



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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MPSA SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Parents who need to drop off or pick up items may do so during MPSA's summer hours of **Tuesday-Friday** from **9AM to 2PM**. Please be mindful that MPSA will follow Federal holidays and will not be opening on those days.

If you wish to speak to an administrator, **you must make an appointment** by calling **703-228-8871**. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to speak to anyone if you arrive without calling prior to check for availability. Thank you.

MPSA Promotions & Celebrations

Although this has been a very different sort of year, one thing MPSA classes made sure to do is honor the students who are leaving their classes to start new ones (or new schools) in the fall. Below are pictures of some of the class celebrations held to recognize & celebrate the hard work our rising Kindergartners, 3rd graders and 5th graders put in to move to the next level. Congratulations!

To view pics from the **5th Grade Car Parade** held Monday, June 14th, please click [here](#).



Ms. Bruno's Kindergartners



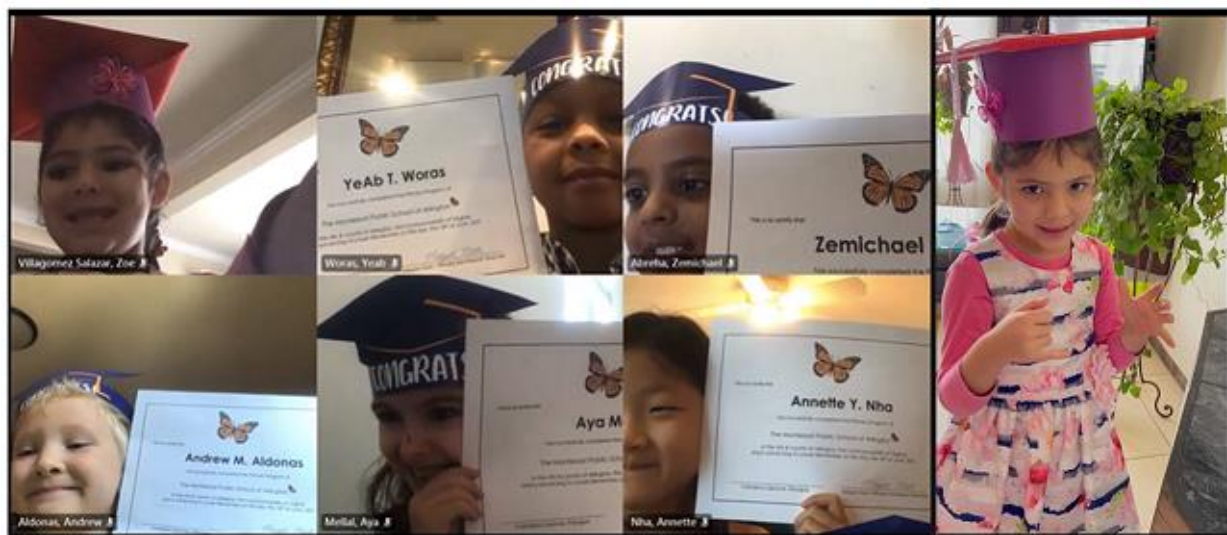
Ms. Choudhary's 3rd Graders



Tribute letters written by students in Ms. Darif's class for the 3rd graders leaving LEM.



Ms. Hernandez' End-of-the-Year Celebration



Ms. Kain's Kindergarteners



Ms. Kalkus' Kindergartners



Ms. Maheshwari's 3rd Graders



Ms. Ross' 5th Graders

Farewells & Welcomes

MPSA values all our staff so it is always bittersweet to say goodbye. We would like to wish a fond farewell to the following teachers and wish them well in all their futures endeavors:

