



Four Seasons Newsletter

June 2023

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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Calendar June:



- 5-9 Spirit Week
- 7 W Field Day
- 8 Th Field Day rain date
- 9 F Last day of school for ECI students ONLY
- 12 & 13 2-hour early dismissal
- 13 Tu Grade 5 Celebration; Last day of school for Grades Pre-K-5

Happy Summer, Sharks!

Looking ahead to next year:

First day of 2023-2024 school year for Grades 1-5—Monday, August 28, 2023

The only supplies needed for next school year are a backpack (not wheeled), headphones, a lunchbox if bringing lunch from home, and a water bottle.

Principal's Message

Hard to believe we have come to the end of the school year. I hope that you take the summer to recharge. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA and volunteers for all their hard work this year. I also want to thank the staff and community for their ongoing support during the year. Thank you for the kind emails recognizing the hard work teachers and staff do every day!

Thank you for the Fun Run donations. We met our goal of \$50,000! Thanks to all the volunteers that came to Career Day!

Stay tuned for information regarding the fall, such as a calendar, specifics about the start of the year, etc. We wish Mrs. Fluck well in her retirement. Mrs. Battaglia is moving to another position in another school, and Mrs. Santos is moving to another state. Mrs. Rung and Mrs. Houdeshell are taking a leave of absence. Mrs. Ritenour will be on leave until November. Lastly, best wishes to our fifth graders going to middle school! Congratulations!

Stay safe and healthy! Please enjoy the summer! If you are moving or have moved, please contact our registrar, Sarah Davia at sdavia@aacps.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

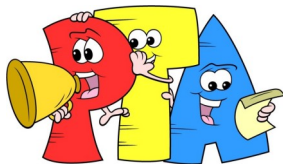
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OUR MISSION

Fostering a life long love of learning in a Safe and orderly environment with Excellent teachers facilitating Students' active learning.



FOUR SEASONS PTA



A big thank you to the families and friends who attended the Boosterthon Fun Run. Your support helps makes events successful.

We appreciate the support of our sponsors:

- CDG Advantage
- Skate Zone
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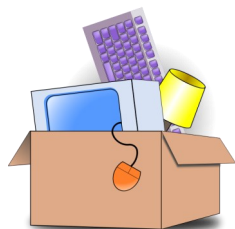
We also want to thank everyone who donated gift cards for teacher appreciation. That week was a huge success with breakfast from Chick-Fil-A, donuts from Shipley Do-Nuts, and our gift card punch board. The staff also enjoyed snacks from the treat cart and lunch hosted by our Hospitality Committee.



Congratulations to our newly-nominated board for the 2023-2024 school year!

President - Rachel Jack
Vice President 1 - Jerri Cok Duyan
Vice President 2 - Michelle Estes
Secretary 1 - MaryKate Wilhelm
Secretary 2 - Ashley Slocum
Treasurer - Omar Olmeda

If you are planning a move over the summer, please contact Ms. Davia at sdavia@aacps.org.



Notes from the Nurse...

Parents, please remember to pick up your child's medication from the health room. **The last day to pick it up is Tuesday, June 13 by 2:00 p.m.** On Monday June 12, the health room will be closing at 12:45 p.m. There is no one in the health room over the summer so please pick all medicine up. Any medications not picked up will be disposed of by the health department. Any questions, please call or email us. If you send an email, please copy both of us because the nurse is not always at this school.

Just a reminder to all parents and caregivers - if your child has a fever, he or she needs to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication, then they may return to school. If they are sent home due to a fever, they must stay home the following day. If they receive no medication and the fever is gone, they can return after a full day at home. If you have any questions, please call the health room staff.

Sick students in the health room should be picked up within 30 minutes. If you cannot pick up your student within that time frame, please have a backup plan. Your backup plan can be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbor, or anyone else you deem responsible to take care of your child. Unfortunately, there are times we are very busy and need the bed that a sick child is sleeping on while waiting to be picked up. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The health room is looking for new IPSY makeup bags for our yearly Girls' Night Out program. If you have any unused bags that you would like to donate, the health room staff will distribute them to students that evening. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Fifth grade parents - middle schoolers will need two additional vaccines: Meningococcal (MCV4) and Tdap. If they have already been done, you can send in an updated vaccine record, and the health room will update your child's school records.

If your child gets any other vaccines, please send their vaccination record in so that their health records are up-to-date.

If your child tests positive for Covid, flu, strep throat, etc., please inform the health room.

Please make sure your student has a change of clothes in their locker for the proper season. Even older students need a change of clothing in case they spill a drink or get mud on their clothes.

Thank you!

