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# Arlington CCPTA Update

April 23, 2010

## Greetings!

Our next CCPTA meeting is next **Monday, May 17th at 7:00 pm**. Please plan to attend. Below is a draft agenda for the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

As a reminder, there are many school and county events happening this weekend. Much more under **School Happenings, Parent Education and Community Events**. Something for everyone, so do read through!

**Multicultural Parent Conference** will be held at Kenmore Middle School on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event brings together parents from many cultures within the Arlington school community to share and celebrate our diversity. Parents can choose from workshops in six languages which are intended to assist them as they support their children's success. See "Community Events" for full agenda and more details.

On April 25th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, The Arlington Children And Nature Network (CANN), Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), Potomac Overlook Regional Park, and WalkArlington invite you to TOUCH THE EARTH with your feet by joining **School Board Chair Sally Baird** on a **Walkabout of Potomac Overlook Regional Park**. Part of CANN's Touch the Earth Celebration marking the conclusion of Get Outside Week and the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, the kid-sized Walkabout will take children of all ages on a short guided hike on the Park's Heritage Trail. See "Community Events" below for more details.

**The Washington-Lee High School Plant Sale** is Saturday April 24th!! 11am - 3pm

**Yorktown High and Williamsburg Middle School** - present James and the Giant Peach. Show tonight at 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. Williamsburg MS auditorium.

**Kenmore's 2nd annual Jazz Dance Benefit** on Friday, April 23rd, 6:30-9pm

Don't forget to send information about upcoming events at your schools! We'd love to share that information in this e-update!

Enjoy the weekend!

Dale Proctor  
CCPTA President

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#### Action Items

Click [HERE](#) to request an invite to join our Directories Blog

[Template](#) for printing PTA Membership cards.

Complete [2009-2010 Local Unit Officer Contact Form](#)

[The Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnerships Awards](#) celebrates PTAs that are working to achieve the [National Standards](#)

## 2010 CCPTA Meeting Dates

All meetings of the CCPTA will be held at the Ed Center at 1426 N. Quincy Road, Arlington, VA 22207. Meetings will begin at **7:00 pm** and end at **8:45 pm**.

#### Remaining meeting dates for 2010:

- May 13, 2010 - Teachers Scholarship Reception
- May 17, 2010
- June 14, 2010 - New Officer Training

## Agenda for May 17, 2010 Meeting

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA CCPTA Meeting May 17, 2010

#### Welcome

#### Introductions

#### Committee Representative Reports

- Ted Black, Budget Advisory Committee

#### Report from APS

- Dr. Pat Murphy, Superintendent
- School Board Member,
- APS - IT Report
- Assistant Superintendent Alvin Crawley - Student safety

#### President's Report

- Approval of April meeting minutes
- New Officer Training

#### PTA Business

- Roxanne Lindholm, Treasurer

#### New Business

## Contact Us

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## PTA Links

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## Help Wanted

**CCPTA HELP WANTED:** We could use a few hands with the Teacher's Scholarship Reception on May 17th. Please let me know if you can assist. [dale.proctor@klgates.com](mailto:dale.proctor@klgates.com)

## School Happenings

**Yorktown High School** theater department will present James and the Giant Peach at the **Williamsburg Middle School auditorium** (3600 N. Harrison St.).

Remaining performance times are Fri, April 23 at 7 p.m. and Sat, April 24 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Based on the Roald Dahl book, James and the Giant Peach, the play follows a young boy's fantastic journey with enchanted insect friends on top of a giant peach. The show is appropriate for children ages 8 and up.

Admission is \$8 for students and \$12 for adults and tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 703-228-5414.

