



**I. Welcome** (*Dena Porter, ASFS PTA President*)

- Dena welcomed all parents and staff in attendance and shared that the PTA has been hard at work planning for the upcoming school year.

**II. Principal's Report** (*Mary Begley, ASFS Principal*)

- Ms. Begley asked all parents if they know of anyone in their neighborhoods that have not registered to please do so as soon as possible. Kindergarten needs 4 more students in order to add another classroom.
- The old playground equipment has been removed and the new equipment is being delivered next week, which will be installed in the coming weeks.
- Ms. Begley commented on the newly finished aquatic mural in the front entry of the school. Saying that it is beautiful and hopes that students and families enjoy it for years to come.
- Ms. Begley took time to thank new parent Emily Sutton for coming in to paint the front entry. Ms. Begley shared that it is so important to have parents offer their time and skills to the school.
- Ms. Begley reminded parents that she and Ms. Jones are always available for questions and to please email/call with any concerns or questions.
- The school website is being updated with information for the upcoming school year, including supply lists for 2021-22 and teacher photos.
- APS Transportation information will be posted on ParentVUE on August 24th.
- Teacher/Class assignment letters and information about drop off and pick up will be mailed home on Friday, August 20th.
- If you have difficulty with ParentVUE, please contact the ASFS office.
- USDA will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students this year which will be passed out in a grab and go manner.
- Students will be outside as much as possible unless there is heavy rain or snow.
- Classes will be outside as much as possible but do have to share and rotate usage of available outdoor space.
- Parents asked questions about Covid guidelines and quarantine procedures as well as safety guidelines regarding lunch in the cafeteria. Ms. Begley and Ms. Jones are waiting for guidance from the county.
- Students will be allowed to remove their masks while eating and drinking or when they are outside during recess.
- If parents want to switch their model of instruction (in-person v. virtual) those changes can be made at the quarter.

**III. PTA Business**

- Dena reminded all PTA members to vote on the following items by the end of day tomorrow, Wednesday, 8/4:
  - July 13th ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes
  - 2020-21 ASFS PTA Audit Report
  - 2021-22 ASFS PTA Budget

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- ASFS PTA Bylaws Organizational Structure Form

*Update EOD 8/4/21: The ASFS PTA membership voted to approve all of the above items. The ASFS PTA Tellers Committee confirmed quorum with at least 10 active PTA members in support of these items.*

- Treasurer's Report (*Jay Kaveeshwar, ASFS PTA Treasurer*)
  - 2020-21 ASFS PTA Annual Audit: Jay thanked the Audit Committee and provided an update on the annual audit review that was conducted on July 22nd. All materials are available for interested parents to review.
  - Proposed 2021-22 ASFS PTA Budget: Jay shared the highlights of the budget for the upcoming school year, and provided an overview that we will need a lot of fundraising this year to meet our current budget needs.

#### **IV. PTA Updates**

- Fundraising (*Olga Kasyan, VP Fundraising*)
  - The Summer Aquatic Mural Fundraiser will be open through Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that have donated to the mural fundraiser.
  - Congratulations to the 8 students won a fish with their name on it.
  - Olga reminded parents to bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and link to ASFS
  - Olga shared that we are looking for Auction co-chairs and volunteers to sell spirit wear!
- ASFS Reminders
  - Dena reminded parents to join the ASFS PTA, and thanks the 90 total members who have already joined this year!
  - Parents are also encouraged to complete the ASFS Family Survey and submit your PTA Volunteer Interest Form.
  - ASFS School Supply Kit(s) are available to order through Friday, 8/5 to be shipped home before school begins.
- ASFS Announcements
  - Thanks to Amanda Sutton, a new ASFS Kids Store will be open this fall, and we are seeking 5th grade volunteers to help out on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
  - Berlitz Spanish Enrichment - Registration is now open through August 25th for interested students, and Berlitz will hold another information session on August 17th to learn more.
  - Barody After-School Enrichment - Barody will offer after-school enrichment classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons beginning in early October. The class schedule and registration information will be available later this month.
- Volunteer Opportunities

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- ASFS Gardens - Families can sign up for a week at a time to weed the ASFS front gardens and courtyard.
- Blacktop Painting Project - Contact Kristen Jeffreys if you are interested in helping to paint the USA Map on the blacktop before school begins.

**V. ASFS PTA Committee Chairs**

- Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to serve as committee chairs and PTA leads for this coming year! The PTA is still looking to fill the following roles:
  - 5K/1M Fun Run Lead
  - Art in the Classroom Lead
  - Auction/Annual Fundraising & Social Event Chair(s)
  - Holiday Helpers Lead
  - Odyssey of the Mind Lead
  - Reflections Contest Lead
  - School Picture Day Chair
  - SEPTA Liaison
  - Volunteer Coordinator
  - Webmaster (IT/Website Lead)
- Thank you to ASFS Teacher Appreciation Leads, Jay Gunasekera and Liz Mixer, for coordinating the upcoming ASFS Staff Welcome Breakfast coming up on August 19th, and to the Clarendon Silver Diner for donating food and coffee to support our school.

**VI. Upcoming ASFS Dates**

- Wednesday, August 4th - ASFS Tour (1st-2nd Grade), 3-4pm
- Wednesday, August 4th - ASFS Tour (3rd-4th Grade), 4-5pm
- Thursday, August 5th - ASFS Tour (Kindergarten), 3-4pm
- Thursday, August 5th - ASFS Tour (5th Grade), 4-5pm
- Tuesday, August 17th - Spanish Enrichment Info Session, 6:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, August 26th - ASFS Open House, 3-4pm
- Monday, August 30th - First Day of School
- Tuesday, August 31st - ASFS PTA Meeting, 7-8pm
- Friday, September 3rd-Tuesday, September 7th - NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, September 9th - ASFS Back to School Night, 7-8:30pm
- Sunday, September 12th - ASFS Back to School Picnic, 4-6pm
- Summer Playdates - See Summer E-Friday Folder for grade level dates