

School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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 [We are Extending the MPSA Winter Reading Challenge!](#)



Winter Break Reading Challenge! Ms. Genove and Ms. Jopeak are extending the deadline to log books to this Sunday evening. **New Books count**, so keep reading! We are so close to our goal of 2000 books read – we only need students to log their reading.

Activities in the Library course in both Seesaw and Canvas have the forms for students. A quick link to our Google Form is: <https://forms.gle/p4Nm18TaLh5CSEgP6>

In case you aren't familiar with the challenge, or need a reminder, here are the details:

The Challenge! MPSA students read 2000 books, collectively!

The Bonus! IF the students achieve this goal, Ms. Jopeak and Ms. Genove will be “water cooled” in January! *What's water cooling?* This:



Washington Nationals: Jayson Werth gets water-cooled by Wilson Ramos. Photo by Rob Tringeli

The Extra Bonus! The teacher of the class with the best participation gets to do the water dumping!
**The event will be live-streamed and will follow all appropriate APS health and safety requirements.*

HOW will this happen? Students will have multiple ways to track their reading. The easiest for the library to track is this form: <https://forms.gle/AJv5Ja5ZkGV9gwRb6> (filled out after each book is finished). Students do not need to be logged into any APS devices to fill it out. They will also have access to a more traditional reading log in both Seesaw and Canvas, starting today, in the library course.

What do we need from you? Not much! Just encourage your children to read over break! (Expressing enthusiasm about watching the water cooling could be very motivating!)

E-mail if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting reading for fun!

Ms. Jopeck, MPSA Librarian

Upper Elementary (4/5th Grade) Art & Music Kit Pick Up

On **Monday, January 11th**, Art & Music kits will be distributed to Upper Elementary (4th & 5th 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.

****Location change** – please note: Pick up will take place at the car rider/walker door at **door #5** on Highland Street. Drive up to the curb and open your trunk and a kit will be placed in your car.

Gunston MS Info Night for Rising 6th Graders

There are several 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.*** However, we recommend you attend a session so that you can learn more about your child's future school should you chose to send them there. All sessions will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and can be accessed from your child's device.

Gunston Middle School Info Session

[English Flyer](#) [Spanish Flyer](#)

Tuesday, January 12 at 7PM: **Information Session in Spanish.** [Click here to view.](#)

Wednesday, January 13 at 7PM: **General Information Session.** [Click here to view.](#)

Williamsburg Middle School Info Session

Wednesday, January 13th at 7PM

[Click here to view](#)

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.](#)

Thomas Jefferson and Kenmore Middle Schools had their sessions this past week. More information about Middle School information sessions can be found [here](#).

VDOE Early Childhood Family Survey

The University of Virginia (UVA), Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), and Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF) want to learn about Virginia families' experiences with the care and/or education for their young children (birth through kindergarten) this year. If you'd like to take part, please fill out this [survey](#). Read more about this effort in this [flyer](#).

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**

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/>