**The Washington-Lee High School Plant Sale** is Saturday April 24th!! 11am - 3pm. At the Corner of Washington Blvd. and Quincy Street. (Quincy Park parking lot). This is a one of the largest fundraisers of the year that benefits all students. Please plan to purchase your plants at the fundraiser to support the school. Rain or Shine! Annuals, tomatoes, herbs, organics & heirlooms, hanging baskets. Gardens items made by W-L students. Master gardener for consultation

Any questions email: Susan Di Filippo [sued2@verizon.net](mailto:sued2@verizon.net) or Sarah Meservey at [meserveys@fccps.org](mailto:meserveys@fccps.org)

### **Kenmore's 2nd annual Jazz Dance Benefit on Friday, April 23rd, 6:30-9pm**

-- In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month, Kenmore's Band Program is sponsoring the 2nd annual Jazz Dance Benefit on Friday, April 23rd, from 6:30-9pm. Featuring Kenmore's own Big Kickin' Jazz Band, this evening event will feature music, dancing and dessert - for grown-ups only!

Special guests include Washington-Lee's Jazz Big Band and well-known musicians from the local jazz scene - Reed Jazz Master, Tommy Greco and Living Legend, Lenny Cuje

Tickets are \$25 per person. To reserve tickets, contact Gail Siddle at [siddle@verizon.net](mailto:siddle@verizon.net) or 703-931-2219.

## Programs

[Glebe](#)

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[Oakridge](#)

[Randolph](#)

[Science Focus](#)

[Swanson](#)

[Taylor](#)

[Tuckahoe](#)

[Wakefield](#)

[Washington-Lee](#)

[Williamsburg](#)

[Yorktown](#)

**NEW -- WANT COLLEGE? GET INFO!** -- Learn about library resources that can help you prepare for, select, apply to, and finance college. Come to the Teen Network Board's College Resource Program on Tuesday, April 27 from 7-8 pm in the auditorium at Central Library. For more info: [Afox@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Afox@arlingtonva.us); 703-228-5999

**NEW -- CULTIVATING CHARACTER IN CYBERSPACE - PARENT WORKSHOP** -- May 5th, 7-9 pm (childcare available), Key School/Escuela Key, Library, 2nd Floor

Designed for Parents of 2nd-5th Graders  
To RSVP, email [janaleejordan@gmail.com](mailto:janaleejordan@gmail.com) or call 571.289.9727

Featuring Mala Bawer, Co-Founder and Executive Director, CyberSmart!

FREE Interactive Parent Workshop Designed to Explore Topics such as:

- Effective strategies for empowering students to use the Internet safely
- Cultivating character on the Internet, promoting cyber-citizenship
- Identifying and effectively countering cyber-bullying

Learn strategies you can use to help your child!

**NEW -- THE THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (TJHSST) PTSA Diversity Committee** will hold an information session for fifth, sixth, and seventh graders and their parents/guardians who are interested in applying for future admission. The information session will be held **Sat, May 8 at 1 p.m.** in the school's auditorium. TJHSST is located at 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. During the session, the Diversity Committee, which includes parents of TJ students and TJ faculty and staff, will provide information about TJHSST and its programs, and a panel of current students will discuss their experiences.

A representative from TJHSST will provide information on admissions and will offer suggestions on how to best prepare for the admissions process.

For more information on TJHSST Admissions, visit [www.TJAdmissions.org](http://www.TJAdmissions.org)

**FAMILY NETWORK PROGRAMS**

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***Parent Panel on College Admissions Experience***

Tues, May 11, H-B Woodlawn

For more info, contact Reid Goldstein at [reidgoldstein@gmail.com](mailto:reidgoldstein@gmail.com)

**Community Events and Notices**

**FORMALS FOR FIVE** - The Formals For Five prom dress collection program is currently underway, with sale on **April 28 and 29**.

We need both short and long dressy dresses for the sale, which will be held April 28 and 29. We are especially looking for dresses from girls either currently at W-L or recently graduated...if they have Homecoming or prom dresses they no longer wear, please ask them to consider donating them to the sale! Email [promdressdonation@gmail.com](mailto:promdressdonation@gmail.com) and you will receive a reply with the addresses of the W-L moms who are acting as dropoff points for dresses - they are located all throughout Arlington so you can pick the one closest to you.

