



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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February is dedicated as **Black History Month**, honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history. This newsletter will feature a quote every week from a celebrated Black American. We invite you to do more research into the history of those we feature.

IMPORTANT Bad Behavior & Violations by Parents During Drop Off/Pick Up

A growing number of complaints have been brought to the attention of the front office regarding discourteous behavior, to include:

- **Cutting** in front of the car line
- **Parking in restricted areas**/blocking our neighbor's driveways
- Using **inappropriate/profane** language towards staff members
- Making **illegal** U-turns
- **Hitting** parked cars along the street
- **Running the 4-way stop sign at the intersection** (*the last occurrence happened this week and narrowly missed an MPSA student and his mother walking to school...this is not acceptable*)

Neighbors have reported their concerns with MPSA and shared that **they will begin taking photos of the license plates of violators and calling the police**. They have also informed us that they will be **calling tow trucks** to remove cars parked illegally in the neighborhood.

If you are a parent who drives their kids to school, we ask for your help in deescalating this situation by practicing proper procedure at drop off and pick up. Thank you.

Report Card Update

We are aware that the report cards are glitching in ParentVue and are working to get the matter resolved. This is a tech issue that is also occurring at other schools, but we are anticipating a solution very soon. We thank you for your patience.

APS Celebrates Black History Month

Throughout February, APS is celebrating Black History Month. This year, we are celebrating the history of our schools in a four-part video series, "Halls Hill," recognizing one of Arlington's oldest neighborhoods. Last week we shared with you the history of the Langston School. [This week we will take a look at the black churches that were a big part of the Halls Hill community.](#)

Montessori Education Week

Each year, schools all over the world celebrate Montessori Education Week **the last week in February**. This is our opportunity to join with over 5,000 other Montessori schools and celebrate an educational approach that has stood the test of time.

In celebration, the Virginia Montessori Association is making all their Parent Ed videos available for free to member schools. [Visit the page here](#) for links to that and more in celebration of Montessori Education Week.

Reminder: 4th Grade Swimming Starts this Tuesday

4th Grade Swimming begins on Tuesday, February 22 and goes through Monday, February 28. A separate e-mail will be sent to 4th grade families with more details.

Children may wear their swimsuits to school beneath their clothes. They will also need a towel, underwear and a comb or brush in a waterproof bag. They should not bring valuables (money, jewelry etc.) to the pool.

 **Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, February 21 – **NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day**
- Thursday, March 3 – **EARLY RELEASE for Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Friday, March 4 – **NO SCHOOL for Parent-Teacher Conferences**

 **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/>