



Four Seasons Newsletter

March/April 2020

Regina Passwaters, Principal

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March:

- 5 Th Last day for Speed Stacks
- 6 F PTA Skate Zone 5-7 pm
- 8 Su Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9 M Interims
- 10 Tu Parent/Teacher Conferences; No school for students
- 11 W Spring Class pictures & Gr 5 panoramic photo; Innovator Research Expo (Science Fair) projects due; PTA meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 F Gr 4 field trip to Arlington Echo (Academic classes 2&4 only) pick up at 5:15 pm; Last day to order yearbooks; Last day for 5th grade well-wishes
- 16-20 Book fair
- 18 W PTA Family Night at the Bookfair 6:30 pm
- 23 M MAGIC MONDAY
- 24 Tu 2 hour early dismissal at 1:30 pm; Unity day—wear orange
- 25 W AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm
- 27 F Gr 4 field trip to Arlington Echo (Academic classes 1&3 only) pick up at 5:15 pm
- 30/31 Gr 5 MISA testing



April:

- 1 W Kindergarten registration begins
- 6 MAGIC MONDAY
- 7 & 8 2 hour early dismissal at 1:30 PM for students
- 9-13 Spring Break; No School
- 15 W AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm
- 21 Tu PTA Chick-fil-A Fundraiser Night
- 23 Th Report cards; AR Night 4:30-6:30 pm
- 28 Tu No school—Primary Elections
- 27,29&30 Gr 5 MCAP Assessments
- 29 W Talent Show Performance 6:30 pm



Mark your calendars:*

Strings Concert May 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Band & Chorus Concert May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Principal's Message



Wow...can you believe we have been in school for more than 100 days?! Classes celebrated Read Across America Day with themed activities and guest readers in some classes. As you can see we have very busy months ahead! Still to come are field trips, assemblies, standardized testing, spring break, Family Fun Night, Field Day, Boosterthon, Talent Show, and MUCH more!

With all of the exciting events, we continue to focus on student's progress and performance. Daily instruction and assessment results guide teachers' decision making. Working together with parents is important as we face the challenge of meeting every student's needs. There is much to be done over the next few months to ensure all students master critical content. Continue to monitor the Parent CONNECT account and communicate with your child's teacher(s) about concerns you may have related to learning and progress. There is one more day of Parent/Teacher conferences in March scheduled.

MCAP (replacing PARCC) begins with grade 5 towards the end of April. Grades 3 and 4 will test in the beginning of May. Teachers and students are working hard! Please support our efforts with your child by discussing the importance of giving your best each and every day.

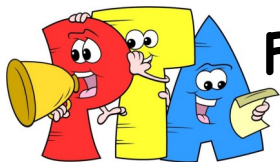
Congratulations to the Sharks of the Month

January

Hali B	Zachary B Z	Ethan D
Rayna D	Alexa B	Isabella D
Mabel L	Isabella D	Adalynn H
London R	Jasmine N	Sabrina P
Kar'Leii W	Jandrielle S	
Michael C	Bella B	Landon B
Nicole K	Caroline H	Kamyra C
Penelope R	Emmerson M	Jayden F
Kathryn V	Minah P	Audrey W

February

Aurora C	Alex J	Brooke R
Kamden H	Lafayette C	Mackenzie P
Christopher L	Carter E	Raine H
King A	Beate M	William F
Courtney L	Evelyn F	
Nora R	Azaria D	Hayden A
Brayden D	Lucas N	Tessa L
Adam M	Mya S	Lanna C
Connor S	Matthew B	Julia G



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 schools front lobby.

FSES PTA will be hosting a spring Talent Show. Please see upcoming dates listed below. All rehearsals start at 6:30pm.

Calling all Hammerheads. Hammerheads are men (Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers, etc.) who want to be more involved in the school. As Hammerheads, we encourage you to volunteer your time to greet the students as they arrive in the morning, assist during lunch & recess, and wishing them a great afternoon as they leave for the day. However, we understand this may be difficult due to your schedule, so we are expanding our efforts to include: partnering with the PTA to support their efforts/events and completing school projects. If you are interested in becoming involved in this program please reach out to the PTA at: pta.fourseasons@gmail.com.

The PTA's annual fundraiser, the Boosterthon, will be starting soon. We are in need of sponsorships for the Boosterthon's main event: the Fun Run. On the day of the Fun Run every FSES student & staff wears a school t-shirt. We are looking for families, businesses, and members of the community to sponsor these t-shirts. Any amount of sponsorship is appreciated. A flyer will be coming home soon with more information. Please contact the PTA if you, or someone you know, is interested in sponsorship information.