**NEW -- MULTICULTURAL PARENT CONFERENCE** -- Saturday, April 24, 2010 - Kenmore Middle School.

The fifth annual Multicultural Parent Conference will be held at Kenmore Middle School on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event brings together parents from many cultures within the Arlington school community to share and celebrate our diversity. Parents can choose from workshops in six languages which are intended to assist them as they support their children's success.

We would be delighted if you could participate in small group conversations, entitled "Community Conversations", which will feature multicultural roundtable discussions with parents, administrators, students, former students, and teachers. This workshop will be in the Kenmore "Black Box" on the 1st Floor from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

We believe the participation of PTA is very important to this endeavor. If you are unable to attend, please recommend another person or persons who may be interested in representing your school. We also are hoping that parents with some comfort with English will join in the "Community Conversation".

The conference agenda is below. Please plan to come for any part of the conference and join us for the luncheon, which will begin at noon.

9:00 Registration  
9:30 Entertainment  
Welcome Ceremony  
10:00 Workshops and Community Conversations  
11:45 Information Tables  
12:00 Luncheon

You may contact me to let me know who will attend from your school. I can be reached via e-mail at [freilly@arlington.k12.va.us](mailto:freilly@arlington.k12.va.us) or by phone at 703.228.7232. We welcome your support and hope to see you at the conference on April 24th.

**NEW -- TOUCH THE EARTH CELEBRATION** - To mark the conclusion of Get Outside Week and the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, the Arlington Children And Nature Network (CANN) and WalkArlington are teaming up on Sunday, April 25 to host Arlington's TOUCH THE EARTH CELEBRATION from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. Kids of all ages are invited touch the earth by joining Arlington School Board Chairman Sally Baird on a kid-sized Walkabout of Potomac Overlook, just one of several opportunities to get outdoors and re-connect with nature during the Touch the Earth Celebration(see links below). The event is free and open to the public.

Here are links to specifics on the event:

- Touch the Earth Celebration/Potomac Overlook Walkabout Calendar Listing. <http://www.walkarlington.com/go/event.cfm?id=1129>
- Touch the Earth Celebration Event Flyer (also attached) <http://www.walkarlington.com/files/Flyer> -
- WalkArlington Map of the Potomac Overlook Walkabout Route <http://www.walkarlington.com/files/Map> -
- Spanish Map of the Potomac Overlook Walkabout Route <http://www.walkarlington.com/files/Map>

**AFTER HOURS STUDY NIGHT AT CENTRAL LIBRARY** -- For high school students and teachers. Join us at Central Library for AP/IB/Finals Study Night. Free pizza & coffee provided. Sunday, May 2 from 9:00 p.m.-12 midnight. Central Library Auditorium. Teachers may reserve tables for class reviews. For more info:703-228-5946; [icosgrove-davies@arlingtonva.us](mailto:icosgrove-davies@arlingtonva.us)

**SPRING CLEANING WHEELCHAIR WASH** -- by Arlington Public Schools Staff & volunteers. Is your wheelchair in need of a good cleaning after this messy winter? Does it need a check-up?

If so, this is your opportunity! Come to the Wheelchair wash to get your wheelchair squeaky clean and to have some free minor repairs done by the Rehabilitation Equipment Professionals (REP) team.

When: May 1st, 2010

Time: 10am - 2pm

Where: Campbell Elementary School  
737 S. Carlin Springs Rd.  
Arlington, VA 22207  
For Directions call (703)-228-6770  
For more info go to: <http://apswcwash.webs.com>

Who: Any student, staff or friend who needs their chair cleaned and fixed! Let others who may need it know, too!

Volunteers: APS Staff, parents, friends & family. NoVa PTA students, Marymount PT students and anyone else interested!  
Any and all volunteers will be greatly appreciated!

