



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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*This Wednesday, **November 11th** there will be **NO SCHOOL** for students or teachers in observation of **Veteran's Day**. The school office will be closed so no materials or library book pick up will be available.*

MPSA Salutes Our Veterans

Veterans' Day is celebrated on the 11 day of the 11 month to commemorate the signing of the World War I Armistice on November 11, 1918. The date was originally celebrated as a way to remember the signing and first called Armistice Day, but in 1954 was renamed Veterans' Day when it became a day to honor all of America's veterans for their service, patriotism and love of country.

MPSA is home to several soldiers of the many branches of the Armed Forces and, in recognition of their service, we would like to extend to them our appreciation for their willingness to serve and sacrifice. Happy Veterans Day to our military and their families, both past and present!

Upcoming School Holidays: Dates to Remember

The holiday season is upon us! There will be several holidays between now and the New Year. Please make a note if you haven't already.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, December 21 through January 1 – Winter Break

STEAM Event: NASA Essay Contest

NASA is taking remote learning to the Moon! 2020 has been a year of working and living at a distance. Now consider what it might be like if you were living with a pod of astronauts 250,000 miles from Earth. Your challenge is to imagine leading a one-week expedition at the Moon's South Pole – with the whole world cheering you on. Tell us about the types of skills, attributes, and/or personality traits that you would want your Moon Pod crew to have and why. How many would be in your pod? And of course, you'll need high tech gear and gadgets! In your essay, also describe one machine, robot, or technology that you would leave on the lunar surface to help future astronauts explore the Moon.

For more information (rules & submission requirements) please click [here](#).

Middle School Options Application Period is Open

Rising 6th grade parents, you can now apply to the middle school option program at **H-B Woodlawn**. There is no need to apply to the middle school Montessori program at Gunston because our students are automatically enrolled there. Transfers for middle schools has not yet opened. Read more [here](#). The deadline to apply is **January 15, 2021**.

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, 11/11 – **Veterans' Day** (NO SCHOOL/Offices Closed)
- Thursday, 11/12 – **Coffee Chat with Principal Genove**, 9:30AM
- Wednesday, 11/18 – **PTA Parent Ed Talk**, 7PM

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- 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/>