

School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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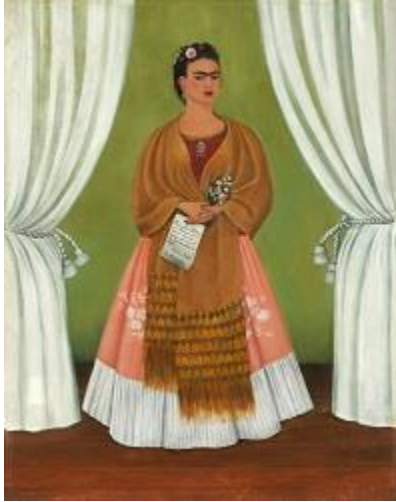
[Final Week of Hispanic Heritage Month: Latin Artists Who Influenced the World](#)



Hispanic Heritage Month ends on Thursday, October 15th. You don't need to have a month celebration to appreciate all that the Hispanic community has contributed to our society and we hope that you will continue to take the opportunity to continue exploring the many influences and contributions of the Latin heritage throughout the year.

In honor of the upcoming PTA Reflections art contest, we are going to close out the festivities with 4 famous Hispanic artists whose creative works have inspired others throughout the world for decades.

Frida Kahlo (1907-1954)



Self-portrait Dedicated to Leon Trotsky, 1937 (Courtesy of fridakahlo.org)

Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is remembered for her self-portraits, pain and passion, and bold, vibrant colors. She is celebrated in Mexico for her attention to Mexican and indigenous culture and by feminists for her depiction of the female experience and form.

Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)



Self-portrait, 1901 (Courtesy of pablocassio.org)

Pablo Picasso was born in Spain in 1881, and was raised there before going on to spend most of his adult life working as an artist in France. Throughout the long course of his career, he created more than 20,000 paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics and other items such as costumes and theater sets. He is universally renowned as one of the most influential and celebrated artists of the twentieth century.

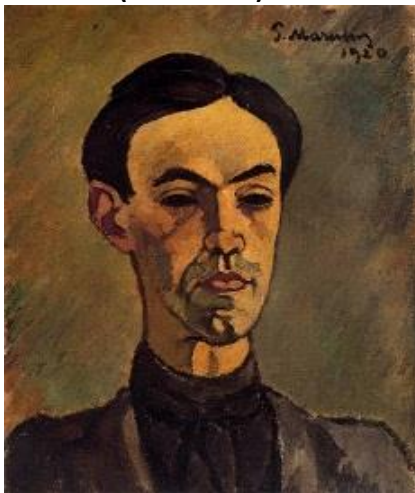
Fernando Botero (1932 -)



Self-portrait with Still Life (After Courbet), 1963 (Courtesy of [Christies.com](https://www.christies.com))

Born in Colombia in 1932, Fernando Botero left matador school to become an artist, displaying his work for the first time in a 1948. His subsequent art, now exhibited in major cities worldwide, concentrates on situational portraiture united by his subjects' proportional exaggeration. This style is called Boterismo.

Xul Solar (1887-1963)



Self-portrait, 1920 (Courtesy of [famouspainters.net](https://www.famouspainters.net))

Xul Solar was a renowned and prolific Argentinian painter, who is known to be one of the most innovative, influential and creative artists Argentine has produced. Xul Solar was actually a signature adopted by Oscar Agustin Alejandro Schulz Solari (his real name) to sign his works, it means 'the light of the sun'. Xul began experimenting with watercolors, tempera and occasionally, he used oils in his paintings. Xul created remarkable and iconic landscapes and architectural designs that focused on Theosophy, mysticism and astrology.

[PTA Video: Zoom Replay for Coffee Talk \(re: Hybrid Model\)](#)

MPSA Families,

[Here is the link](#) to the Zoom Replay of today's Coffee Talk with Ms. Genove, where the entire discussion was on the transition to Hybrid/Distance Learning Options. Here are the applicable links to points discussed:

- Membership is \$12/individual or \$20/family and can be purchased "as a guest" at this link: <https://acmpta.new.memberhub.store/store>
- Membership can be donated to other individuals through a contribution made via PayPal to paypal.me/ACMPTA - in the notes, please write "membership donation - generic" if it is for anyone or "membership donation + name(s)" if it is for specific person(s)
- Parents must indicate their decision to for their preferred instructional delivery method by October 21st at <https://vue.apsva.us>
- Families who previously placed their decision and wish to keep the same selection should confirm their options for both instructional delivery method AND transportation at <https://vue.apsva.us>
- To view the most up-to-date information on the hybrid return, please visit the Transition to Hybrid/In-Person Model Dashboard at <https://www.apsva.us/school-year-2020-21/transition-to-hybrid-in-person-model/>
 - NOTE: The anticipated return dates are Week of November 10 for PK-3rd (Primary and LEM) and Week of December 1 for 4th and 5th graders (UEM)

You will also find a comprehensive list of FAQs answered by Ms. Genove on [this page](#).

