



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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IMPORTANT REMINDER: We ask that you please send your child to school with [extra masks of appropriate size](#). We have some masks in the office for occasions when a child may not have a spare, however, our supplies are being depleted faster than expected due to the number of children who are not bringing back up masks. We suggest that you send at least **3** masks, whether they be cloth or paper, every day.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are willing to donate child-sized masks to the classroom.

[Parent-Teacher Conferences](#)

Parent-Teacher conferences are this upcoming Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22. If you have not yet scheduled your conference, please reach out to your teacher.

We recommend that all parents attend a conference because this is the opportunity for you to discuss your child and how they are progressing in a one-on-one conversation with their teacher. Translators will be provided for those who need it.

Upcoming EARLY RELEASE/NO SCHOOL Days

Thursday, **October 21** is an **EARLY RELEASE** day

Friday, **October 22** is **NO SCHOOL** for students.

Wednesday, **October 27** is an **EARLY RELEASE** day.

Thursday, **November 4** is **NO SCHOOL** for students/staff.

Thursday, **November 11** is **NO SCHOOL** for students/staff.

Wednesday, **November 24** through **November 26** is **NO SCHOOL** for students/staff.

FAQs RE: School Attendance Questions

May I prearrange an absence?

Parents or guardians should contact the school and make sure that your child's teachers and the administrators have been notified of the absence. Students are responsible for making up assignments, quizzes, and tests missed while absent. Parents should review their child's school attendance policy regarding makeup work and tests.

When are absences unexcused?

Absences that occur because of childcare, work, or other family issues typically are NOT excused (e.g. weddings, visiting relatives, etc). Extended family trips during the school year are typically not excused. Family trips and vacations should be planned for times when school is not in session. Patterns of absence, and the reasons for them, should be addressed as early as possible.

What happens when students are late to school?

Students are expected to report to the school attendance office to receive a pass to go to class. He or she will need to explain why he or she is arriving late. The lateness will be recorded as excused or unexcused, depending upon the reason given. As the student begins class, he or she will be asked to participate in a class already in session. If lateness becomes a pattern for a specific student, a conference may be requested. To ensure that your child wakes up on time, he or she should have a good and restful sleep overnight.

Read more about attendance and APS [here](#) and check out this flyer with attendance tips.

Covid-19 Testing Locations in Arlington

Here are the sites in Arlington where you can get FREE Covid-19 testing.

Resource Path at Kenmore Middle School (200 S. Carlin Springs Road)

- Monday – Friday from 3:30PM to 7PM, Saturday 9AM to 1PM
- Test Types: RT-PCR with results in about 24 hours
- Requirements: No age restrictions; Arlington residency not required; no appointments required but recommended to help reduce wait times. www.resourcepath.net

Curative Testing Kiosks

- Arlington Mills Community Center (909 S. Carlin Springs Road)
- Courthouse Plaza Parking Lot (2088 15th Street N)
- Virginia Highlands Park (1600 S. Hayes Street)
 - Test Types: Viral tests (PCR or antigen) and antibody tests
 - Requirements: No age restrictions; Arlington residency not required; no appointments required but recommended to help reduce wait times. www.curative.com

Thank You from the Library

The library staff would like to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to the families who bought items off our wishlist! The children have already started using our new, comfortable seating. We really appreciate your support. Unfortunately, Amazon doesn't let us know who made the purchase, so please send us a note so we can thank you properly! E-mail librarian Kay Miller, please. Thanks again!

If any other families would like to support our library, our **Amazon Wish List** is [here](#). All the items on the wish list are going to be used to enhance their library experience and every item will be put to good use. Thank you in advance.

Honors Choir Auditions

Honors Ensemble auditions are coming up soon! If your child would like to participate, here is some helpful information:

Honors Chorus (5th grade only):

- Tuesday, October 26 – 4:30-8:00 PM,
- Wednesday, October 27 – 4:00-7:30 PM, and
- Thursday, October 28 – 4:30-7:00 PM

Honors Chorus information page link: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/elementary-school-honors-chorus/>

Junior Honors Band (grades 4-6):

- Auditions are on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – 4:30-7:00 PM, at Kenmore Middle School

Junior Honor band link: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/jr-honors-band/>

Junior Honors Orchestra (grades 4-6):

- Auditions are on Monday, November 8, 2021 – 5:00-7:30 PM, at Kenmore Middle School. In addition, there will be extra violin only slots between 4:00-5:00 PM

Junior Honors Orchestra link: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/jr-honors-orchestra/>

 **Upcoming Dates**

- Thursday, October 21 – **Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences** (Virtual)
- Friday, October 22 – **NO SCHOOL for students/Parent Teacher Conferences** (Virtual)

 **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/>