bottom, there is an orange bar with the website 'weismarkets.com' and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Pinterest, and YouTube.

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Building a Weis future

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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets in their annual Weis 4 School program. Register your Weis Rewards card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school.

Thank you for your support.

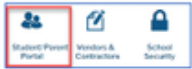



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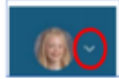

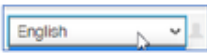
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AACPS – Absence or Early Dismissal Request

Parent Portal

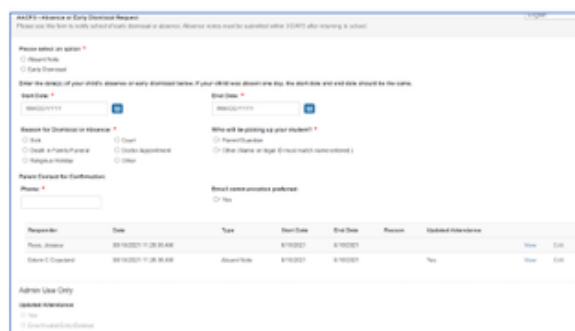
Utilizing the web-based Parent Portal application or mobile app, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will have the opportunity to submit an absence note or early dismissal request online via the Parent Portal.

Sign into Parent Portal- Web-based	Sign into Parent Portal- Mobile App
<p>1. Open a web browser on your computer and go to www.aacps.org.</p>	<p>1. Install the app on your device. Upon first opening the app, you will be asked to enter the district code.</p>
<p>2. Click the Student/Parent Portal quick link icon at the top of the page.</p> 	<p>2. Enter LTDJ in the boxes that appear on the screen as shown and click Continue.</p> 
<p>3. Click the PowerSchool Student and Parent Sign-In icon on the right. You will be directed to the Sign In page.</p> 	<p>3. At the Sign In screen, enter the Username and Password you created when you established your Parent Portal account. Click Go.</p>  <p>The Dashboard is the default page of the app.</p>
<p>4. Enter the Parent Portal Username and Password you created.</p> <p>a. For assistance with logging in:</p> <p>i. Click on the Forgot Username or Password link found on the sign in page.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ii. Contact your student's school for further assistance with logging in.</p>	

Complete the Form- Web-based	Complete the Form- Mobile App
<p>1. Click the student name across the top that you are completing the form for.</p>	<p>1. Select your student by clicking on the down arrow to the right of the picture in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.</p> 
<p>2. Click Forms on the left menu bar.</p>	<p>2. Click More located in the lower right hand corner and click Forms.</p> 
<p>3. Click AACPS-Absence or Early Dismissal Form to open the form. (Note: To change the text to Spanish, use the dropdown in the upper right corner.)</p> 	
<p>4. Read and complete the form as directed on screen. Any field marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed.</p>	
<p>5. Click Submit.</p>	

Your submission will be reviewed by the main office.

A running list of previous submissions will appear within the response area in the middle of the page.



AACPS Absence or Early Dismissal Request
Please enter the form with student name, district, or address. Absence notes must be submitted within 10 days after returning to school.

Please select an option *

☐ Absence
☐ Early Dismissal

Enter the details of your child's absence or early dismissal below. If your child was absent one day, the start date and end date should be the same.

Student Name * District *

Reason for Absence or Dismissal *

☐ Sick
☐ Out of School
☐ Family Emergency
☐ Religious Holiday
☐ Other

When will be picking up your student? *

☐ Parent/Guardian
☐ Other (Name or Age if not match name entered)

Please Contact for Confirmation

Phone *

Should we create a problem? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Response	Date	Type	Start Date	End Date	Reason	Student Intervention
None	08/10/2021 11:28:36 AM		8/10/2021	8/10/2021		Yes
None	08/10/2021 11:28:36 AM	Absent/Sick	8/10/2021	8/10/2021		Yes

Address User Only

Approved Intervention ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Download Data Center

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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.

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