



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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DIBELS Scores to Be Sent Home Soon

In November, students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade took the **Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills assessment (DIBELS)**. DIBELS measures at grades 3-5 are designed to assess the following skills involved in reading: phonics, accuracy and fluency, and comprehension. The student score reports will be sent to families next week in the mail, along with a guide from APS about how to interpret the scores. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Here are guides on how to decipher the scores in:

[English](#) [Amharic](#) [Arabic](#) [Mongolian](#) [Spanish](#)

Last Chance to Request Internet Service

The last chance to apply for free internet is next **Friday, December 18th**. Please e-mail Karina at karina.valdez@apsva.us to inquire about how. Please note that free internet service is for families on free/reduced lunch.

Primary Montessori Art Supplies for Next Week

For art next week, students will need:

- 3 craft sticks
- construction paper or wrapping paper
- watercolor paint or markers
- Elmer's glue
- pipe cleaners
- buttons, beads or sequins to decorate (optional)

We will be making a holiday craft – either a Christmas tree or winter snowflake. **Most of the supplies you need can be found in your Primary Montessori kits.** It would be wonderful if you could join the children if it works for your schedule.

Important: Library Book Pick Up for Next Week

The library will be sending out notices for children to pick up books on Wednesday afternoon. You will only be able to come get books on **Thursday, December 17th** since the school will be closed on for the holidays. We would like your readers to have books to read over the break so, if your child has reserved books, please make a plan to come get their book on **Thursday, December 17th** from **9AM to 3:45PM**.

For those who received notices dated December 3 and December 10, your books will be available all week (*Monday – Wednesday from 9AM-12PM and 1PM to 4PM*) and on Thursday December 17th at the time above as well.

Add to the Calendar: Inauguration Day

The APS School Board approved the Superintendent's request to make **January 20, 2021 – Presidential Inauguration Day** - a school wide holiday for students and staff. Please mark your calendars as there will be no school and offices will be closed that day.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1: **Winter Break, NO SCHOOL**
- Monday, January 4 – **Back to School**
- Monday, January 18 – **Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday, NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, January 20 – **Presidential Inauguration Day, 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
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>