



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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The entire MPSA Staff would like to thank YOU ALL for the outpouring of love you gave to all of us during Teacher Appreciation Week! It was a glorious week of treats and gifts and so many kind words and gestures. We are all truly grateful from the bottom of our hearts!

Congratulations Are In Order!

Congratulations to **Rachel Kipperman** (Primary), **Eve Mendolia** (Primary), **Jennifer Pappafotopoulos** (Upper Elementary) and **Rebecca Rubilotta** (Lower Elementary)! They were nominated for **Arlington Public School's Teacher of the Year!**

Congratulations to our Special Education teachers **Emily Hall** and **Andrea Hernandez** and Lower Elementary Assistant, **Victoria Hardesty-Allen!** These three were nominated for **Arlington Special Education PTA (SEPTA) Awards for Excellence.**

And congratulations to our wonderful school volunteers, **Dr. McDonald Horne** and **Ms. Jill Meyer.** Both of them were nominated for **APS Volunteer of the Year** for their work with the Upper Elementary classrooms.

Please offer them your warm congratulations for their nominations for these locally prestigious awards! We are very proud of all our staff and volunteers but really rejoice when they are recognized for their hard work!

The First Annual MPSA Monarch Awards



The First Annual MPSA Monarch Awards were held today, and it was a great success! Our students really enjoyed putting on the ceremony and were thrilled at how many classrooms and families logged in to watch. [Here is the link to the replay on Vimeo.](#) For privacy purposes, we are asking that you do not share this link publicly.

We look forward to doing this again next year! We hope you enjoy the show!

Extended Day Registration for SY2022-2023

Extended Day registration for the 2022-23 school year opens for returning families on **May 24** and continues through June 7. Summer School Extended Day registration is ongoing. Get more details [here](#).

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. The APS website has several tabs about this topic with helpful community resources. If you are interested, please click on the following link: <https://www.apsva.us/mental-health-services/>

School Lunch Changes for Next Year

Under the recent USDA program, all students have been receiving free lunch (and breakfast) - regardless of financial need. This will **end June 30th** (minus those schools that were receiving free and reduced lunches prior to the outbreak). Anyone that needs food assistance will have to reapply. It's very important for summer school parents to know this and start applying now if they haven't already.

For more information: <https://www.apsva.us/food-and-nutrition-services/>

 **Come Garden at MPSA!**

Saturday, May 14th (8:30AM-11:00am) - light rain ok, heavy rain we'll cancel!

Join the ACMPTA for a Saturday in the garden spaces at MPSA to work on clean-up, mulching and sprucing up front planters. There is lots to do so all are welcome!

Bring garden tools (there is some trimming to do too), adult garden gloves (we have kid gloves), and a water bottle! Bathroom facilities available at the Columbia Pike Library across the parking lot.

 **Upcoming Dates**

- 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/>