



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, Field Day has moved from Friday, June 10th to **Tuesday, June 14th**.
There is no rain date.

Also, regulations regarding parents attending **OUTDOOR** event have changed. Please read about that below.

[Congratulations to Our Staff!](#)

We are happy to begin this month with a series of congratulations! First, a hearty congratulations to the follow staff members for receiving a **Service Award** for **20** years of employment with APS! They were recognized this past week by Dr. Duran in a School Talk sent out to families.

- **Ms. Rachel Kipperman**, Primary Montessori Special Education Teacher
- **Ms. Diane Reeser**, MPSA School Counselor
- **Ms. Silvia Yzquieta**, Primary Montessori Assistant

MPSA is home to an All-Star! Congratulations to **Ms. Joanna Yamashita**, MPSA's Resource Teacher for the Gifted, as she was chosen as an **APS All-Star** this month! She was informed of her win personally by **Dr. Francisco Duran** (Superintendent), **Ms. Catherine Ashby** (Assistant Superintendent of School & Community Relations), **Mr. Brian Stockton** (Chief of Staff), **Ms. Kimberly Graves** (Chief of School Support), and **Ms. Wendy Pilch** (Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Education), and **Mr. Daryl Johnson** (Coordinator of Community Engagement) – along with **Principal Catharina Genove and Assistant Principal Yolanda Nashid** – when they visited her during the school day this afternoon with

balloons and a certificate. Ms. Yamashita was presented with the award in the MPSA Library, which she entered by walking upon a red carpet, and even made her handprints in plaster, a la Hollywood style!



APS All Stars are nominated by APS families and staff and chosen by Central Office. We applaud her nomination and win as it is well deserve

[The Book Fair is Here!](#)

It's time for the Book Fair! The library is hosting a book fair with **Book Worm Central** this week! 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 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 8th** from early release dismissal to 6:30pm. Can't make it to Family Night? Check out our [MPSA Online Bookstore!](#) **All visitors are required to wear a mask while indoors.**

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

Also, a reminder that there are no more books being checked out from the MPSA library. 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. Students who have a clear account will receive a little prize.

Families Attending MPSA Events

Parents are now permitted to attend MPSA events that are held **OUTDOORS**. This includes classroom celebrations and promotions. Since you will be attending the event as a guest, and are only there for your child, guests **do not** need to pass the visitor screening. Guests for these events will meet their child(ren)'s class at the outdoor space where the celebration is held as they will not be allowed into the school building. You will be required to sign in as a guest with your child's teacher.

Outdoor events are held at the discretion of the teacher. They are not required to host an event for the class outdoors, nor are they required to invite parents.

Field Day: Parents are welcome to attend as spectators from outside the fenced area. Because Field Day will consist of all classes participating at once, we don't have the capacity to have several families attend on field. There may be an opportunity to volunteer to assist with Field Day. If so, that information will be sent out by Mr. McGee via School Talk this week. **All volunteers are required to have completed and passed the volunteer screening.** If you anticipate volunteering to help and have not passed the screening, please apply now as the process takes some time and you may not be cleared by the 14th. [Apply here.](#)

Did You Miss Ordering a Yearbook?

From the PTA President:

I will be placing another order of yearbooks as we sold out! However, it requires a minimum order of 25, and payment must be received PRIOR to placing the order.

All orders and payments must be received by next Thursday, 6/9. There will be NO more orders taken after this, no exceptions.

The yearbook is **\$25**. Please include your students name on the payment (note + payment) or email info@acmpta.com with a screenshot of PayPal payments. This way we can track the number of orders.

Payment can be paid as follows:

- **cash** or **check** made payable to ACMPTA and sent through backpack mail or dropped off at front office, **attn: Kia Haynes**, OR
- pay online via **friends/family option only** at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/acmpta>

I will place the order **on Friday, 6/10**. It takes **2-3** weeks for the yearbooks to be processed and shipped to the school. Families will need to make arrangements to come pick them up once we receive them. Families can send questions to info@acmpta.com. Thank you.

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 *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.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, June 6-10: **MPSA Book Fair**
- Wednesday, June 8: **EARLY RELEASE**
- Wednesday, June 8: **Book Fair Family Night**
- Tuesday, June 14: **MPSA Field Day**
- Wednesday, June 15: **EARLY RELEASE**
- Friday, June 17: **EARLY RELEASE, Last Day of School**
- Friday, June 17: **5th 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
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>