



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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This **Tuesday, November 23rd**, is **PAJAMA DAY!** All staff and students are encouraged to participate by wearing their pajamas to school! And, since this is Montessori, slippers are welcome! (But pack sneakers if your child has PE that day.) We look forward to having some fun on Tuesday!

A Restful Thanksgiving Break to You

It is hard to believe that we are already near the end of November! Our staff, students and you, our parents and caregivers, have worked very hard this fall - getting back into the groove of being in school all day while adapting to all the new protocols and safety precautions - making this break a welcomed and well deserved one.

On behalf of all the staff at MPSA, I'd like to wish you all a restful and rejuvenating Thanksgiving break and we all look forward to welcoming everyone back and finishing out 2021 with positive spirits.

We appreciate your support and dedication to keeping the MPSA community strong.

Sincerely,

Catharina Genove, Principal

Report Cards Have Been Posted to ParentVue

Report cards were uploaded to ParentVue today. A reminder that our PreK students do not receive a report card, and our Kindergartners only receive a report card every semester, not quarter.

Also, a reminder that our report cards look different this year as APS has moved to Standards-Based Instruction. Reports cards will only be digital this year, however, if you would like, you can request a print out of your child's report card from the main office by calling **703-228-8871**.

To read more about Standards-Based Instruction click [here](#).

AETV also produced a video about Standards-Based Instruction that you can view [here](#).

Nominate the APS Teacher & Principal of the Year

This year, APS is accepting nominations for **Teacher** and **Principal** of the Year from all staff and community members. Please help us recognize and reward excellence at APS by submitting a nomination for a teacher or principal who has gone above and beyond to help APS students succeed and thrive. More information [here](#), including the nomination forms.

Nominations and recognitions for Support Staff of the Year will be coming later this school year.

Please Welcome Ms. Trinidad Coopman to MPSA!

Please welcome special education teacher, **Ms. Trinidad Coopman**, to MPSA!

Ms. Coopman has been working in Arlington Public Schools for the past seven years, mainly in the area of Special Education. She is fully bilingual in English and Spanish. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from George Mason University, and is currently working on her Masters Degree in Special Education at the University of Virginia. Ms. Coopman began working at MPSA this month and it's been a very positive experience.

We're glad to have her join our MPSA Family!

Extended Day Newsletter

MPSA Extended Day is happy to share this month's newsletter with the community. [Click here to read it.](#)

An Introduction to Special Education

The APS Parent Resource Center has created a fabulous module of online learning to introduce families to Special Education (SpEd) and educate them on the process. This page has a lot of information in the form of infographics and videos, along with links to other site with information that is beneficial to a family seeking more information about SpEd services. Click [here](#) to view.

ICYMI: PTA Reflections Winners Have Been Announced

Congratulations to all Reflections participants and winners. We had a total of 62 entries and entries in all categories in the primary and intermediate levels. The winners are listed below and first place entries in each category have advanced to the Arlington County level. Thank you to the caregivers who ensured their children's forms were completely and correctly filled out and helping their children with the submission process. Over the next few weeks I will be uploading the artwork onto our ACMPTA Facebook site for all to enjoy. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/ACMPTA>

Here are the winners:

LITERATURE

PRIMARY

1st Place: Flower Burst by Valentina McCoy, 2nd Grade

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place: Sharing Kindness by Saidarshan Nevethan, 3rd Grade

2nd Place: Our Greatest Weapon by Layla Kulkarni, 5th Grade

3rd Place: Try by Matilda Pray, 4th Grade

DANCE

PRIMARY

1st Place: Dance for Everyone by Wesley Doerrer, 2nd Grade

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place: Inspiring Happiness by Evan Bell, 3rd Grade

2nd Place: TBD by Cecile Dierenfeld, 3rd Grade

MUSIC

PRIMARY

1st Place: Happiness/The Woods by Arlymae Carson, 2nd Grade

2nd Place: That's How I Can Change the World by Ariana Kulkarni, 2nd Grade

3rd Place: We Can Change the World by Boran Yurt, 2nd Grade

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place: Sunshine by Akunna Isiadinso, 5th Grade

2. I Can Change the World by Charles Thomson, 4th Grade

3. Wear a Mask Beautiful Day by Hannah Gerardo, 3rd Grade

FILM PRODUCTION

PRIMARY

1st Place: Helping Endangered Species by Julian Lynch, 1st Grade

2nd Place: How I Change the World by Jules Johnson, 2nd Grade

3rd Place: Cinnamon Roll Cake by Alexander Harold, 2nd Grade

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place: Blooming Friendship by Camilla Randi, 4th Grade

2nd Place: Planting a Tree by Helaena Strock, 3rd Grade

3rd Place: I Will Change the World by Raising Money for Those in Need by Asa Cozzens, 4th Grade

PHOTOGRAPHY

PRIMARY

1st Place: I Will Teach People About Animals by Dhilan Kirwin, 2nd Grade

2nd Place: Theodore's Photography by Theodore Bellamy-Cesar, 1st Grade

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place: Water Life by Zain Ihmeidan, 4th Grade

2nd Place: The Parting Paths by Nandini Kirwin, 5th Grade

3rd Place: Capturing Nature by Abdullah Afridi, 3rd Grade

VISUAL ARTS

PRIMARY

1st Place: The Resource Saver by Andrew Sandoval, 2nd Grade

2nd Place: Ocean Cleanup by Julian Gobena, 1st Grade

3rd Place: Building Green Cities by Sloane Coward, 2nd Grade

3rd Place (Tie): I will Protect Nature by Dhilan Kirwin, 2nd Grade

Honorable Mention: Planting a Tree by Luisa Randi, Kindergarten

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place: The Endangered Sea Turtle by Aliya-Kay Filabi, 3rd Grade

2nd Place: The Inner Eye's Point of View by Jorie Johnson, 5th Grade

2nd Place (Tie): Sharing Kindness by Saidarshan Nevethan, 3rd Grade

3rd Place: Go's and No's by Emmett Smith, 4th Grade

3rd Place (Tie): The Endangered Animals by Miles Gobena, 4th Grade

Please note that there were ties in Visual Arts for 2nd and 3rd place. There was an error in the PTA newsletter this past Monday. Thank you for your creativity and participation.

Sincerely,

Vaneshree Moodley, PTA Reflections Chair

 [Upcoming Dates](#)

- Wednesday, November 24 to November 26 – **NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break**
- Wednesday, December 8 – **EARLY RELEASE**, Dismissal is at 1:26PM
- Monday, December 20 to Friday, December 31 – **NO SCHOOL/Winter Break**

 **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/>