



# School Talk

## WEEKLY UPDATE!

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This Tuesday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** is a grade preparation day for teachers so there is **NO SCHOOL** for students. The MPSA offices will be **CLOSED**, but office staff will be working from home and checking their voicemail frequently. There will be **NO** library book distribution on Tuesday.

### Hybrid/Virtual Schedules for MPSA Teachers

Below are the hybrid and virtual assignments for our MPSA teachers. To note: Mondays will continue to be asynchronous for ALL students.

#### Primary Montessori

- **Ms. Bruno** & **Ms. Mendolia** are **hybrid** on **Tuesdays/Wednesdays**, virtual on Thursdays/Fridays.
- **Ms. Kalkus** & **Ms. Novak** are **hybrid** on **Thursdays/Fridays**, virtual on Tuesdays/Wednesdays.
- **Ms. Kain**, **Ms. Morgan**, and **Ms. O'Donnell** are remaining **virtual** Tuesdays through Fridays.

#### Lower Elementary Montessori

- **Ms. Habuki** & **Ms. Stephens** are **hybrid** on **Tuesdays/Wednesdays**, virtual on Thursdays/Fridays.
- **Dr. Fazily** & **Ms. Rubilotta** are **hybrid** on **Thursdays/Fridays**, virtual on Tuesdays/Wednesdays.
- **Ms. Alcorn**, **Ms. Choudhary**, **Ms. Darif**, **Ms. Maheshwari**, and **Ms. Stein** are remaining **virtual** Tuesdays through Fridays.

#### Upper Elementary Montessori

- **Ms. Pappafotopoulos** & **Ms. Ross** are **hybrid** on **Tuesdays/Wednesdays**, virtual on Thursdays/Fridays.
- **Ms. Hernandez** and **Ms. Lopatkiewicz** are remaining **virtual** Tuesdays through Fridays.

 **Counselor's Message: Canvas is Up & Running!**

**HI!** I am happy to say that I have my **CANVAS** home page is fully functioning, so now students may directly reach out to meet with me, their school counselor, to discuss a problem through the CANVAS app. ***This app is located on the same page as the Clever app.*** Over the next two weeks, students will receive instructions how to fill out the form during their SEL lesson. Kindergarten students will need the help of their parent or teacher if there is something they want to discuss. In the past, when in the school building, it is the LEM and UEM students that typically reach out to me to discuss problems. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will need the help of a parent or teacher to complete the form.

If your child has not received an invite to join my CANVAS course, or if they did not accept the invite, they will not be able to access this resource. Please contact me if this is the case: [diane.reeser@apsva.us](mailto:diane.reeser@apsva.us). Please use the subject line: ADD TO CANVAS, so I know that the email is legitimate.

The written directions follow (> means "go to"):

- > accept the invite that was sent to join my **CANVAS** course,
- >page with Clever app and locate Canvas App; click on it,
- >locate the tile "Throw Kindness around like Confetti" and click on it,
- >locate the lemon slice that says "students" and click on it,
- >complete the form by typing in the information that it asks for (for teacher, tap on the arrow for a drop down and then you can click on your teacher's name),
- >make sure to hit the submit button, so that I receive an email saying that you requested my support.

Many thanks! Ms. Reeser

 **MPSA Garden Day TOMORROW!**

Tomorrow the ACMPTA is hosting a **Garden Day** at MPSA. Wear your mask and participate in socially distant gardening. Join us them 2-4PM. They will be mulching and working on the raised beds. Children are welcome (in costume, if they'd like!) but the PTA asks that you sign up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a5a72fa7fac70-fall) so they know how many people to expect: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a5a72fa7fac70-fall>

Remember to bring your water bottle!

*\*Note: There is no access to the school, therefore no immediate access to a bathroom.*

### Calling 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders for Safety Patrols

If your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade child is interested in our virtual Safety Patrol program, please e-mail [Kia Haynes](mailto:Kia.Haynes@arlingtonmontessori.org). The program will consist of fun & informative self-lead activities/tasks (every two weeks) geared towards safety, virtual meetings once a month, and a small independent project. **Everyone who signs up for the virtual program will be accepted.** Should we get back to school and safety patrols be allowed to perform duties, their progress with the tasks and their independent project will help us determine who gets to receive a patrol belt and a post.

If your child was a safety patrol last year, do encourage them to participate this year.

### Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, 10/31 – **MPSA Garden Day**, 2PM-4PM
- Tuesday, 11/3 – **Grade Preparation Day** (NO SCHOOL/Offices Closed)
- Tuesday, 11/3 – **PTA Meeting (on Zoom)**, 7PM
- Wednesday, 11/11 – **Veterans' Day** (NO SCHOOL/Offices Closed)
- Thursday, 11/12 – **Coffee Chat with Principal Genove**, 9:30AM

### 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](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/>