



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

October 18, 2025

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Reminder that there is NO SCHOOL this Monday, October 20th in observation of Diwali.

Spirit Week is Here!

Beginning on Tuesday, we will have our **MPSA Anti-Bullying Spirit Week!** Every day has a theme!

Tuesday is **MISMATCHED SHOES DAY** to represent **taking a walk in someone else's shoes.**

Wednesday, we **WEAR ORANGE** for nationwide Unity Day! We all wear the same color to **show unity and support anti-bullying.**

Thursday is **PAJAMA DAY** to represent our efforts to **put bullying to rest.**

Friday is **SPORTS DAY** where we wear our favorite team to represent how we are **teaming up against bullying.**

As always, participation is optional but we hope students and staff will participate!

Multicultural Night is November 13 – Sign Up Now!

On **Thursday, November 13th**, we will be celebrating **Multicultural Night!** From **6PM to 8PM.**

We need hands on deck to help make the evening wonderful! Set up, clean up and help running some stations. [Sign up to volunteer or present here.](#)

We are also looking for **contributions** to our **Multicultural Night potluck**, the signature event of the evening. Sign up to bring a food representing your culture/heritage (*to include American cultures and regional dishes/specialties*). Can't/don't like to cook? Bring paper products instead! [Sign up to bring a dish here.](#)

Virginia School Bus Transportation Employee Appreciation Day

Please join us in celebrating Virginia School Bus Transportation Employee Appreciation Day, **Wednesday, October 22nd**. This is an amazing opportunity to show your appreciation not only to just drivers, but to all the employees who have a vital role in ensuring the safe and efficient transportation for our APS students.

Responsible Driving at Hub Bus Stops

This is a gentle reminder to follow the rules and guidelines of driving and parking when near an APS bus stop. Reports of illegal parking which blocks visibility for oncoming traffic is concerning – drivers need to see our students standing at a bus stop and crossing the street. Also a reminder that when a bus is stopped and the stop sign is out/lights are flashing, you must STOP. That is the law. Thank you for keeping our children safe by showing responsibility for driving rules and laws.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 20: **NO SCHOOL** (*Diwali*)
- Wednesday, October 29: **Early Release** (*Teacher Professional Development*)
- Tuesday, November 4: **NO SCHOOL** for Students (*Grade Preparation Day*)
- Tuesday, November 11: **NO SCHOOL** (*Veterans Day*)
- Thursday, November 13: **Multicultural Night**

Keep in Touch

- MPSA on APS: <https://montessori.apsva.us/>
- MPSA on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MPSArlington>
- MPSA Library on Twitter: https://twitter.com/MPSA_Library
- MPSA Science on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/MPSA_Science
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Ms. Barbour's Art Class on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/heather.barbour2018/>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>

ACMPTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Thank You to Our Fall Festival Donors & Sponsors

This year's Fall Festival was a wonderful success! We had a fabulous turnout, and fun was had by all!

Of course, this day wouldn't have been possible without our generous donors and sponsors listed below (in alphabetical order). If they have a website we will list it.

- [Angel Digital Studio](#)
- [Arlington Cinema & Draft House](#)
- [Astro Doughnuts & Fried Chicken](#)
- [Bakeshop](#)
- [Bangkok 54](#)
- [Baroody Camps](#)
- [Cash Bootcamp Real Estate](#)
- [Dave & Busters](#)
- [Deluca Massage](#)
- [DJ Elis](#)
- [El Pike Restobar](#)
- [Empanadas de Mendoza](#)
- [Good Company Doughnuts & Cafe](#)
- Hannah Hein Custom Cakes
- [Ledo's Pizza](#)
- [Little Gym of Falls Church](#)
- [Los Chamacos](#)
- [Monumental Sports](#)
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- [Nothing Bundt Cakes](#)
- The Ovando Family
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- [Pike Cornerstone](#)
- [Pupatella South Arlington](#)
- [Ruthie's All Day](#)
- [Screwtop Wine Bar](#)
- [Seray Lebanese Restaurant](#)
- [Stone Hot Pizza Clarendon](#)
- [Sura Thai DC](#)
- [Sweet Frog](#)
- [Sylvia Cacciato](#)
- [Total Wine & More](#)
- [Twist Pilates](#)
- Vidisha Parasram
- [William Jeffrey's Tavern](#)



Fall Festival Raffle Prizes – Claim Yours!

We have several raffle prizes that need to be picked up. If you see your winning number below, please send Kia and e-mail at kia.stevensonhaynes@apsva.us to arrange pickup. Must you're your winning raffle ticket when you come to claim your prize. Items not claimed by next week will be used for a future raffle.

- Washington Wizards Swag & Screwtop Wine Bar: **Ticket #072312**
- Professional Family Portraits & 10 Signature Salteñas: **Tickets #677990, #072423, #072101**
- Dave & Busters \$50 Power Card & Family Pajamas: **Ticket #072328**
- Baroody Camp \$100 Gift Certificate & Los Chamacos \$50 Gift Card: **Ticket #677902**
- Good Company Doughnuts \$25 Gift Card & Little Gym Parents Night Out: **Ticket #677806**
- Cornerstone \$25 Gift Card & Little Gym Parents Night Out: **Ticket #072033**
- Arlington Draft House 4-Pack Tickets & \$25 Gift Card: **Ticket #072125**
- Bangkok54 \$50 Gift Card & Little Gym Parents Night Out: **Ticket #072023**
- Ruthie's All Day \$80 Gift Card & Good Company Doughnuts \$25 Gift Card: **Ticket #677809**
- Knitting Class for 4 & Family Pajamas: **Ticket #072294**

"I Belong!" – Show Us How (PTA Reflections Competition)



The annual **PTA Reflections Art Competition** is now open! This year's theme is **"I Belong!"**. Information about the different categories can be found [here](#). There you will also find video tutorials by local artists on how to create your best art via mixed media, photography, art (clay), movie making and more!

Deadline to turn in entries is **Monday, November 3rd**.

[APPLY HERE!](#)

Any questions? E-mail reflections@acmpta.com. We look forward to seeing the art you create!

Fuel Staff Meetings, Please!

MPSA instructional staff must meet at least once a month for after schoolwork & collaboration meetings. The ACMPTA would like to revive the tradition where our families would provide snacks for the teachers to have during these meetings. We are looking for at least 4 families to donate snacks to the cause. *Examples of snacks: Granola bars, fruit snacks, nuts, cheese & crackers, cookies, etc. We will also be asking for fresh fruit/vegetables as well.*

Snacks can be dropped off as early as the day before to the Kia in the main office. The PTA will provide paper products.

Sign up here!

Ways to Support the PTA

Please fill out [this interest survey](#) and see if there is a role for you in our PTA! Own or work for a business that would like to donate charitable funds, goods or services? Fill it out, too!

The [Advisory Council on Teaching & Learning \(ACTL\)](#) is made up of representatives from each school and certain community organizations to assist in reviewing the system-wide curriculum and instructional program, and in developing recommendations for improvement.

The ACMPTA is seeking MPSA parents to be our representative on this committee. We are looking for a primary and an alternate. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to president@acmpta.com. To read more about ACTL, [click here](#).

Keep In Touch

- PTA Website: <https://www.acmpta.com/>
- PTA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ACMPTA>
- Private PTA Forum on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1614926128674543>
- PTA Twitter: <https://x.com/ArlCoMontessori>
- PTA Listserv: ACMPTA+subscribe@groups.io
- Montessori Caregivers Group (Parent-lead Private Forum):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419402838207257>