



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Did You Know?: Parents who pick up their children after school can **park** in the parking lot and walk over to door #5? The **Arlington Career Center (ACC)** ends its day by 3:15PM, so any spaces you see in the parking lot (that are NOT marked for the public library) are fair game. It would greatly reduce traffic – *and unsafe situations* – on Highland Street if parents would take advantage of this opportunity, as well as possibly expedite your child's pick up. **Tip:** Approach the school via Highland **from** Columbia Pike and make a right turn into the ACC bus lane, go around the loop and park.

Celebrating Our Administrative Assistants

April 27th is **National Administrative Professionals' Day**. Also known as Secretaries Day or Admin Day, recognizes the administrative assistants who keep an office running smoothly every day. At MPSA, our administrative assistants are [Ms. Ingrid](#), [Ms. Jenn](#), [Ms. Karina](#) and [Ms. Kia](#). It would be a lovely gesture for families (who are so inclined) to send a note or have your children make a card for them.

Spring Cleaning? Please Give Us Your Clothes!

Our Social Worker, Ms. Joseph, is asking for specific clothing donation for our older students. She is seeking items that would fit a 5th grader, so preference to **Junior sizes 10+** and higher, up to **Adult size S and M**. She does not need anything smaller at this time, or any winter items. She is especially seeking button up shirts (can be Polo-style) and dress slacks for boys; dress skirts, dresses and blouses for girls;

ties & dress shoes. Items should be clean, with no stains, and in good condition. Please drop off items to school. Any questions, [e-mail Ms. Joseph](#).

Your Voice Matters Survey

This is a reminder to all our families to please fill out the **Your Voice Matters** survey. The 2022 Your Voice Matters Survey is underway for parents and is scheduled to end on **April 24th**. We want to make sure that your voice is included in the results since they are used by APS to identify what is working well and what things need improvement. Please take 10 minutes to complete your survey today.

- You received an email from support+arlingtonva@panoramaed.com with a link to your survey.
- If you need the link resent, please email support+arlingtonva@panoramaed.com and ask for the email to be resent to you.
- Results are confidential. Nobody in APS can see your answers to the survey. Only aggregated results are ever given to APS.
- You can find more information here: <https://www.apsva.us/engage/your-voice-matters-survey-2022/>

PTA Staff Appreciation Breakfast Potluck

Teacher (& Staff) Appreciation Week is **May 3rd** through **May 6th**. Look for the ACMPTA School Talk on Monday to give more details as to what the PTA has planned. One of the events they have planned is a **breakfast potluck** for staff to be held on **Friday, May 6th**. They are asking that families willing to contribute please [sign up here](#).

Some items are able to be dropped off the day before to make it more convenient for families to supply food. Any questions, [e-mail Kia](#).

PTA Gardening Day

Join the ACMPTA for a Saturday in the garden spaces at MPSA to work on getting it beautiful for Spring. On **May 6th**, join members of our community as they do some weeding & cleanup and plant for the season. There is lots to do so all are welcome. From **9:30AM to 1PM**. *Bring a water bottle!* Bathroom facilities available at the Columbia Pike Library across the parking lot.

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, April 28: **Elementary 3rd Quarter Grades Posted**
- Monday, May 2: **Eid Al Fitr: NO SCHOOL for students or staff, (Office closed)**
- Tuesday, May 3: **School is OPEN for students**
- Monday, May 30: **Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL for students or staff (Office closed)**

 **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/>