

Arlington CCPTA Update

May 10, 2010

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Greetings!

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

This Thursday, **May 13th** the CCPTA will host its **Annual Scholarship Awards Reception and Presentation**. 22 Arlington High School Seniors will receive scholarships to pursue careers in teaching or administration. The CCPTA, The Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers, Inc., the Arlington Retired Teachers Association, and the Arlington School Administrators are some of the organizations that donated funds in support of these scholarships. Please join us for a wonderful evening celebrating these hard working and dedicated students. Details of the event are below.

Please join me in welcoming new Elementary School Principals, **Judy Apostolico-Buck** to Ashlawn and **Colin Brown** to McKinley.

Superintendent, Pat Murphy presented the **Six-Year CIP**. The 2010 Bond would fully fund reconstruction of Wakefield High School. Wakefield project slated to Begin July 2011. Copies of the proposed CIP are posted online at www.apsva.us/cip. See below for full article.

In recognition of the important contributions that school nurses make and for their dedicated services to Virginia schools, parents and students, Governor McDonnell has declared **May 12, 2010 as School Nurse Day**. Click [HERE](#) to read the Certificate of Recognition in full.

Many of our schools are hosting upcoming events -- **Ashlawn Elementary School** -- Global Odyssey on May 19th, **Taylor Elementary School** -- Scratch Day on May 22nd, **Tuckahoe Elementary School** -- Annual Home and Garden Tour on May 22nd, and **Williamsburg Middle School** -- Parent Networking Night on "Transition to 9th Grade." More details on each of these events is below under **"School Happenings."**

Enjoy the week!

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](#)

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, Arlington Career Center, 6:00pm
- May 17, 2010
- June 14, 2010 - New Officer Training, W-L HS Auditorium, 6:00pm

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, Dr. Emma Violand Sanchez
- APS - Raj Pasi
- Assistant Superintendent Alvin Crawley - Student safety

President's Report

- Approval of April meeting minutes
- New Officer Training

PTA Business

- Roxanne Lindholm, Treasurer

New Business

School Happenings

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ASHLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - The Global Citizenship Project Presentation is May 19th at THE Ashlawn Library at 7:00 PM

TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -- Please join us for Scratch Day at the Arlington Career Center on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 from 1-4 p.m. Our kid-friendly theme this year is Scratch Circus. We plan to have three activities running simultaneously during the afternoon. Like last year's event, there will be learning, fun and prizes!

For kids, we will have computer labs open and ready for games, learning about Scratch computer programming, sharing games the children have written, and trying out games. If kids have taken a Scratch class or created a Scratch game, please bring your login information or flash drive to share what you have created! For teens, we will have a workshop and learning activity. For teachers, APS's own Dr. Ann Kennedy and Jeffrey Elkner are offering a workshop for educators.

Scratch is a free programming language developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art - and share your creations on the web. Scratch is available at www.scratch.mit.edu. Questions or RSVP, please contact Phoebe Bennett, wcdpb@msn.com or Jeff Elkner at jeff@elkner.net. The Arlington Career Center is located at 816 S. Walter Reed Dr., Arlington, Virginia, 22204 near Columbia Pike.

TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S HOME & GARDEN TOUR- Sat., May 22, 12:00-5:00 p.m. The Tenth Annual Tuckahoe Home & Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010-, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Come tour 7 gorgeous and innovative renovations that exemplify the Arlington style and 2 beautiful gardens! House styles include colonial, craftsman, split-level, and bungalow. All proceeds from this event benefit Tuckahoe's Elementary School Discovery Schoolyard, a nationally recognized outdoor learning curriculum. While the tour of the homes and gardens are self-guided, Tuckahoe fifth graders will give tours of the Discovery Schoolyard. They also will be selling herbs and dried-flower note-cards.

Please go to <http://www.apsva.us/tuckahoe> to download a ticket order form. Advance tickets are \$20.00, purchased by mail or in person at Tuckahoe Elementary School, 6550 N. 26th Street, Arlington, during school hours. Tickets on the day of the tour are \$25.00, and will be available at Tuckahoe starting at 12:00 noon.

WILLIAMSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NETWORK NIGHT: TRANSITION TO 9TH GRADE This program of the Williamsburg Middle School Parent Network this year will be on the Transition to 9th Grade. It will be held on Wednesday, May 26 from 7 to 8:15 PM at the Williamsburg Band Room. We encourage all 8th grade parents to attend. We will hear from Yorktown High School's counselor Peggy Brennan and Christine Wiedemann, a freshman English teacher. They will share perspectives on students' transition to 9th grade and will give advice on how to facilitate this transition. There will also be a few Yorktown freshmen in attendance to answer questions and share their transition experiences with us. Just when you'd figured out the middle school scene, it's time to transition to high school! Do not miss this helpful program. Learn what's important to know, what to watch for, and

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generally how to cope. Don't wait until October or November to figure out what's going on with this important transition in your child's life. Meet other 8th grade parents and absorb some important information! Please contact Sunny Evangelista Carroll at sejcarr2008@aol.com if you have any questions regarding this program. The Williamsburg Parent Network will sponsor more programs next school year. Watch for the first one in the fall. If you're interested in contributing ideas for programs, please email Dee Romanek at dee.romanek@gmail.com or Lisa Ostroff at lisaostroff4@gmail.com.

