



# Four Seasons Newsletter

December 2023

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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## Calendar December:



- 1-8 Holiday toy drive
- 4-8 Spirit week
- 5 Tu 2-hour early dismissal; Unity Day—wear orange
- 13 W Grade 5 AVID Parent Information Night virtual interest meeting—7:00-7:45 p.m.
- 14 Th Winter strings concert—6:00 p.m.
- 14 Th Winter chorus concert—7:30 p.m.
- 25-Jan 1 No school—Christmas/winter break

### Looking ahead to January:

- 1 M No school—Christmas/winter break
- 2 Tu Classes resume
- 15 M No school—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 17 W 2-hour early dismissal
- 18 Th 2-hour early dismissal
- 19 F No school—semester break
- 26 F Mo Gaba Day

### 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

December is a wonderful and busy time of year. The staff joins me in wishing you and your family happy holidays. May your time together be filled with laughter, fun, and cherished memories!

Our PBIS program is off to a strong start with our shark bucks and Shark Shop. Thank you to the volunteers who copy our shark bucks! A special thank you to our PTA for buying materials and supplies for our Shark Shop!

Deale Elementary has been without a counselor. Mrs. Stuart accepted the job at Deale Elementary. We wish her well in her new school. We thank her for all her hard work over the years while she was at Four Seasons Elementary.

We have a new partnership with Pets on Wheels. Maya, and her handler, Ms. Gwen, visit each Friday. Students get to read to the dog, Maya. It brings so much joy to all. We are so thankful for this opportunity!

Please remember to dress warm and wear layers this time of year as each room can vary in temperature. Additionally, MSDE is monitoring attendance closely. Please see the attendance information in the newsletter regarding 3+ days unexcused absences (e.g. trips) during the school year.

Happy  
Holidays!

Click here to view the  
December  
[School Meals Menu](#)



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

## Please Use Crosswalks

Please use the crosswalks when crossing the roads near school. Drivers on Waugh Chapel Road are not expecting parents and students to cross Waugh Chapel Road from the Courts of Four Seasons neighborhood and other locations without a crosswalk.

Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!

## Spirit Week: Dec 4 — Dec 8

Monday, Dec 4—Sweater/  
Ugly Sweater Day

Tuesday, Dec 5—Unity Day—  
Wear Orange

Wednesday, Dec 6—Pajama Day

Thursday, Dec 7—Flannel/Plaid Day

Friday, Dec 8—Ravens Day—  
Wear Purple



## Now Hiring Crossing Guards!

Anne Arundel County is hiring crossing guards for our school. Pay is \$20 per hour. Please contact Jim Whalen, Anne Arundel County recruiter, for details:

Email: [p94204@aacounty.org](mailto:p94204@aacounty.org)

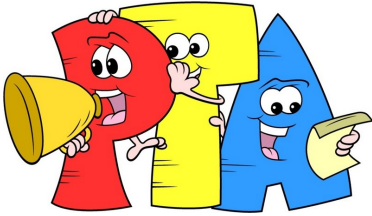
Phone: 410-222-1995



## No Dogs Allowed on School Property



Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on school property. Thanks for your cooperation.



# FOUR SEASONS PTA

The PTA wishes you and your families a wonderful and joy-filled December! We have a few upcoming events this month:

- 12/20/23 - Greene Turtle Restaurant Night 11:00 am - 12:00 am
- 12/22/23 - Feed the Teachers (link will be shared)

***Join us for our PTA Meetings held bi-monthly at 6:00 pm!***

- January 9th, 2024
- March 12th, 2024
- May 21st, 2024

***Please recall: there are many ways to get in touch with us this school year!***

Email us: [pta.fourseasons@gmail.com](mailto:pta.fourseasons@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA](https://facebook.com/FourSeasonsElementaryPTA)

Visit our website: [fourseasonspta.org](https://fourseasonspta.org)

***Stay in the know by becoming a PTA Member!*** PTA members are on an exclusive email list that receives all volunteer sign-ups as soon as they are available! \$10 dues and form can be completed at the following link: [fourseasons-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/710720](https://fourseasons-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/710720), or by scanning the QR code below:



## Unexcused Absences Policy

### **Unexcused Absence(s)/Unlawful Absences (One to Two DAYS ABSENT)**

Missed graded assignments will be taken upon return date and accepted for the earned grade. Students will not get an equal amount of days absent to complete classwork before taking missed graded assignments. Families may ask for classwork upon the first day back.

