

School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

September 25, 2020

Inside this Edition

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Continues!**
- **We Sang for World Peace**
- **Sign Up for Instrumental Music**
- **Upper Elementary Montessori Kit Pick Up**
- **Library Reminders**
- **Upcoming Dates**
- **Keep in Touch**

[Hispanic Heritage Month Continues!](#)

**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH
Continues!**



MPSA continues to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** and, this week, we would like to showcase some of the amazing contributions to the world that were made by Hispanic inventors. How many of these did you already know about?

Guillermo González Camarena: *Inventor of the color-wheel television* (e.g. the color TV we all know). At the age of 17, Mr. Camarena invented the "Chromoscopic Adapter for Television Equipment", an early color television transmission system. He applied and was granted a U.S. patent application for his invention on September 15, 1942. On February 8, 1963, he successfully made the first color broadcast in history.

Ladislao José Biro: *Patented the first commercially successful ball point pen.* Argentinian-Hungarian scientist Biro developed a new pen tip consisting of a ball that was free to turn in a socket, and as it turned it would pick up ink from a cartridge and then roll to deposit it on the paper. He received a US patent for his invention in 1943 and in 1945, Marcel Bich bought the patent and marketed his BIC pens worldwide.

Olga D. González-Sanabria: *Patented and developed the long-life alkaline batteries.* Puerto Rican born NASA scientist and researcher Olga González-Sanabria was granted U.S. Patent in 1980 for the high endurance alkaline batteries that run the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS is 220 miles from Earth and rotates earth every 90 minutes. For a third of this time it has no direct sunlight. Olga's long-life, high power batteries deliver continuous power to the ISS when sunlight is not accessible. This is important because the ISS has contributed to global water purification program and enabled the world to better monitor climate change.

Read more about Hispanic Heritage Month [here](#).

[We Sang for World Peace!](#)

This past Monday the Montessori communities all across the world joined together to sing for World Peace. Our MPSA family did as well! Check out our [Twitter](#) to see the photos and videos that were shared from all over. (We were even [tagged](#) by a Montessori school in Utah). This is an annual event for Montessorians everywhere, and we look forward to celebrating it again next year but remember - we can celebrate and raise our voices every day! Please continue contributing pics and vids of peaceful moments and actions! Tweet them to @mpsarlington and hashtag #PeacefulMonarchs.

[Sign Up for Instrumental Music](#)

Researchers have found that learning to play a musical **instrument** can enhance verbal memory, spatial reasoning and literacy skills. Also, playing an **instrument** makes you use both sides of your brain, which strengthens memory power. All great reasons to talk to your 4th or 5th grade children about signing up for MPSA Band or Orchestra! Sign up for...

...**Band** with Mr. Glasner: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft_r6RUKjD_bq-y4yneVArZvzZGuAdofLEoxWQhoyGSqiMJg/viewform

...**Orchestra** with Mr. Kamenski: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCKW2gDLGJO-pVFYIto3_EPAM_sJRn5I9wOJyLxeOhlIQwQ/viewform

And please don't let cost be a deterrent. Free/reduced lunch children will receive a reduced fee for instrument rental.

 Upper Elementary Montessori Kit Pick Up

This is a reminder that this coming **Monday, September 28** is the pick up day for Upper Elementary Montessori tool kits.

All tool kits will be distributed from the **walker/car rider door (#5)** on S. Highland Street. Drive up to the curb and **remain in your car**. The teachers will bring your child's kit to you. To expedite this process **please write your child's name and teacher** legibly and large on a piece of paper and secure to the passenger side window.

Lower Elementary/Primary Montessori Parents: This is **not** the time for you to come and pick up kits. If you did not make your distribution days and still need to pick up a kit, please contact your child's teacher about how to make an appointment with the main office for pick up. Thank you!

 Library Reminders

We are so happy to see our students excited to read! But we are still seeing parents come to pick up books when they are not ready. Remember, only come to MPSA to pick up a book after your child's teacher has notified you, via e-mail, to do so. Just because your child has reserved a book or can see that it has been checked out to them does not mean it is ready for pick up. Books reserved by 11AM on Wednesday will be available the next day (Thursday) through the following Wednesday. Here's an infographic that will hopefully help:

If the book is reserved by 11AM on Wednesday, September 30thit <i>should be</i> * available for pick up Thursday, October 1 through Wednesday, October 7th .
If the book is reserved by 11AM on Wednesday, October 7thit <i>should be</i> * available for pick up Thursday, October 8 through Wednesday, October 14th .

*Remember to wait for a confirmation e-mail from your child's teacher before coming to the school.

Once you miss the reserve deadline, you will have to wait until the following week to receive your book. You can return library books any time the school is open, **Monday through Thursday**. **The school is closed on Fridays so there will be NO pick up or returns on those days.**

 Upcoming Dates

- Friday, 10/2 at 9:30 AM - Coffee Talk with Ms. Genove
- Tuesday, 10/6 at 7:00 PM – PTA General Meeting (Budget Vote)
- Friday, 10/9 at 9:30 AM - Coffee Talk with Ms. Genove
- Monday, 10/12 – School Closed for Students/Staff Professional Development Day

 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
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>