



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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This newsletter will pause until the Friday after we return from the break. Don't forget that **Monday, April 5** will be a **synchronous** learning day for all students. Please have your child log on to their classrooms at 9AM and plan to be in attendance for a full day of school. Have a wonderful Spring break!

[Feeding Our Love of Reading! Spring \(Break\) Reading Challenge](#)

Feeding Our Love of Reading! Spring (Break) Reading Challenge: We hope you will all join us in our spring reading challenge. Our goal is 2000 books read from Friday, March 26th to Sunday April 11th. For each book read, MPSA families are contributing to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). One book covers the equivalent of a box of cereal. Anyone in your household may participate, whether they attend MPSA or not!

The easiest way to keep track is this Google form: <https://forms.gle/bdsmyKGNXPj5qkLe6> There is also an activity with a traditional reading log in the Library's Seesaw and Canvas course. Questions should be directed to our librarian, [Ms. Jopeck](#).

What counts?

- Books you read yourself!
- Books you read to someone else!
- Books someone reads to you!
- Audiobooks, eBooks, print books!

Kindergarten & 3rd Grade Hearing/Vision Screening

Greeting Kindergarten and 3rd grades' Parents,

This is just a reminder that we will be doing Vision and Hearing screening for K and 3rd students after spring break. Screening will take place during school hours.

- If your student has a vision and hearing screening conducted on or after **August 31, 2019**, or you would prefer your student be screened by your health care provider, please provide written documentation of screenings results to the clinic staff.
- If you prefer to Opt out from screening, please let us know. You can use the opt out form OR send an email.
- If your student is attending school virtually, you will receive an email to sign up for screening (will send the email during last week of April).

Please feel free to contact us for any questions.

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ACMPTA Message: Consider Sponsoring A Teacher

The PTA Teacher Grants season is about to open just after we return from Spring Break, and one of the requirements we have is that the teachers who apply must be a current paid PTA member. This requirement is written in our bylaws and the PTA cannot absorb or cover membership fees. Because our teachers already do so much, we encourage families to cover the cost of the \$12 membership for their teachers. Please consider making this tax-deductible contribution in honor of a teacher. We need the following memberships:

- **2** Primary Montessori Teachers
- **4** Lower Elementary Teachers
- **2** Upper Elementary Teachers
- **1** Special Education Teachers
- **5** Resource Teachers
- **2** Specials Teachers

To donate a membership, please pay here: <https://PayPal.me/ACMPTA> Specify which category you'd like your membership donation to go to (e.g. Primary, Resource, etc...). If you'd like to know if a specific teachers has a membership, please e-mail treasurer@acmpta.com. If you don't specify a teacher/teachers, we will apply your donation to a teacher (going alphabetically down our list).

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 **CREATION via theater and film**.

Create a silent film! The American Pops Orchestra (APO) will provide the musical accompaniment. *“The Day of the Race,”* written by Broadway's **Claybourne Elder**, gives students the opportunity to design, produce, and star in a silent film. **To participate, videos must be submitted by 11:59pm ET on April 19.**

Get creative when making your films! Design exciting costumes or insert interesting video edits for an extra flare. Videos should be sent how you want them to appear. APO will only underscore the video and will not edit the video itself.

All recordings can be sent directly through DropBox. Please label the videos with your name, your school's name, name of your classroom teacher.

If you have any questions about The Storybook Series or *“The Day of The Race,”* please contact Josh Smith, Artistic Operations Manager, josh@theamericanpops.org

The APO Kids Film Festival takes place online the week of **May 3, 2021**. **To participate, submit videos by 11:59pm ET on April 19.** All participants are eligible to win Amazon gift cards and a private video call with a Broadway star!

[CLICK HERE](#) for Silent Film Resources

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your Silent Film

4th Grade Band/Orchestra Students

4th Grade Instrumental Lessons will be taking place during this synchronous day as scheduled. Please bear in mind some students will need to pop out and join their MA Teams lesson throughout the day.

- 9:30 Flutes
- 10:00 Clarinets
- 10:30 Saxophone
- 12:30 Trumpets
- 1:00 Trombones
- 1:30 Percussion
- 2:30 Violins
- **3:00 5th Violin Beginners**
- 3:30 Cello

 **Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, March 29 – April 2: **Spring Break, NO SCHOOL for Students/Teachers**
- Monday, April 5: **Synchronous Learning Day for All.**

 **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/>