Our email addresses:

Ms. Michelle - health assistant - health3272@aacps.org

Ms. Randi - RN - nurse3272@aacps.org







PBIS News: Congratulations, Sharks!

The students of Four Seasons have been working hard throughout the 2022-2023 school year to demonstrate S.H.A.R.K. behaviors in all areas of our school. Classes can earn a class shark buck when another teacher or staff member sees that they are being safe, hardworking, accountable, respectful, or kind as a whole class. We are so proud to announce that Four Seasons students have earned a total of **2,641** class shark bucks!! Way to go FSES Sharks! We hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer!



June Spirit Week



Monday June 5	Tuesday June 6	Wednesday June 7	Thursday June 8	Friday June 9
Career Day	Color Day	Field Day	Shark Attire	Hawaiian Shirt Day!
				
Dress up for the career you hope to have!	Wear your favorite color!	Wear your athletic clothes and sneakers!	Wear your FSES shirt or our school colors blue and white!	Wear your favorite Hawaiian or beach themed shirt!

Summer Reading 2023



Be a Reading Family and Commit to Summer Reading!

The research says: "Summer reading loss refers to the decline in a child's reading development that can occur during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs" (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). The research is consistent: when children do not read during the summer, the impact of summer reading loss is significant for all. Students who do not read during the summer lose approximately three months of progress. These months accumulate over time and students may continue to fall behind their peers.

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Suggested reading for students entering Pre-Kindergarten

- A Big Guy Took My Ball* by Mo Willems
- A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* by Seth Fishman
- Another by Christian Robinson
- Bathe the Cat* by Alice B. McGinty
- Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris
- Bedtime for Sweet Creatures* by Nikki Grimes
- Big Boys Cry* by Jonny Howley
- The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates & Juniper Bates
- Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd
- Get Off that Camel!* by A.H. Benjamin
- Hay Water* by Antoinette Portis
- The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)* by Patrick McDonnell
- Mel Fell* by Corey R. Tabor
- Mushroom Rain* by Laura K. Zimmermann
- The Old Truck* by Jarrett Pumphrey & Jerome Pumphrey
- Room for Everyone* by Naaz Khan
- Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett
- Skulls!* by Blair Thornburgh
- This Is the Nest That Robin Built* by Denise Fleming
- We All Play: kimetawanaw* by Julie Platt
- When's My Birthday?* by Julie Fogliano
- Windows* by Julia Denos

Suggested reading for students entering Kindergarten

- A Hungry Lion, or a Dwindling Assortment of Other Animals* by Lucy Ruth Cummins
- Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- Balance the Birds* by Susie Ghahremani
- Cricket in the Thicket* by Carol Murray
- Danbi Leads the School Parade* by Anna Kim
- Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)* by Carrie Finson
- Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho
- The Good for Nothing Button!* by Charise Harper
- Good Rosie* by Kate DiCamillo
- I am the Storm* by Jane Yolen & Heidi E. Y. Stemple
- If Sharks Disappeared* by Lily Williams
- If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson
- Isabel and Her Colores Go to School* by Alexandra Alessandri
- The King of Kindergarten* by Derrick Barnes
- My Dog Banana* by Roxane Brailiand
- Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, He Did!)* by Ryan T. Higgins
- Parker Looks Up* by Parker Curry & Jessica Curry
- Saturday* by Oge Mora
- Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler
- Truman* by Jean Reidy
- Under My Hijab* by Hena Khan
- Waiting* by Kevin Henkes
- We Found a Hat* by Jon Klassen
- Who Wet My Pants?* by Bob Shea

Suggested reading for students entering 1st Grade

- The Camping Trip* by Jennifer K. Mann
- Fox + Chick (series)* by Sergio Ruzzy
- Grandad's Camper* by Harry Woodgate
- Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming
- In Plain Sight* by Richard Jackson
- Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwell
- Lift* by Minh Lê
- Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons* by Laura Purdie Salas
- Melia and Jo* by Billy Aronson
- My First Day* by Phung Nguyen Quang
- My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories* by Salina Yoon
- The Panda Problem* by Deborah Underwood
- The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali
- Red, A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall
- Reina Ramos Works It Out!* by Emma Oheguy
- Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie
- Ty's Travels (series)* by Kelly Starling Lyons
- (V)amos! Let's Go Eat* by Raúl the Third

Suggested reading for students entering 2nd Grade

- Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty
- Because* by Mo Willems
- Charlie and Mouse (series)* by Laurel Snyder
- Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built* by Angela Burke Kunkel
- Doña Emeralda, Who Ate Everything!* by Melissa De La Cruz-Doña
- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Mollard
- I Talk Like A River* by Jordan Scott
- Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home* by Sy Montgomery
- Montgomery Nugget and Dog (series)* by Jason Tharp
- Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere* by Barb Rosenstock
- Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us* by Lauren Castillo
- Packs: Strength in Numbers* by Hannah Salyer
- Pokko and the Drum* by Matthew Forsythe
- See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog* by David LaRochelle
- The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal* by Nick Sekul
- The Water Princess* by Susan Verde
- Yasmin (series)* by Saadia Faruqi
- Your Place in the Universe* by Jason Chin

