



# School Talk

## WEEKLY UPDATE!

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### [Holiday Reminder](#)

A reminder to families that we have two holidays next week. **Monday, January 18** in celebration and remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and **Wednesday, January 20** in observation of the Presidential Inauguration. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for children or teachers on both days and MPSA offices will be **CLOSED**.

### [The Winter Reading Challenge Update](#)

**We did it!** Congratulations to our MPSA community of readers for letting us know that you read **2,148 books** over our Winter Break. Wow!! A huge shout-out goes to our families for always encouraging your students to read, read, read.

Two classes' teachers earned the privilege of water-cooling Ms. Genove and Ms. Jopeck. **Ms. Kalkus'** class **read the most books** and **Ms. Alcorn's** class **had the most students participating**. Keep an eye out for upcoming details on our Reading Celebration as we continue to coordinate logistics. We promise it will be worth the short wait.

### Save the Date: Lower Elementary (1st-3rd Grade) Art & Music Kit Pick Up

On **Monday, February 8**, Art & Music kits will be distributed to Lower Elementary (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) students. Pick up will be from 1-3PM at school. Parents should drive up to the building and remain in their cars. A kit will be brought to you.

Pick up will take place from Door #2 (Gym) so parents should drive up to the bus lane and wait.

#### Help us out!

1. Post your student's name and class on the passenger-side window of your car.
2. Once you're in the bus lane, open your trunk.
3. When we've placed the kit in your car and closed your trunk, you are free to leave.

**Note:** *The school's office will be closed so the only business that day will be kit pickup.*

### UEM Art & Music Kits are Still Available

If you did not pick up your 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grader's art & music kit this past Monday, you can still get them. They are at school and available for pick up **during the school's office hours** of 8:30AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM Monday through Thursday, except for holidays.

We ask that you please come get them as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Remaining Info Nights for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

There are two more virtual Middle School information sessions coming up that you may be interested in attending when looking towards schools for your 5th grader next year. ***Also, a reminder that all students at the Montessori Public School of Arlington automatically gain admission to the Montessori program at Gunston Middle School, so there is no need to apply.***

#### Swanson Middle School Info Session

Thursday, January 21 at 7PM

[Click here to view.](#)

#### Dorothy Hamm Middle School Info Session

Thursday, January 28 at 7PM

[Click here to view.](#)

*All the other Middle Schools have completed their information sessions. information about Middle School information sessions can be found [here](#).*

 **Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, January 18 – **Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday, NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, January 20 – **Presidential Inauguration Day, NO SCHOOL**
- Monday, January 25 – **Kindergarten Info Night, Information TBA**

 **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/>