



School Talk

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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SAVE THE DATE for the MPSA Spring Play *“What Happened After Once Upon a Time”!* Friday, May 31st at 6:30PM. Admission is free! Don’t miss a chance to see our first ever theater production!

Congratulations to our APS Filmfest Winners!

The **Arlington Student FilmFest Awards Show 2024** was an epic celebration of young talent, creativity, and cinematic excellence. The evening showcased a dazzling array of short films that highlighted the innovative storytelling abilities of student filmmakers. One of the standout winners of the night was MPSA, which walked away with numerous awards. The team behind the documentary *“The Kindness Activist”* clinched several top honors, including Best Documentary, Best Script, and Best Filmmaker. The documentary crew comprised **Alaa A., Aliya-Kay F., Eliza H., Olivia S., Cameron S., Aurora S. C., Nina W.,** and **Natalia C.-A.** Natalia C.-A. also won the Best Script award for her exceptional writing on *“The Kindness Activist”*.

In addition to these accolades, Aliya-Kay F. was recognized as Best Filmmaker for her outstanding contributions to *“The Kindness Activist”*. The event also celebrated other talented individuals and their unique projects. Adina K. won the Best YouTube-esque Film award for *“Mushroom Blind Bag”* demonstrating a fresh and engaging approach to filmmaking. Langston W.-V.'s work on *“The Hunt”* earned him the Best Set Design award, showcasing his ability to create immersive and visually stunning environments.

Furthermore, Aliya-Kay F. received yet another accolade for Best Animation with her delightful and creative project *“The Great British Tea Set”*. The variety of films and the recognition of diverse talents underscored the vibrant and dynamic nature of the Arlington Student FilmFest. The awards show not only celebrated the achievements of these young filmmakers but also inspired future generations to pursue their passion for storytelling and cinema.

The Arlington Student FilmFest Awards Show 2024 was a resounding success, filled with memorable moments, emotional acceptance speeches, and a palpable sense of excitement and camaraderie among the participants. The event highlighted the importance of supporting and nurturing young talent in the film industry, providing a platform for students to showcase their work and gain recognition for their efforts. As the night concluded, it was evident that the future of filmmaking is in good hands, with a new generation of creative minds ready to leave their mark on the world of cinema.

Watch all our entries on with this YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTf50_dDxg37w-TdrL0Jpz6aYTnQwbgl



The MPSA filmmakers and their staff sponsors.



Receiving their award for Best Documentary.

UEM Student Art Featured on Metro

Congratulations to Upper Elementary Montessori student, **Dhilan K.**, of Ms. Collier's classroom! His Earth Day art work was chosen by the WMATA to be featured as a wrap on a Metro Bus! Not only did he get to attend the unveiling ceremony at the WMATA headquarters in DC, but he also received a custom designed cookie featuring his art work. Way to go, Dhilan!



Electric Guitar Kits – Thank You!

Many, many thanks to the families who donated kits for the UEM electric guitar-making project with craftsman **Aaron Stutzman**. During this hands-on project, students will stretch their knowledge of sound science, electrical circuitry, and artistic design. We can't wait to show our work to the MPSA community!

We need one more kit. If you would like to donate, please contact Amie Shakespeare. [Here is a list of suggested kits](#). The cost kits ranges between \$75-\$150 and can be easily purchased via Amazon.



Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, May 18 – **Arlington Family & Youth Mental Health Fair** ([Register here](#))
- Sunday, May 19 – **Girls on the Run 5K, Pentagon City** ([Sign up to run here](#))
- Monday, May 27 – **NO SCHOOL**, Memorial Day Observance
- Friday, May 31 – **MPSA Spring Play**, 6:30PM

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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Our Restaurant Fundraiser is NEXT WEEK!



The ACMPTA will be having an **ALL-DAY** restaurant fundraiser on **Tuesday, May 21st** at [Los Chamacos Mexican Family Restaurant](#)! Come out for some delicious authentic Mexican food and help raise money for our PTA. This is the restaurant that MPSA teacher gather at once a month to enjoy food and fellowship after work and comes highly recommended!

Los Chamacos will give us 15% of the proceeds for sales from **9AM to 10PM**! They serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and late evening meals, so there is always an opportunity to come enjoy their food for this fundraiser! Look for a flyer coming soon! Be sure to share it with all your local friends and family.

**Dine in or carryout orders directly through the restaurant only. Uber Eat/Grubhub/DoorDash/Postmates orders are not counted towards this fundraiser.*

SAVE THE DATE: End-of-the-Year FREE Celebration for ALL MPSA Families!

Join MPSA for a community event for **ALL** our families and staff! **Hopefest**, hosted by the same non-profit that hosted our wonderful holiday party this past December. The event is **June 1** from 4PM to 7PM at Jennie Dean Park off South Four Mile Run Drive. There will be food, games and much more! The event is **FREE** but you will need to register to attend. [Register here](#) or scan the QR code in the flyer. Don't wait as we will close the registration soon to firm up a head count.



Did You Miss the Yearbook Sale?

We will order a few extra copies of the yearbook, so if you missed your chance, order now! [Please fill out this Google form to reserve a copy.](#)

Your copy of the yearbook is not guaranteed until payment is received. Indicate how you will be paying on the form.

The cost is now **\$25** per yearbook.

We will sell until we are sold out.

Welcome to Scouting! Pack 104 Would Love to Have You!

Pack 104 is a local den looking to recruit new members.

Who can join Cub Scouts? Boys and girls in grades K-5 at any school can join Pack 104.

What happens at Cub Scout meetings?

Cub Scouts aims to teach kids citizenship, leadership, character, and fitness by completing adventures as a group. There are two kinds of meetings: Den meetings (organized by grade, 1-2 meetings per month) and Pack meetings (for all grades together, 1 meeting or event per month).

- **Den meetings** are built around set themes, including outdoor safety, environmental stewardship, sportsmanship, good citizenship, and cooperation.
- **Pack meetings** are for all the Dens together. Our events include camping twice a year; assisting with a fall food drive for local charities; holding a bonfire party; building and racing Pinewood Derby cars; and celebrating our year with a pizza party.

When and where are the meetings?

Each Den decides when and where to meet, usually on the weekends and about once a month.

How much does it cost?

We haven't set the final dues figure for 2024-2025 yet. Last year the dues were \$200 for the first Cub Scout in the family, \$175 for any others. There may be additional fees for the camping events to get into the parks, but we will provide the main meals at those events. **Financial assistance is available.** We don't want anyone to miss out because of cost!

What does that cost cover?

Of the dues, \$160 goes to our national and district organizations to cover registration, insurance, background checks, and other administrative costs. The rest covers food at our events, award badges, and other items provided by the Pack. **We don't do any fundraising** other than dues.

What about the uniform?

Families must supply the Cub Scout's uniform. But before you buy anything, please look through our box of hand-me-downs. We only ask for Scouts to wear the waist-up parts of the uniform.

Is anything else expected of a Cub Scout family?

We need your help to make this program fun! We hope that each family will pitch in by hosting a Den meeting, helping out at a Pack event, or helping with planning or organizing the program.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Dan Franzen, Cubmaster, 571-733-0021 / dwfranzen@yahoo.com or
Adam Strait, Pack Committee Chair, 203-654-1658 / adam.strait@gmail.com

How do we sign up?

Fill out [this online application!](#)

**This is not a PTA sponsored organization – we are sharing it in case it is of interest to the community.*

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!