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- iReady MyPath | Classlink**
- AACPS Summer Programs** www.aacps.org/summer
- Reading Rockets** www.readingrockets.org/article/10-weeks-summer-reading-adventures-you-and-your-kids
- Epic** www.getepic.com
Over 35,000 digital texts
- Discovery Kids online** kidsdiscovery.com
Discover all the world has to offer.
- Starfall** www.starfall.com
Great site to practice literacy skills.
- Parent Resources**
- www.aacpl.net/summer
- www.coloradocolorado.org/hangswitch-en
- www.scholastic.com/parents/
- www.pbs.org/parents/
- www.todayparent.com/family/fun-and-safe-kids-websites/

For more information contact the Elementary Reading & Integrated Literacy Office at 410-222-5455

Tips for Families

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- Encourage your child to talk with you about the books he/she is reading.

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- AstroNuts: The Plant Planet* by Jon Scieszka & Steven Weinberg
- CatsInnats (series)* by Drew Brockington
- Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks* by Suzanne Slade
- Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World That Fairies Are Real* by Marc Tyler Nobleman
- Juana & Lucas* by Juana Medina
- Little Robot* by Ben Hatke
- Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang
- Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey (series)*, by Erin Entrada Kelly
- A Narwhal and Jelly Book (series)* by Ben Clanton
- No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History* Edited by Lindsay H. Mcalcf, Keila V Dawson & Jeanette Bradley
- The Oregon Trail (series)* by Jesse Wiley
- Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone
- Press Start! (Series)* by T. Flinham
- Tales from Deckawoo Drive (Books 1,2,3)* by Kate DiCamillo
- William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad* by Don Tate
- Yours Sincerely, Giraffe* by Megumi Iwasa

Suggested reading for students entering 4th Grade

- Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mae Nutter
- A True Wonder: The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything* by Kirsten W. Larson
- Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Dragon in the Library* by Louise Stowell
- Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure (Mouse Adventures)* by Torben Kuhlmann
- Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin
- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise* by David Ezra Stein
- The Little Mermaid* by Jerry Pinkney
- The Penderwicks (series)* by Jeanne Birdsall
- Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac
- Stargazing* by Jen Wang
- Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones & Katie Kath
- Violet & Jobie in the Wild* by Lynne Rae Perkins
- Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson
- Waylaid! Even More Awesome* by Sara Pennypacker
- Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton

Suggested reading for students entering 5th Grade

- A Wolf for a Spell* by Karah Sutton
- All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World* by Lori Alexander
- Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan
- Everything Robotics* by Jennifer Swanson
- The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm
- Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- Knights vs. Dinosaurs* by Matt Phelan
- Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar
- Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play among Figures of Speech* by Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek
- Maya and the Robot* by Eve L. Ewing
- Pawcasso* by Remi Lai
- Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- Solar System: Our Place in Space* by Rosemary Mosco and Jon Chad
- Star Scouts* by Mike Lawrence
- Super Women: Six Scientists who Changed the World* by Laurie Lawlor
- Take Back the Block* by Chrystal D. Giles
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser
- The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

Suggested reading for students entering 6th Grade

- All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontoutvan
- The Assassination of Brangwyn Spurge* by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin
- Code Word Courage* by Kirby Larson
- Frizzy* by Claribel Ortega
- Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson
- Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina
- My Aunt is a Monster* by Reimena Yee
- Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary D. Schmidt
- Pax* by Sara Pennypacker
- The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs* by Gail Jarow
- Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo
- Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- Roofpoppers* by Katherine Rundell
- Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks
- Slacker* by Gordon Korman
- They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott, & Harmony Becker
- This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews
- The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L Holm
- The Last Fallen Star* by Grazi Kim Wink by Rob Harrell

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- AACPS Summer Programs** www.aacps.org/summer
- Reading Rockets** www.readingrockets.org/article/10-weeks-summer-reading-adventures-you-and-your-kids
- Epic** www.getepic.com
Over 35,000 digital texts
- Discovery Kids online** kidsdiscovery.com
Discover all the world has to offer.
- Starfall** www.starfall.com
Great site to practice literacy skills.
- Parent Resources**
- www.aacpl.net/summer
- www.coloradocolorado.org/hangswitch-en
- www.scholastic.com/parents/
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