[Second Primary Kit Pick Up Date](#)

The pick up date for the rest of the **Primary Montessori** kits will be Monday, October 19. The schedule will be as follows.

From 10AM to 12PM:

- **Ms. Mendolia & Ms. O'Donnell** at the main entrance (door #1). Pull into the bus lane, open your trunk and the materials will be given to you.
- **Ms. Kalkus & Ms. Morgan** at the car rider/walker door (door #5). Pull up to the curb, open your trunk and the materials will be given to you.

From 1:30PM to 3:30PM:

- **Ms. Novak** at the main entrance (door #1). Pull into the bus lane, open your trunk and the materials will be given to you.
- **Ms. Bruno & Ms. Kain** at the car rider/walker door (door #5). Pull up to the curb, open your trunk and the materials will be given to you.

Review: Hybrid or Virtual? How to Change Your Response in ParentVue

Families have until October 21, 2020 to make their final decision whether to participate in the hybrid school model or continue in virtual learning. Here's a reminder on how to make your selection.

1. Log onto **ParentVue**. Instructions to do so can be found [here](#).
2. Click on your child's profile in the upper left hand corner.
3. Click on "**Student Info**" in the menu on the left.
4. Click "**Edit Information**"
5. Scroll down the page until you reach the section titled "**Other Information**".
Look for "**Instructional Delivery Method for 20-21**" and, using the drop down menu, make your selection.
6. Scroll down to "**Transportation Choice for 20-21**" and choose your method of transportation for your child.
7. Scroll all the way to the bottom and click "**Save Changes**".
8. If you made changes, you will see a message at the top of the page that reads "**Changes submitted on DATE, TIME, are still waiting approval.**" The registrar will review and approve the changes.
9. If you didn't make any changes, you will not see a message.

Music Notes

Orchestra News! Because of the holiday next week ALL Orchestra students will meet at 2:30 Wednesday. I will send out an email this weekend regarding how to connect to the class. If you do not receive an email from me by Monday and you want to play in orchestra this year please email me at erik.kamenski@apsva.us. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday!

Band: Questions about 4th & 5th grade band? Mr. Glasner sent a note, via Seesaw, to families this afternoon. If you still have questions, e-mail Mr. Glasner at randy.glasner@apsva.us.

Reminder from Ms. Shakespeare: Over the next few weeks, I will ask students to "find" items around the house. Students will use the names of these items to create rhythmic patterns; students will not be asked to use these items as rhythmic instruments. Please take a few minutes to walk through the house and show your child which items are ok to use as props, and which are not. It is ok for your student to assemble a box, bag or basket before music class. They will need 6-8 items varying in size, shape and material. Safe kitchen items are ideal. Thank you, Ms. Shakespeare

Shared by Ms. Shakespeare: Imagination Stage Student Artwork Competition: *Activism Through Art-- Black Lives Matter!* Calling all artists! Students in grades **K-12** are invited to submit a visual art design to help Imagination Stage design our theatre window. We ask students to create artwork that aligns with the theme of Black Lives Matter. Students may use any medium they like (pastels, graphic design, sculpture) and submit their final work as a photo or digital copy of the design. Winning submissions will be printed and displayed on the windows of Imagination Stage and/or on social media. Submissions are due by **Oct. 26** and must be emailed to marketing@imaginationstage.org and sent in a .pdf or .jpeg file (high resolution images preferred if possible).

Library Reminders

Due to the teacher workday, **there will be no library book pick up or drop off on Monday, October 12.** Pick up and drop off will resume on **Tuesday, October 13** per our usual hours of 9AM to 12PM, 1PM to 4PM.

Children should place books on hold **by 11AM on Wednesday, October 14** in order to have them for the next week's distribution which begins on **Thursday, October 15**. And remember, if you do not get a notice from your child's teacher or one of the MPSA Library staff, then your child's books are not ready for pickup. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, 10/12 – **School Closed for Students/Staff Professional Development Day**
- Wednesday, 10/14 – **PTA Parent Ed Talk, 7PM on PTA Zoom**
- Tuesday, 10/20 – **PTA Reflections Entries Due**
- Thursday 10/22 – **Early Release for Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Friday 10/23 – **No School for Parent-Teacher Conferences**

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/>