### **Unexcused Absences/Unlawful Absences (Three or more DAYS ABSENT)**

Missed graded assignments will not be accepted for a grade. Families may ask for classwork upon the first day back, but the graded assignments will be entered as E (55%) in the gradebook.

During daily instruction, students may have content delivered through videos, discussions and support. Several missed days of classroom instruction at this level may not be replicated with worksheets.

### **Excused Absences/Lawful Absence**

Missed graded assignments will be accepted for the earned grade. Families may ask for classwork upon the first day back. Students will get the amount of days absent = the amount of days allowed before taking the missed graded assignment. Grades earned will be entered into the gradebook.

**\*All graded assignments are completed in school, NOT at home.**



## School Health Services Join our team!

RNs, LPNs and Health Assistants  
Full-time and part-time positions

### We Offer Excellent Benefits

- No nights or weekends
- Summers off
- Follows the public school calendar
- Health, dental, vision and pharmacy coverage
- Paid leave
- Deferred compensation plan



[www.aahealth.org/school-health-jobs](http://www.aahealth.org/school-health-jobs)



Four Seasons Elementary School's



# Holiday Toy Drive

Bring a **new, unwrapped** toy from

**December 1st to 8th**

All toys will go to the Sharing Foundation, a local non-profit organization that helps the working needy – families that work to just barely get enough to provide the basics and are not receiving help elsewhere.

**Wish List:**

*Dolls/Wrestling Figures  
Cars (Matchbox, Hot Wheels,  
Construction, Remote Control)  
My Little Pony  
Legos  
Star Wars/Superheroes  
Ninja Turtles/Pokémon*

*Coloring Books/Paints/  
Drawing Materials/Play-Doh  
Board Games  
Sports Equipment  
Books/School Supplies  
Arts and Crafts/Beads/  
Jewelry-Making*

Let's show the Four Seasons spirit of giving by helping local families have a better holiday this year!



**The Sharing Foundation**  
Helping Children of the Working Needy

## New Attendance Procedure

This year, AACPS has a new attendance procedure for absences and early dismissals, using ParentPortal. **Parents of students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade should use green notes only for a change in dismissal.** Pre-K parents should continue using green notes for all notifications.

1. Open a web browser on your computer and go to [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org).
2. Click the "Student/Parent Portal" quick link icon at the top of the page.
3. Click the "PowerSchool Student and Parent Sign-In" icon on the right. You will be directed to the sign-in page.
4. Enter the ParentPortal username and password you created.

To Complete the Form:

1. Click the student name across the top.
2. Click "Forms" on the left menu bar.
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.)
4. Read and complete the form as directed on screen. Any field marked with an asterisk (\*) must be completed.
5. Click "Submit."

Your submission will be reviewed by the main office.



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## Federal Impact Program Survey

Parents who are active military or who live or work on Federal Property in Maryland are asked to complete this year's Federal Impact Aid Survey. The link to the survey is: <https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/OOF/Federal>, and it will run through January 30, 2024.

You will be asked to verify your home address and identify if it is located on federal property. You will also complete sections identifying if a family member is in the military or works on federally owned property in Maryland. The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete and, be assured, all data collected is kept completely confidential.

### Why Complete This Survey

Anne Arundel County Public Schools, like many local school districts across the United States, includes within our boundaries parcels of land that are owned by the federal government or that have been removed from the local tax rolls by the federal government. Federal property is exempt from local property taxes. By submitting an application to the Department of Education each January, AACPS receives approximately \$2 million to assist in educating all our students.



