



# School Talk

## WEEKLY UPDATE!

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A reminder that **tomorrow**, March 20<sup>th</sup>, is the **ACMPTA Gardening Day** in the MPSA courtyard. (Weather permitting). They will meet up from **10AM to 11:30AM**. If you are interested, please check the 3/15 School Talk for more information or e-mail [gardening@acmpta.com](mailto:gardening@acmpta.com).

### **MPSA Library Spring (Break) Reading Challenge!**

We are excited to announce the  
**2021 MPSA Spring (Break) Reading Challenge...**  
**Feeding Our Love of Reading!**

The challenge starts at 2:21 p.m. on **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** (right after school dismisses) and will end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The Challenge!** Like our Winter Break Reading Challenge, our goal will be 2000 books. This time MPSA students and members of their families may participate. Teachers and staff are also welcomed to join in!

**The Reward!** Thanks to the generosity of the Kulkarni family, and others, here at MPSA, for every book a member of our community reads during the challenge, the equivalent of **one box of cereal** will be funded at the [Arlington Food Assistance Center \(AFAC\)](#). That's right! ***Your reading supports people in our larger Arlington community being fed!***

**The Extra Reward!** Students may choose to also donate non-perishable food items to AFAC in designated bins at school during the month of April (after Spring Break). These items will be donated to AFAC at the end of the month.

**HOW** will this happen? Students, families, and staff will have multiple ways to track their reading. All classes will be provided with a reading log, starting the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. For those who like an electronic form, we will be sharing a Google Form link as well. **Look to the school's website and social media for updates!**

### Student Placement for Next School Year (2021-2022)

In case you missed the PTA Coffee Chat yesterday, **Principal Genove** confirmed that children who were moved into new classrooms in March due to the re-opening will be **returned** to their originally assigned classrooms this Fall. Students who will be moving up into a new age grouping (e.g. Primary to Lower Elementary, etc...) will be placed with a teacher for that grade level.

### New Attendance E-mail & Hybrid "Housekeeping"

**Please note this new e-mail:** We have a new way to report your child's absences! You can now e-mail us at [montessori.attendance@apsva.us](mailto:montessori.attendance@apsva.us). Please include your child's full name, current teacher and reason for the illness. Please aim to notify us by 10AM at the latest to avoid an unexcused absence. This is also the e-mail to use if you are going to notify us of a future absence.

#### **Housekeeping:**

A reminder to please send your children to school with their iPads **FULLY** charged. Also, if your child needs headphones, please let their teacher know as we can provide them.

Also, another reminder that if your child is a car rider to **PLEASE** stay in your car. Do not park in the line to walk your child to class or pick them up after school. If you wish to do so, then please find a parking spot so that you are respectful to those who are following the rules and not holding up the line.

### Family Life Lessons Information for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**Who?** Participants: all 5th Grade Students whose parents did not inform me that they wish their child to opt-out; Presenter: Ms. Soliman, MPSA school nurse; Ms. Reeser, school counselor, will also be in attendance.

**What ?** A Family Life Education lesson on the female and male reproductive systems, changes that occur during puberty and proper hygiene.

**When?** **Monday, 3/22;** The same lesson will be offered twice on that day: **10:00 to 11:00** and **2:00 to 3:00;** you can choose the time that works best for you.

## Where?

The following link below is for lesson on March 22nd at 10:00 am.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The following link is for lesson on March 22nd at 2:00 pm.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

## March is “Arts in School” Month

March is annual **Arts in Schools** month. Don't limit your celebration of Arts to the school day, though. Celebrate **Arts in Schools at Home**. You'll have the best seats in the house!

This week MPSA *Arts in Schools@Home* highlights the intersection of Dance and Visual Art.

**Art in Motion:** <https://www.kennedy-center.org/video/education/dance/tap-art-in-motion-with-kylie-murray/>

Ready to try it on your own? Need some choreographic inspiration? Turn on your favorite tune and check out this artwork housed across the river at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

**Magnetic Fields by Mildred Thompson:** <https://nmwa.org/art/artists/mildred-thompson/>

Tweet and tag your experience!

- @mpsarlington @APSArts @GHalfFullTheater @WomenInThe Arts
- #artsNschoolsathome #KCed #cenicienta #StayatHome

## Upcoming Dates

- Monday, March 22: **Family Life Education for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**
- Friday, March 26: **Spring (Break) Reading Challenge Begins**
- Monday, March 29 – April 2: **Spring Break, NO SCHOOL for Students/Teachers**

## 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/>