



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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We Wish You an Amazing Summer!

We did it! We completed our first full year of in-person school at MPSA!

We would like to wish all our families a restful and restorative summer break! We know this year has been challenging, with navigating all the COVID-19 protocols and changing mandates, and we applaud you and your children for your ability to pivot as necessary. We are truly grateful for your support and understanding through all the many adjustments we've had to make.

Thank you for the outpouring of lovely gifts, notes, and e-mails you've sent to the staff this past week – your kind gestures are very appreciated.

If you are returning to MPSA, we look forward to seeing you in August. If you are leaving MPSA for middle school, taking a different educational path, or moving out of the county – we wish you well in all your future endeavors and hope you will come back to visit!

Be safe and well!

On behalf of the MPSA Staff,
Catharina Genove, Principal

Saying Goodbye is Such Sweet Sorrow

We are sad to have to say goodbye to some members of our MPSA community. While we are sad to see them go, we send them off on their new adventures with well wishes and a hope for pleasant outcomes. Please join us in saying goodbye to the following MPSA staff members.

- **Ms. Jessica Davis**, Speech Language Pathologist
- **Dr. Fawzia Fazily**, Lower Elementary Teacher
- **Ms. Tamara Freeman**, Special Education Teacher
- **Ms. Kirsten Fletcher**, Reading Specialist
- **Ms. Katherine Gomez**, Physical Education Teacher
- **Dr. Tequila Howard**, Primary Montessori Teacher
- **Ms. Catherine Kalkus**, Primary Montessori Teacher
- **Ms. Jennifer Pappafotopoulos**, Upper Elementary Teachers

We thank them all for their hard work this year and wish them all the best.

Summer Office Hours and Information

The MPSA Main Office will be open **Monday** through **Friday** this summer, except for holidays, from **8:30AM** to **3:30PM**, with the office being **closed** from **12PM** to **1PM** for lunch. You can reach the office, during those hours, at **703-228-8871**. Due to the main office staff's rotating schedule, it's best to call or e-mail the person you are trying to reach before coming to the school in person.

We will be available to answer questions about registration and the upcoming school year. **Teacher assignments will not be available until August**. Bus information will be sent out via School Talk by APS Transportation. For those newly enrolled in Primary, the APS Welcome Center will notify you about your child's tuition.

MPSA Film Festival

We are happy to share some animation work, created by some of our Upper Elementary Montessori students, done with Ms. Agatha Jenkins, an animation artist who, along with our ITC Renee Shaw, ran animation workshops for our students. Enjoy! <https://vimeo.com/719856647>

Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Testing During Summer School

Weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing will be available for students during summer school. See chart below for the schedule.

School Name	Dates testing	Day of the week	Collection Operation Times
Dorothy Hamm Middle School	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Monday	7:30am-8:30am
Jamestown Elementary	7/5/22 -7/29/22	Monday	9:30am-10:30am
Abingdon Elementary	7/5/22 -7/29/22	Monday	11:30am-12:30pm
Syphax Education Center	7/5-8/5	Monday	1:30-2:30
Arlington Career Center	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Tuesday	7:30am-8:15am
Carlin Springs Elementary	7/5/22 -7/29/22	Tuesday	10:30am - 11:30pm
Arlington Community High School	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Tuesday	9:00am-9:45am
Escuela Key	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Tuesday	10:45am-11:45am
Washington-Liberty High School	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Tuesday	1pm-2pm
Eunice Kennedy Shriver	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Wednesday	7:30am-8:30am
HB Woodlawn Secondary School	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Wednesday	7:30am-8:30am
Barrett Elementary	7/5/22 -7/29/22	Wednesday	9:30am-10:30am
Randolph Elementary	7/5/22 -7/29/22	Wednesday	11:30am-12:30pm
New Directions	7/5/22 -8/5/22	Wednesday	1:30pm-2:30pm

Don't Trash These Household Items! Save for Art

Ms. Barbour is looking for cardboard tubes, egg cartons and other recyclables to use as sculpture materials next year. Also any craft materials. If families could save items for her over the summer, she would greatly appreciate it.

Upcoming Dates

- August 29: **First Day of School PreK4-5th Grade**

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/>