# Four Seasons Fundraising

## FOUR SEASONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA



**Wednesday, December 20th**  
**11 a.m.-12 a.m.**

*Bring in the flyer or present via smartphone*

410-702-9896  
1407 S Main Chapel Way STE 113  
Gambrills, MD 21054  
<https://order.thegreenturtle.com>

**20% of all dine in, carry out and catering sales  
will be donated!**

## Notes from the Nurse...

Parents, the weather is changing and it's getting colder. Please remember to change out your child's extra set of clothing to the current season. It's also a good time to make sure whatever you send fits. (Even older students need a change of clothing in case they spill a drink or get mud on their clothes.)

Please remember: if your child needs medication during school hours, we will need the proper medication forms filled out by both the parent and the doctor. These forms are available online and in the health room. NO medications can be given by the health room without these forms. If you have any questions, please call or email us.

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.

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

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

Thank you!

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and a very happy New Year!

Our email addresses:

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

Ms. Sherry - RN -  
nurse3272@aacps.org





Arundel Middle School



(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

# Parent Information Night

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

7:00-7:45 pm via Google Meet

Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/dzb-jktz-zmo>



If your child is planning to attend Arundel Middle School for the 2024-25 school year and interested in a selective program focused on college and career readiness in a global society, please plan on attending this virtual information meeting. This program is focused on students in the academic middle and requires an application, interview and acceptance into the program to participate. Our goal is to accept approximately 100 sixth grade students for next school year.

Please reach out to your elementary school counselor or Mr. [Bill Rothe](#), Arundel Middle AVID Site Coordinator for assistance.

Bill Rothe  
AVID Site Coordinator  
[wrothe@aacps.org](mailto:wrothe@aacps.org)

THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL & FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS PRESENTS

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**WELLBEING &  
GROWTH**



**NAVIGATING  
AACPS  
RESOURCES**



**ACADEMICS &  
PROGRAMS**

A LIBRARY OF VIDEOS, CLASSES, AND RESOURCES TO ANSWER  
YOUR QUESTIONS ON STUDENT WELLBEING & GROWTH,  
NAVIGATING AACPS, AND ACADEMICS & PROGRAMS.

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Visit [www.aacps.org/familyacademy](http://www.aacps.org/familyacademy)  
to access our video library.  
For more information, visit School  
and Family Partnerships at  
[www.aacps.org/family](http://www.aacps.org/family)



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**BIENESTAR Y  
CRECIMIENTO**



**NAVEGANDO  
LOS RECURSOS  
DE AACPS**



**CURRÍCULO  
ACADÉMICO Y  
PROGRAMAS DE AACPS**

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PARA RESPONDER SUS PREGUNTAS SOBRE EL  
BIENESTAR Y CRECIMIENTO DE LOS ESTUDIANTES, LA  
NAVEGACIÓN DE AACPS Y PROGRAMAS ACADÉMICOS.

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tener acceso a nuestra biblioteca de videos.  
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Oficina de Asuntos Entre Escuela y Familia en  
[www.aacps.org/family](http://www.aacps.org/family)



**¡ESCANÉAME!**



Four Seasons now offers an additional, convenient way to pay for school items electronically. It's called On-line School Payments (OSP) and will allow families to pay by credit card for things such as field trips, lost media books, and Chromebook repairs. We also have options to allow you to donate to support special activities for students or to donate to allow the principal to "treat" our staff. Please note that there is a small service charge for using the OSP system. Cash and checks made payable to Four Seasons Elementary are always accepted for student fees with no service fee. If you have any questions regarding the OSP system, please contact Erika Allen at [eaillen@aacps.org](mailto:eaillen@aacps.org) or 410-222-6501. To access OSP, please click on this link: [Four Seasons OSP](#).

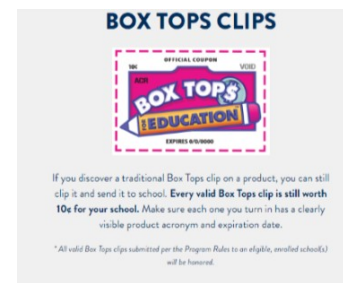
**Notice:** Four Seasons Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security 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](http://boxtops4education.com) for more information.



**Thank you to everyone who participates in this program.**



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