Upcoming March/April Events & Dates:

March 5th: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
March 6th: FSES PTA Fundraiser at Skate Zone
March 11th: FSES PTA General Meeting
March 12th: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
March 26th: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
March 30th: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal

April 2nd: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
April 16th: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
April 20th: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
April 21st: Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser Spirit Night
April 22nd: Feed The Teachers and Staff Luncheon
April 23rd: FSES PTA Talent Show Rehearsal
April 27th: FSES PTA Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
April 29th: FSES PTA Talent Show Performance

Any questions, concerns, or suggestions please email PTA. pta.fourseasons@gmail.com

Spring Bookfair



The spring book fair will be held beginning **March 16** and run through **March 20**. The students will visit the Book Fair ONCE with their class. The PTA will sponsor a **family night** during the bookfair with milk and cookies on **Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**.

Volunteers are needed for book fair set-up on Friday, March 13, at 2:30 pm and tear down on Friday, March 20, at 2:30 pm, as well as each day of the book fair.

All of the proceeds from the book fair are used to support the Accelerated Reader program.

Go online to www.Scholastic.com to view the online book fair, which begins March 8th, and learn how to use the e-wallet, so your child doesn't have to carry cash to school.



AR Notes

- Back by special request, the Media Center/ Computer Lab will be open from 4:30pm -6:30 pm
- on **Wednesday, March 25; Wednesday, April 15;**
- **Thursday, April 23; Wednesday, May 13 and**
- **Tuesday, May 19.** Bring your child in, with the books they read, to take AR Quizzes. 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.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten begins April 1, 2020. Please let your friends and neighbors know that registering early helps us with staffing for the 2020-2021 school year. The hours are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the main office foyer. Please bring the following required documents to registration:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Two Proofs of Residency
4. Custody Papers (if applicable)
5. Driver's License

Information regarding
Out-of-Area Transfers can be
found on the AACPS main website:
www.aacps.org

Last Call for Yearbooks!

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>

The cost is **\$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

Please note: if you miss the deadline, the cost will be \$30 and we will need at least 10 orders to re-order.

Summer Camp Opportunities

For rising 1st-5th graders:
El Campo del Bosque at Arlington Echo
August 3-6, 2020

For more information:
[El Campo del Bosque Application](#) or 410-222-5424



For rising 4th-6th graders:
Global Languages Summer Center
July 20-30, 2020

For more information: [Global Languages Application](#) or 410-222-5424

Change in Dismissal

If you must change your child's regular dismissal arrangements, please do the following:

- ⇒ Send a green note with specific arrangements. This includes a person other than a parent or guardian picking up your child, even if the person is on the emergency card!
- ⇒ For emergency changes during the school day, please call the office by 2:30 pm and email the student's homeroom teacher. (The email puts it in writing for liability purposes.)



Spring Photos March 11, 2020

Class and individual photos will be taken on Wednesday, March 11. If you would like to order online you may do so at: www.Classic-Photo.com. Click on "Schools" then click on "Pre-Order Now" and enter access key: "fourseasons20". Pre-ordering ends at 6 am on picture day. You may also send the completed picture order form and payment with your student on picture day.

Celebrating Youth Art Month

Stop by and see the student artwork from Four Seasons at the Crofton Library on display now through Tuesday, March 31st.



School Celebrations Reminder

The AACPS Wellness Team is promoting a fun and healthy environment for celebrations in school. Please consider healthy alternatives for all school celebrations (e.g. birthday cupcakes, donuts). High rates of food allergies and an increase in childhood diabetes prevents all students from participating in food-related celebrations. Instead of food treats, send in stickers or pencils, donate a book to the library, or donate an indoor board game, etc. Thank you for your partnership in promoting a healthy environment.



"Mix It Up Lunch Day"

In connection with our Unity Day celebration in February, students tried something new during lunch. It was simple, yet rather profound...we had a "Mix It Up Lunch Day" where students sat next to someone different or new to them while eating lunch. Assigned a specific color, students walked into the lunchroom looking for the balloon that matched their color. Instantly, **where** students sat and **who** they sat next to changed for just that day.

So what happens when you add some music, invite teachers and staff to eat in the cafeteria AND mix up who students sit next to during lunch? Students venture out of their comfort zone and attempt to learn something new about someone else. Some students find they have more in common with a person than they first realized. Other students feel nervous about talking to someone new, only to find out it isn't as scary as they first believed! Teachers appreciate laughing with their students and finding out new information that builds stronger connections. It becomes a new adventure for everyone, providing opportunities to practice social skills and discover that differences make life more interesting!

