



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

March 8, 2024

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A reminder that there is an **EARLY RELEASE** on Thursday, March 14th and **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday, March 15th due to Parent-Teacher conferences!

Thank You for a Successful Heritage Night!

Thank you to everyone who participated in last night's MPSA Heritage Night! There was dancing, games, crafts and a parade! And the food was amazing! So many different dishes from so many different countries. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time!

The Social Studies Committee would especially like to thank those of you who presented and helped build an experience for our families. We hope you will consider participating next year as well!

Pictures are still being edited and will be posted in next week's School Talk.

Congratulations to Ms. Genove!

MPSA Principal, **Catharina Genove**, has been named the APS Principal of the Year! Superintendent Francisco Duran and Chief of School Support, Kimberley Graves, along with members of the School Board, surprised Ms. Genove at an assembly this morning! More detailed information was sent out in a School Talk announcement earlier today. Pictures from the event will be shared in next week's School Talk.



Ms. Genove, Central Office staff and some of the students who celebrated her this morning.

Phase 3 School Slow Zones – Spring 2024

What is a school slow zone?

A school slow zone is a permanent 20 mile-per-hour speed limit on a neighborhood street within 600 feet of a key access point to a school. The 20mph speed limit in these zones are enforceable all day, every day—whether school is in session or not.

In early 2022, the County installed [demonstration school slow zones](#) at 13 schools. [Community feedback](#) on these slow zone demonstrations was positive. Therefore, we finalized our [school zone guidelines](#) and installed a [second phase of slow zones](#) at an additional 14 schools in Spring 2023.

The school slow zone installation process includes retrofitting the entire school zone to ensure high visibility crossings and school zone signage within the school zone, as well as appropriate speed limits on the school's beacons arterial roadways.]

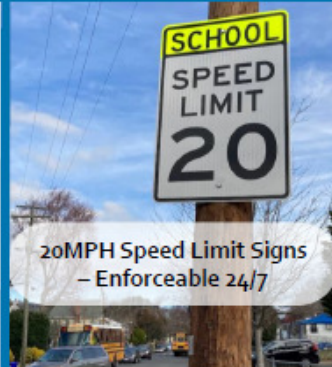
School slow zones – Phase 3

The third and final phase of school zone retrofits will occur at 19 schools ([view maps](#)) in Spring 2024:

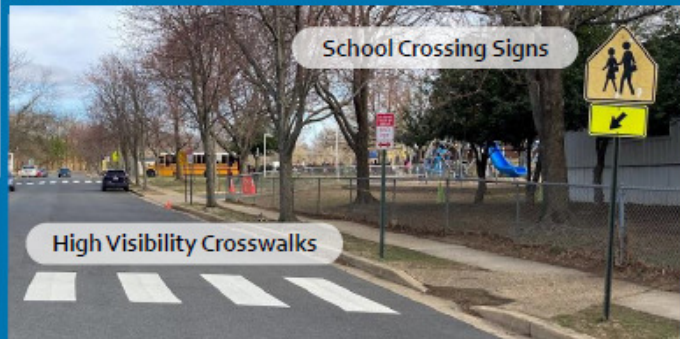
- Abingdon Elementary
- Arlington Science Focus Elementary
- Ashlawn Elementary
- Barcroft Elementary
- Dorothy Hamm Middle
- H-B Woodlawn Secondary + Shriver Program
- Jamestown Elementary
- Langston High
- Long Branch Elementary
- Oakridge Elementary
- Randolph Elementary
- Taylor Elementary
- Washington-Liberty High
- Full Circle Montessori (PreK – 6)
- St. Agnes (K-8)
- St. Ann (K-8)
- Our Savior Lutheran (K-8)
- Rivendell School (K-8)
- Veritas Collegiate Academy

Get Involved:


1. **Follow the speed limit:** Driving at 20MPH significantly lowers your crash risk.
2. **Share this flyer:** Spread the word of new, lower speed limits around schools!
3. **Stay tuned:** Visit the [Vision Zero website](#) and sign up for our monthly newsletter.



What does a school slow zone look like?




Hit by a vehicle traveling at **20MPH**



9 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at **30MPH**



5 out of 10 pedestrians survive.



Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, March 14: **EARLY RELEASE**, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, March 15: **NO SCHOOL for Students**, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29: **Spring Break - NO SCHOOL** (*Offices are 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
- MPSA Science on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/MPSA_Science
- Principal Genove on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CSGenove>
- Arlington Montessori PTA: <http://acmpta.com/>
- Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC): <http://www.arlingtonmontessori.org/>

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ACMPTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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- **Join the PTA or Sponsor a Staff Member**

Still Need Nominating Committee Members!

It's almost time for PTA elections! The ACMPTA needs a nominating committee of at least 3 members to help recruit and screen candidates for the PTA's Executive Committee for the SY2024-2025. If you are interested, please e-mail info@acmpta.com

This committee will need to present their slate for next year's candidates before the end of April so members can vote in May. The new Executive Board, except for the Treasurer, would begin their service immediately after election.

PTA General Meeting this Tuesday

The PTA General meeting will be this Tuesday, March 12th at 7PM on Zoom.

The meeting is held via 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.

The Yearbook Deadline is Coming!

Every year we have families who decide not to order because they want to see the yearbook first...**and they end up missing out! Deadline to purchase is April 12th.**

The PTA is not given extra yearbooks to sell – we must purchase them ourselves in the hopes that we sell them all, which is why our supply will be limited. **So don't hesitate – order now!**

Our past yearbooks have always been well received as they are colorful, beautifully designed and full of stunning pictures.

Go to ybpay.com and enter yearbook ID code **13279124**. There are several packages to choose from.

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 to receive a PTA grant. Help them out by purchasing them a membership!