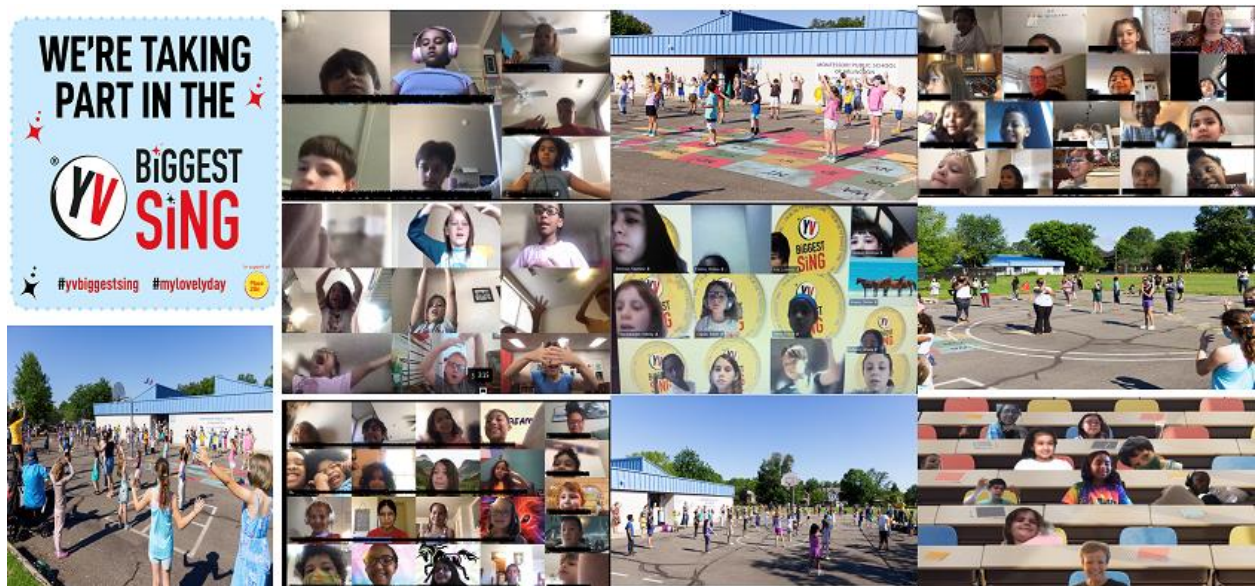
- **Ms. Adriana Alcorn**, Lower Elementary Teacher
- **Ms. Kate Allen**, Occupational Therapist
- **Ms. Valerie Jopeak**, Librarian
- **Ms. Angela Morgan**, Primary Montessori Teacher
- **Ms. Sara Stein**, Lower Elementary Teacher
- **Ms. Judy Voegler**, Primary Montessori Assistant

Conversely, we are happy to welcome into the MPSA family the following new staff!

- **Ms. Tequila Howard**, Primary Montessori Teacher
- **Ms. Kay Miller**, Librarian

Finally, we would like to welcome back to the Lower Elementary Montessori classroom **Ms. Shanta Joshi**, who will be teaching this year.

The Biggest Sing Was a Success!



[Young Voices](#) staged the **World's Largest Children's Choir** at Home and in School on Tuesday, June 15th and MPSA took part! All the hybrid students and staff, as well as some virtual students who participated, gathered on the MPSA playground to sing "Lovely Day" in unison with other participants all over the world! Virtual students also participated online. To view more pictures of the day, please click [here](#).

Summer Learning & Activities

The Department of Teaching and Learning has compiled summer resources for families to access so children can continue learning during the summer months. Click [here](#) to read the list.

To encourage reading, APS Library Services compiled a list of summer reading websites you can find [here](#).

Summer Meal Services (FREE)

APS will continue to serve free meals to all students this summer. Breakfast and lunch will be available at all summer school locations for students attending in person summer school. The following meal pick up locations will be open for food distribution from **11AM to 12PM** on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays** beginning **July 7**. Click [here](#) for the list of pick up locations.

Upcoming Dates

Mark your calendar for the first day of school! **PreK-4s** (second years) **through 5th grade** will begin school on **Monday, August 30th**. **New PreK-3 students** (first years) will be mailed a letter with your child's start date as those children are staggered in to allow for better adjustment to their new environment.

Letters with classroom assignments will be mailed home in August, as will bus assignments for those who are eligible for APS transportation.

The ACMPTA Need YOU to be Secretary!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the person currently elected to perform as the ACMPTA Secretary for the upcoming school year cannot. The duties of the Secretary include **recording** the minutes of all meetings; maintain a membership list and perform other communication duties (from time to time) to support the other members of the Executive Board. If you are interested in this role, please send an e-mail to info@acmpta.com.

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/>