We hope you will ask your child(ren) about the **Mix It Up Lunch Day!** What was their favorite part and what changes would they suggest? Please contact Lori Stuart, our school counselor, if you have questions or want to share your child's feedback about the event (ldstuart@aacps.org). Please mark your calendar for our next "Mix It Up Lunch Day" on Wednesday, March 25th!

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.



Congratulations Four Seasons... we are winners!

Back in October when students collected food and money for the **Harvest for the Hungry** campaign, we had no idea that our efforts would result in Four Seasons Elementary School earning a top ranking within the school system. Students from the **Human Relations Committee** graciously accepted the award given by Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public Schools at the Food Bank in January. Four Seasons Elementary School came in **9th place** for both "**Most Money**" and "**Most Food and Money Combined**" with over 100 schools participating in the campaign. Way to go, SHARKS! Our efforts make a difference in our community!

Thank you!

Thank you to Mr. Rich Donohue, Mr. Raymond Haas and Ms. Leigh Ann Haas for volunteering to change the Four Seasons Elementary sign. Their help is greatly appreciated each month! Thanks for keeping us informed of important events at FSES.



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.





Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school **March 16 – 20, 2020** and special Family Events are scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, 6:00-8:00pm.**

Our Book Fair theme for spring 2020 is *Book Fair Jungle, Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY!* Escape into the wilds of reading this spring. It's a fun and easy reading adventure!

Please complete the form below by checking the areas, day(s) and time(s) that you are interested in volunteering. Thank you so much! **Please return or email this form to - Liz Weiss (EWEISS@aacps.org) / Media Center by Monday, March 9, 2020.**

Sincerely,
Carrie Manion
 Media Specialist / Book Fair Chairperson

Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, SO EMAILS MAY BE RETURNED TO CONFIRM DAYS & TIMES.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____ Child's Name & Teacher _____

Please check areas where you'd like to help: Please check day(s) & time(s):

Setting up the Fair (Fri., 3/13, 2:30-4:30pm) Fri(3/13)___, Mon(3/16)___, Tu(3/17)___, Wed(3/18)___, Th(3/19)___, Fri(3/20)___

Helping shoppers at the Fair AM Shift: 9:00am-12:00pm

Cashiering PM Shift: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Packing up the Fair **** Wed., Evening, 3/18, 5:45-8:00pm****

(Fri., 3/20, 1:00-3:30pm) ****Extra Volunteers are ALWAYS needed for Wed., evening, 3/18****

Please check. This is needed to volunteer within the school.

I HAVE completed my background check within the past 2 years.

I NEED to complete my background check. (Please contact office)

If you are volunteering, we ask that you please leave your children (& siblings) at home. This is a safety and liability issue & we want to ensure we follow the guidelines.





AACPS is pleased to announce the launch of our **NEW MOBILE APP!** It is **FREE** for the general public.

Our mobile app is part of our ongoing commitment to communicate with AACPS families and those outside the school system, delivering the school's latest news, weather-related issues, events, push notifications and much, much more.

The app can be used on smartphones and tablet devices running iOS or Android and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

FEATURES

Notifications

- Emergency Closings
- School System Schedule Changes

Calendar

- AACPS calendar events
- School-specific events (subscribe to schools)

News

- News Releases
- AXIS

Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube

Athletics

- Sports schedules
- Live Stream of sporting events

Use the camera app or QR code reader on your phone to scan below and get more information about the AACPS Mobile App!

**SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO GET THE APP**



Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATED WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)

Four Seasons Elementary School

ELEVATED LEAD WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)

All Maryland public and nonpublic schools are required to sample all drinking water outlets for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations. On January 8, 2020, three (3) lead water samples were collected from Four Seasons Elementary School. Of these lead water samples, zero (0) had levels of lead exceeding the action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings.

ACTION LEVEL (AL)

The AL is 20 ppb for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The AL is the concentration of lead which, if exceeded, triggers required remediation.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the fetus receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

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SOURCES OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO LEAD

There are many different sources of human exposure to lead. These include lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust or soil, some plumbing materials, certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics, exposure in the workplace and exposure from certain hobbies, brass faucets, fittings, and valves. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water, while for an infant consuming formula mixed with lead-containing water this may increase to 40 to 60 percent.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TAKEN

None

NEXT STEPS

The water will be retested every three (3) years.

TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER:

1. Run your water to flush out lead: If water hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula: Lead from the plumbing dissolves more easily into hot water.

Please note that boiling the water will not reduce lead levels.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. For additional information, please contact **Chris Williams or Brian Wells** at **443-770-5950**. For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead. If you are concerned about exposure; contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead.

The results will be available soon on the AACPS webpage at <https://www.aacps.org/watertestresults>.