

School Talk Weekly Update & PTA Newsletter, 1/12



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WEEKLY UPDATE!

January 12, 2024

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REMINDER: There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, February 15th in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday. Enjoy your 3-day weekend!

Winter Weather – APS Inclement Weather Procedures

The local weather agencies have predicted that the DC area is going to have an unusually large amount of winter weather in the coming months. Here are some things to take note of as you come out of our winter break.

APS and Inclement Weather: Please review our [inclement weather procedures here](#) and ensure you have a plan in place should we need to close schools or change arrival or dismissal due to weather.

Based on the number of minutes available, we have **13 days** available for weather events and other unexpected school closures. We will therefore allow for 13 traditional snow days. After 13 days off due to weather (should we reach that amount) we will transition to **distance learning** on any additional snow days to meet our required 990 hours of instructional time and to avoid extending our school year.

View how APS makes their decision to close/delay school [here](#).

Winter Clothing: Children are required to be dressed in winter apparel when they go outside for recess or activities when the weather falls below 40 degrees, so please make sure to send your children with the proper gear. If you are having trouble acquiring winter gear, you can reach out to our social worker, Ms. Decker, at kristin.decker@apsva.us.

Rising 6th Graders: Swanson Middle School Information Night

Please join the 6th grade team to learn more about the transition to middle school, courses offered for 6th grade students, and Academic Planning.

- **When: February 2, 2023**
- **Time: 6:00-6:45 p.m.**
- **Where: Swanson Auditorium**

Course Information Session (Presented in Spanish)

- **When: February 7, 2023**
- **Time: 6:00-6:45 p.m.**
- **Where: Virtual Session**

Join us using this [link](#)

Parent Resource Center Event

Do you have a PreK child receiving special education services who will transition to kindergarten next year? If so, please plan to join us to learn more about the transition process and how to prepare and support your child during the transition from PreK to Kindergarten. This session will address the continuum of special education services in kindergarten.

January 23, 2024

- **Morning session: 10am to 11am** (In person – Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd, Room 256, Arlington, VA 22204)
- **Evening Session: 7pm to 8pm** (Online via Zoom)

[Use this link to register for your preferred session](#)

Understanding the NNAT/CogAT Scores

Just before Winter Break, NNAT scores for first grade students and CogAT scores for second grade students were posted in Parent Vue. If you have questions about how to understand your child's CogAT or Naglieri Scores, here are some resources provided by APS that can help you:

- [For help in understanding the CogAT](#)
- [For help in understanding the NNAT](#)

You can also feel free to reach out to our Advanced Academics coach, Joanna Yamashita, who can help you to interpret your child's score. She can be reached at joanna.yamashita@apsva.us

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, January 15: **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday**
- Monday, January 29: **NO SCHOOL, Grade Preparation Day**

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
- MPSA Science on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/MPSA_Science ***NEW!***
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>

ACMPTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Girls on the Run (GOTR) is Coming to MPSA!

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is coming to MPSA! GOTR has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire girls in Upper Elementary grade to build their confidence, kindness, and decision-making skills. Dynamic lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health.

Starting the week of March 4th, the team will meet every Tuesday & Thursday from 7:45am until school begins. The program culminates in a celebratory 5K at the end of the season!

The standard program fee is \$185 and includes 20 lessons/practices, a t-shirt, GOTR giveaway, entry into the 5K, a 5K medal, and more. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it, with the lowest program registration cost being \$22 for the season.

Registration begins on February 5th at www.gotrnova.org.

ENGLISH:

- [SP24 GOTR Flyer](#)
- [More than a running program](#)
- [Financial Assistance Options](#)

ESPAÑOL

- [Folleto SP24 GOTR](#)

- [Más que un programa en ejecución](#)
- [Opciones de asistencia financiera](#)

Baroody Registration Opens this Sunday the 7th!

We are excited to have Baroody Camps back at MPSA for the Winter 2024 session providing a variety of Enrichment Programs for your children! Registration closes Sunday, January 14th at 11:59PM!

[Click here to see their offerings, the prices and register.](#)

PTA General Meeting Tuesday, January 16th

This is a reminder to join us for our monthly PTA general meeting held via Zoom. Tuesday, **January 16th** at **7PM**. On Zoom: **Meeting ID:** 399 269 8481, **Passcode:** MPSA23

If you have any questions or concerns you'd like the PTA to address, please direct them to info@acmpta.com at least 1 day prior to the meeting.

Join the PTA or Sponsor a Staff Member

Membership is **\$12** per person, or **\$20** for 2 people. Cash and check will be accepted or sign up through our [online portal on Membership Hub](#). Signing up to be a member is also the easiest fundraising effort you could make as a portion of the dues goes into our general fund. Already have a membership? Consider sponsoring a staff member. We require staff to be a paid PTA member in order to receive a PTA grant. Help them out by purchasing them a membership!