Questions? Contact Karen Miller, LPTA at:  
[Karen\\_Miller@apsva.us](mailto:Karen_Miller@apsva.us) or (703) 228-2800 ext. 99635

**NEW -- ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL WELFARE HAPPENINGS** - Sign Up Now for Summer Camp. Is there a youngster in your life who loves animals? The AWLA is once again offering summer camp programs! Openings are still available for rising third and fourth graders to join our Shelter Buddies Camp during the following sessions:

June 28 to July 2  
July 12 to July 16  
July 26 to July 30

Aug 9 to Aug 13

For more information, visit [www.alexandriaanimals.org](http://www.alexandriaanimals.org) or call Suzanne D'Alonzo, Humane Education and Training Manager, at 703-838-4774 ext. 249.

...Or Throw a Birthday Party!

Let those animal-loving youngsters know that the AWLA can help them host a grrrrreat birthday party! That's right, the League is also now offering "Birthday Pawties" for kids from ages 5 to 95. Call Suzanne D'Alonzo at 703-838-4774, ext. 249 to organize a memorable birthday party that celebrates your child's love of animals and supports the homeless critters in our care.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.** Located in Arlington. We are hosting our second annual Building Block Blitz event on Saturday, May 22, at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Mall. Local youth, in grades 2nd-8th will compete in a Lego-building competition to help raise funds and awareness about our work here in the community. Teams of 3 will have 1 hour to build a house using 300 Lego's. Prizes will be awarded to the team with the most creative and most life-like house. In order for students to participate they must raise a minimum of \$50 for Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. They can raise the funds in any way that they choose.

**APS PLANT SWAP. DOES YOUR SCHOOLYARD NEED MORE PLANTS? DO YOU HAVE SURPLUS PLANTS? HOW TO JOIN YOUR SCHOOL TO THE APS PLANT EXCHANGE:**

Here's the link for an APS Plant Swap Shutterfly Group - set up by Valerie Brennan at Tuckahoe School.

<http://apsplantswap.shutterfly.com/#>

1) If your school is not already on this APS Plant Swap send an email to Valerie Brennan [vkbreenn@yahoo.com](mailto:vkbreenn@yahoo.com) stating your name and school and that you'd like to have your school added to the Plant Swap site - or feel free to send this email to your school's schoolyard garden coordinator....

2) In the spring as seedlings pop up in your schoolyard or plants need dividing in the fall - pot the spare plants up - add to the Available Plants Lists - and check out what other schools have available to give your school...

Add your plant wishes to the Plant Wish Lists.

3) If your school is already signed up and you have some spare plants at home or school - then feel free to add to or edit the lists anytime.

It's that easy...

Mary Van Dyke, [mvasdyke4@earthlink.net](mailto:mvasdyke4@earthlink.net) and Valerie Brennan,

[vkbrenn@yahoo.com](mailto:vkbrenn@yahoo.com)

### TEEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

#### Music Production Class

Mondays & Wednesdays ~ 4-6pm ~ Free ~ @ Thomas Jefferson in the Sound Station

Come learn about the production side of urban music- you will learn the process of making a song; from the idea to the finished product.

#### DJ Class

Tuesdays & Fridays ~ 3:30-6:00pm ~ Free ~ @ Thomas Jefferson in the Sound Station

Come experience the world of a DJ! You will be mixing music with your own cd's. All tastes in music are welcome: Hip Hop, Latin, Reggae, Trance, and Rock!

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Available through the Arlington Volunteer Coordinator Janice Covert call her @ 702-228-4730

## District and State PTA News

**District Leadership Training Conference** -- SAVE THE DATE -- July 16-17 at Atlee HS in Mechanicsville (Richmond area).

**Bylaws Revisions:** Remember to check your unit bylaws to be sure you are on track for your five year revision as this also impacts your "unit in good standing" status. A November 2009 bylaws template will be available soon on the VA PTA web site with new amendments for state, districts, councils and local units. However, you can currently use the 2008 version as the Bylaws Committee will update the template during the bylaws revisions process.

Please verify whether your PTA/PTSA is due for bylaws revisions during 2009-2010 by clicking here. If you have questions, email:

[bylaws@novadistrictpta.org](mailto:bylaws@novadistrictpta.org) or [bylaws@vapta.org](mailto:bylaws@vapta.org)

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