



# School Talk

## WEEKLY UPDATE!

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### **MPSA Report Cards Available 11/20**

Report cards will be available on **Fri, November 20** for our families through ParentVUE and StudentVUE, both available at <https://vue.apsva.us>. Report cards provide families with a “snapshot” of student academic progress at the end of the marking period. Families are encouraged to review the report card together and confirm that students are making desired progress.

Printed copies of your child’s report card are available from the office. Just call the main line at **703-228-8871** during the open office hours of **Monday through Thursday, 8:30AM to 12PM & 1PM to 4PM** and make the request. You can also [e-mail the office](#) for help.

Directions for accessing the report card through ParentVUE can be found at: <https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Viewing-Printing-Report-Cards-Parents.pdf>

### **...and the PTA Reflections Winners are...**

Congratulations to all Reflections participants and winners. We had a total of 35 entries and entries in all categories in the primary and intermediate levels. The winners are listed below and first place entries in each category have advanced to the Arlington County level. I am very grateful to **Patrick Kirwin, Leah Stein, Mark Golden, Richard Roberts** and **Hannah Grieco** for their informative presentations and tutorials to help guide the students with their entries.

I am also very grateful to the following judges for their time and involvement in the contest: **Cindy Gossman, Songyee Yarborough, Ila Conoley, Hannah Grieco, Richard Roberts, Joe Gossman, Jesse Cohen, Beth Visioli, Valerie Jopeak, Jack Labadie** and **Vicki Walchak**. It was not an easy task for our judges, but they certainly enjoyed the children's creativity.

Lastly, I want to thank all the teachers who promoted Reflections to the students during their lesson time. I appreciate the airtime.

Stay tuned for how we plan to recognize our participants and how to collect your art.

Here are the winners:

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### PRIMARY

1. **Henry Costello** – *“Trash Gone”* - 1st Grade
2. **Zara Oberoi** – *“The Potomac”* - 2nd Grade
3. **Dhilan Kirwin** – *“I Am Doing My Schoolwork”* - 1st Grade

### INTERMEDIATE

1. **Nandini Kirwin** – *“Footprints”* - 4th Grade
2. **Ella Engelhardt** – *“Diabetes Matters”* - 5th Grade

## LITERATURE

### PRIMARY

1. **Valentina McCoy** – *“I Matter Because I Care”* - 1st Grade

### INTERMEDIATE

1. **Ella Engelhardt** – *“Self-doubt”* - 5th Grade
2. **Charles Thomson** – *“The Artists”* - 3rd Grade

## DANCE

### PRIMARY

1. **Sophia Mui-Welch** – *“See Yourself: To See How Much You Matter”* - 2nd Grade
2. **Natalia Castro-Arias** – *“Standing Heart”* - 2nd Grade

3. **Natalia Thornton** – “*Celebrating Cultures*” - 2nd Grade

#### INTERMEDIATE

1. **Catherine Kelly** – “*Graceful Ocean*” - 5th Grade

## MUSIC

#### PRIMARY

1. **Natalia Castro-Arias** – “*Shooting Star*” - 2nd Grade

#### INTERMEDIATE

1. **Laura Santos** – “*Emotions*” - 4th Grade

## FILM PRODUCTION

#### PRIMARY

1. **Jules Johnson** – “*I Love Animals*” - 1st Grade

2. **Julian Thornton** – “*I Matter Because...*” - 2nd Grade

#### INTERMEDIATE

1. **Nandini Kirwin** – “*I Am Loved*” - 4th Grade

2. **Jorie Johnson** – “*The Matter Film*” - 4th Grade

## VISUAL ARTS

#### PRIMARY

1. **Julian Gobena** – “*Black Boys Matter*” - Kindergarten

2. **Sloane Cowart**- “*My Quilt of Safety*” - 1st Grade

3. **Valentina McCoy** – “*Heart Matters*” - 1st Grade

Honorable Mention - **Zara Oberoi** – “*I Matter Because I Complete My Family*” - 2nd Grade

Honorable Mention - **Dhilan Kirwin** – “*A Painting Without Animals*” - 1st Grade

#### INTERMEDIATE

1. **Miles Gobena** – “*Passing the Ball Matters*” - 3rd Grade

2. **Nandini Kirwin** – “*I am the Future*” - 4th Grade

3. **Sofia Muir** – “*I Am Unique*” - 3rd Grade

Thank you for your creativity and participation.

Sincerely,

**Vaneshree Moodley**  
*PTA Reflections Chair*

### Library Updates

**Additional Library Pickup on TUESDAY, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3:30 (outside Door 1).** If you have a voracious reader, send them into Thanksgiving break with lots to read! We'll have an extra pull of library holds available to pickup the day before break. Students should think about their reading needs over the long weekend and plan accordingly!

**Canvas app & Library Class!** This week and next, all lower and upper elementary classes will be introduced to the library course on Canvas. We are keeping track of who is able to access both Canvas and the course, and who is having difficulties. If your family has questions about how the library course on Canvas works, or how to get to it, please reach out to Ms. Jopeck, our librarian ([valerie.jopeck@apsva.us](mailto:valerie.jopeck@apsva.us)) first. Thank you!

### Tips for Co-Parenting During COVID-19

**Ms. Reeser** would like to this resource for those who may find this information, about co-parenting during the pandemic, useful. [Parenting Expert Outlines Tips for Sharing Custody During The Pandemic](#)

### Music Based Program for Kids

Ms. Shakespeare would like to share the following program as your children (and you!) may be interested:

**Virtual: Streaming on Friends Facebook page**  
**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3PM**

Tune in for a fun, music-based program about space science and history with **Dr. Jim Thorne**, space scientist and singer-songwriter.

Get set to hear story songs about the adventures of Tommy & Laura, two kids of the future who fly their spaceships, explore the solar system, and follow radio signals from the sky to reach another star! Meet their companion robot explorers, Piper and Vista, as seen on the TV show "Space Quest with Dr. Jim."

Dr. James D. Thorne (Jim) is a nationally recognized expert on space science and a NASA consultant. He is a career veteran of the US Air Force in space technology, acquisition, and policy. Jim is also a published recording artist with two albums about space exploration for elementary science students,

and has performed at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, and also hosts the award-winning show "Space Quest with Dr. Jim" on public-access TV and YouTube.

#### **Friends of the Planetarium**

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheplanetarium>

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Wednesday, 11/18 – **PTA Parent Ed Talk, 7PM**
- Friday, 11/20 – **Report Cards Available**
- Wednesday, 11/25 to 11/27 – **Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL**

#### **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/>