Superintendent Presents Six-Year CIP

NEWS RELEASE - May 6, 2010

Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy presented the proposed Arlington Public Schools FY 2011-16 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at tonight's School Board meeting. Murphy said, "This CIP will complete the work initially undertaken in 1988 by earlier members of the Arlington School Board." He continued, "Thanks to the strong and unwavering support of the Arlington community, APS has systematically and thoughtfully renovated or replaced all but one of our schools, ensuring that all of our students have high quality schools where they can learn and grow. This is an impressive accomplishment and one in which the entire community can take great pride."

Murphy elaborated, "This CIP represents the culmination of more than two decades of work and commitment, and provides the funds to build a new Wakefield High School. The completion of Wakefield will mark the attainment of an ambitious and laudable goal of excellent school facilities for all students in all grades and all neighborhoods throughout Arlington County."

The six-year CIP totals \$165,484,226 and includes plans for three separate bond referenda.

- The proposed 2010 bond would total \$107,238,000 and would fully fund construction of a new Wakefield High School, which would begin in July 2011 and be completed in the spring of 2014. In addition, funding would be included for a joint APS/Arlington County fiber optic cabling project as well as HVAC and roofing projects at other APS schools.

- Comparatively, the proposed 2012 and 2014 bonds would be significantly smaller, totaling only \$6.72 million and \$3.35 million respectively. These represent the smallest proposed bonds since 1988, the year when APS first started funding capital projects through bonds. The 2012 and 2014 bonds would both provide added funding to progressively complete a number of large HVAC and roofing projects at schools throughout the county.

Murphy noted, "The environment in which this new CIP was developed is significantly different from past CIPs. In the past, the economy was much stronger and the construction market was booming." He continued, "Today we are faced with a much weaker economy; however, one advantage to our current economy is that the construction market

has also been weakened, resulting in lower, more favorable bids for our projects. This was true for Yorktown, and we expect a similar situation for Wakefield." Murphy concluded, "Two years ago, APS projected that the 2010 bond could be as high as \$156 million. Now, thanks to this more favorable construction market, the proposed 2010 bond for APS is almost \$50 million lower, allowing us to fulfill our commitment to the Wakefield community without exceeding the limits for debt service."

Arlington Public Schools and Arlington County Government have agreed to cap the average growth in debt service and to limit debt service to a maximum of 10 percent of operating expenditures. The agreement was based on a shared desire to maintain the County's triple AAA rating, which allows the County to attract bonds at a lower rate and thus stretch funds. Murphy explained that his proposed six-year CIP meets both of these policy mandates, saying, "This CIP represents a 4.6% average growth in debt service which is well below the 6.2% limit, and the APS debt service as a percentage of total expenditures ranges from 7.93% to 9.55% over six years, which is also below the 10% annual debt service ceiling."

The proposed 2011-2016 CIP for APS also includes funding for Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MC/MM) projects. These projects include safety and security initiatives, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, and indoor air quality remediation. Over the next six years, the MC/MM budget totals \$4.64 million annually. MC/MM funds will be included in the annual APS operating budgets.

At the conclusion of tonight's meeting, the School Board met in a Work Session to discuss the proposed CIP. A second CIP Work Session is scheduled for Thu, May 11, and, if needed, a third Work Session will be held on Tue, May 25. The School Board will also hold a Public Hearing on the proposed CIP at the start of the School Board meeting on Thu, May 20.

Copies of the proposed CIP are posted online at www.apsva.us/cip.

Programs

FAMILY NETWORK PROGRAM -- *Parent Panel on College Admissions Experience*

Tues, May 11, H-B Woodlawn

For more info, contact Reid Goldstein at reidgoldstein@gmail.com

CONFLICT AND COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

May 26th at the Vienna Community Center, Vienna, 6:30 p.m. Dinner provided. Click [HERE](#) form more information.

Community Events and Notices

OUTDOOR LAB OPEN HOUSE - The Outdoor Lab will be having it's Annual Open House on May 16th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Take some time to fish, hike, visit the animal lab, investigate a stream roast hot dogs and much more. See flyers in [ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#) for more details.

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 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 vkbrenn@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, mvandyke4@earthlink.net and Valerie Brennan, ykbrenn@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

State Leadership Training Conference -- 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 or bylaws@vapta.org

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