



# School Talk

## WEEKLY UPDATE!

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**NO SCHOOL on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observation of Memorial Day. We will see everyone on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>! Enjoy your long weekend!**

### [Resources for Parents: How to Talk to Your Kids About Violence](#)

Dear Parents,

Our thoughts are with you as we are stunned yet again by this latest tragedy of precious young lives lost in the Texas school shooting. The following link is an online resource to provide you with tips for speaking about this difficult subject with your child should they ask you about it.

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-resources/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers>

We are here for you and your child!

With heartfelt solidarity,

Carol Halvorson, School Counselor  
Shannon Joseph, Social Worker  
Pausha Monroe, School Psychologist  
Diane Reeser, School Counselor

### Important Medical Information for Rising Kindergartners

If your child is going to be a **Kindergartner** in the **2022-2023** school year, then you will need to provide the school clinic with an updated physical (**dated no earlier than September 1, 2021**) which should include a vaccine record and up-to-date-TB test. All items can be e-mailed to our school's Public Health Nurse, [Sohilah Soliman](#); dropped off to the main office during school hours; or sent to school in a sealed envelope addressed to the School Clinic and given to your child's teacher. ***Kindergartners who do not have their medical up to date cannot start school in the fall without it***, so we recommend getting the physicals in soon than later to avoid a delay.

### Does Your Child Have Medications in the Clinic?

If your child has medication(s) in the School Health Clinic, the medications will need to be picked up by their last day of school.

#### **Here are your options for medication pick-up:**

1. You may make an appointment to pick up the medication(s) by contacting the Clinic. The contact information is below.
2. You may complete the attached *Consent for Release of Medication from Clinic to Student at End-of-Year* form and return it to your School Clinic. If we have received this form, we will send your child's medication(s) home with your child on their last day of school.
  - Please be aware that we are unable to send Controlled Substances home with students. These medications must be picked up by parents/guardian.

**Any medications that are left after the end of the school year will be disposed of appropriately.**

The consent form to send medications home via your child can be downloaded [here](#).

### Come Look Through the MPSA Lost and Found

The **Lost & Found** is extremely full, and we'd like to have those items cleared out before Winter break. We are offering several opportunities for parents to come look through the items and retrieve anything that belongs to your child. You may come search through our lost and found outside of Door #5 - the car rider/walker drop off door on Highland Street - at these times:

- Tuesday, May 31st at 3PM
- Wednesday, June 1st from 8:30AM to 9:30AM and again from 3PM to 6PM
- Thursday, June 2 from 8:30AM to 9:30AM and again from 3PM to 6PM
- Friday, June 3 from 8:30AM to 9:30AM and again from 3PM to 6PM

If you cannot come at those times, please encourage your child to go look through the lost and found for their missing items.

**All items will be donated to charity on Monday, June 6th.**

 [Good Read](#)

**Understanding the Effects of Social-Emotional Development Two Years into the Pandemic**

<https://blog.planbook.com/pandemic-social-emotional/>

Two years after the start of the pandemic, educators are starting to understand how different age groups experienced this period of their lives. In particular, they are noticing social and emotional changes across all grades, from younger students who need to relearn [basic classroom rules](#) to older students who missed key social events.

Here are a few experiences shared by educators on student emotional development during the pandemic and how they are working with parents to address students' current needs. Ms. Genove's quote is also featured in this article.

 [Reprint: Important Library Updates](#)

**Book Check Out Updates:** **Starting May 31<sup>st</sup> we will close book check outs.** Please help your student find their library books at home. If there are any lost books please contact the librarian, **Kay Miller**, [kay.miller@apsva.us](mailto:kay.miller@apsva.us). Students who have a clear account will receive a little prize.

**Book Fair:** The library will host a book fair with **Book Worm Central** on **June 6-10<sup>th</sup>**! The book fair supports the library by raising funds for author visits, activities, and prizes. Students will preview the bookfair during their library class time and can shop the following day. They may also buy books during their preview time. If you would like to set up an e-wallet, please follow the instructions below provided by Book Worm Central. We will also be set up to accept cash, check, or credit.

**E-Wallet:** This eWallet payment option allows adults to create an account online for their students to use at the onsite book fair. Visit the main Bookworm Central page, [www.bookwormcentral.com](http://www.bookwormcentral.com) to set up your account. A tutorial video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/i9FGX8aq3bM>

*\*Please note- the eWallet certificate with scannable code should be **printed** then brought to the book fair and can only be used one time. Parents set the limit for how much money is available in their student's eWallet. The credit card will be charged for the amount of the sale only.*

**Book Fair Family Night:** Family night will be on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** from early release dismissal to 6:30pm. Can't make it to Family Night? Check out our [MPSA Online Bookstore!](#)

**Book Fair Volunteers:** If you would like to volunteer to help at the bookfair please [sign up](#). **All volunteers must have passed the volunteer screening to enter the building.** You can apply for volunteer status [here](#). If you have any questions contact Kay Miller, [kay.miller@apsva.us](mailto:kay.miller@apsva.us)

### Upcoming Dates

- Monday, May 30: **Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL** for students or staff (Office closed)
- Monday, June 6-10: **MPSA Book Fair**
- Wednesday, June 8: **EARLY RELEASE**
- Wednesday, June 8: **Book Fair Family Night**
- Friday, June 10: **MPSA Field Day**
- Wednesday, June 15: **EARLY RELEASE**
- Friday, June 17: **EARLY RELEASE, Last Day of School**
- Friday, June 17: **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Parade**

### 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](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/>