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Arlington CCPTA Update

November 4, 2010

www.arlingtonccpta.org

Greetings!

Our next CCPTA meeting is **Monday, November 15th. The CCPTA will host a reception for the Arlington School Board beginning at 6:30pm followed by our regular meeting.** All are invited to attend.

Below is a draft agenda for the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

5 Take-Aways from the October CCPTA Meeting to share with your PTA community:

Continue Communications Efforts with Your PTA

APS Senior Staff PowerPoint on Arlington CCPTA website at www.arlingtonccpta.org. Abbreviated Staff Directory available at <http://tinyurl.com/3xnvqss>

Arlington School Board FY 2011 Priorities at <http://www.apsva.us/15401083104356923/lib/15401083104356923/School%20Board%20Priorities%202011.pdf>

Calendar Committee looking for parent volunteers. Contact Betty Hobbs at 703-228-6110. BHobbs@arlington.k12.va.us

Dues -- CCPTA Dues - December 1, 2010 to Lavonne Stewart. \$.25

State/National Dues - National dues remain the same at \$1.75 and state dues increased to \$1.00. Local units will submit \$2.75 to the state office.

See below for upcoming Parent Education opportunities and exciting Community and School Events, including W-L's Annual Holiday Bizarre and the Yorktown Band Poinsettia Sale. Also, see below for a message from the Nottingham PTA regarding Student Environmental Groups in Arlington Elementary Schools.

Enjoy the remainder of the week!

Dale Proctor

CCPTA President

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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**. Times for special CCPTA events will be noted

Meeting dates for 2010:

- November 15, 2010 - School Board Reception. Begins at 6:30 pm
- December 20, 2010
- January 25, 2011 - County Reflections Awards Program - W-L
- January 31, 2011
- February 28, 2011
- March 21, 2011
- April 11, 2011
- May 16, 2011
- May 18, 2011 - Teacher's Scholarship Reception - Career Center
- June 20, 2011 - Officer Training and Networking - W-L

Agenda for November 15, 2010

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Agenda

Welcome

Introductions

Committee/Representative Reports

- Don Weinstein, Facilities Advisory Committee
- Noah Dropkin, Budget Advisory Committee

Report from APS

- Dr. Pat Murphy, Superintendent
- Betty Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
- School Board Member, Sally Baird

President's Report

- Directory
- PTA Best Practice

PTA Business

- Approval of October meeting minutes
- Approval of 2010-11 CCPTA budget
- Cecelia Espenoza and Wendy Carter, Reflections update

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Activities

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Adjournment

New Business

Parent Education

Yorktown to Host Parent Academy Course on Substance Use and Abuse

Arlington parents are invited to attend a Parent Academy program on adolescent substance use and abuse. The discussion will be held Tue, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Yorktown High School cafeteria. (5200 Yorktown Blvd.)

The high school years can bring challenging times of transition, stress and vulnerability to families and adolescents alike. Please join parents, educators and a panel of experts for an informative, interactive and collaborative discussion on adolescent substance use and abuse in our community and how the community can work together to help adolescents.

The panel will include:

- Laurel Osmer-Cerrud, LCSW, substance abuse counselor, Yorktown and Washington Lee high schools
- Deborah Taylor, RN, C.D., President and CEO Vanguard Services Unlimited
- George Young, LCSW, director of outpatient counseling, National Counseling Group
- Kate McCauley, MEd, LCSW, coordinator, READY Coalition

For additional information, call Yorktown counselor Peggy Brennan at 703-228-5395.

An Introduction to Autism...for Families Thursday, Nov. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.

Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. What is autism? Participants will learn characteristics of autism and strategies families and caregivers can use to help children with autism in a special presentation by APS Autism Specialists Lauren Bonnett and Deborah Hammer. **Session presented in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish and Amharic.** Contact Emma Parral for more information at 703/228-7239 or eparral@arlington.k12.va.us Sponsored by the APS Parent Resource Center and the Arlington DHS/CFSD Parent Education Program.

Living and Learning Together for the Love of Children-Free Saturday morning workshops for parents, childcare providers, and other caregivers!

Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration/refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. Human Services Center at Sequoia, 2100 Washington Blvd., Lower Level, Conference Center. Workshops for parents, childcare providers, and other caregivers. Fun activities and childcare for children ages 4-12. Select 1 of the following workshops: #1-Setting Limits: An Act of Love (for children ages 2-12); #2--Healthy Habits for Life; #3--How to Talk So Parents Listen and How to Listen So Parents Talk OR #4-Caring for Children with Special Needs. See attached flyer for more information. Advance registration requested. Contact Cheryl at 703/228-1551 or cfuentes@arlingtonva.us

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[Tuckahoe](#)

[Wakefield](#)

[Washington-
Lee](#)

[Williamsburg](#)

[Yorktown](#)

Community Events

WASHINGTON-LEE HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAZAAR. Sponsored by the Class of 2011. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2010
10 AM - 4 PM

Free Admission.

Over 70 local artisans will be displaying their quality handcrafted holiday and gift items, including jewelry, ceramics, glassware, unique photos, stationery, clothing and accessories.

Gifts for family, friends and co-workers.

Enjoy multi-ethnic foods and baked holiday treats.

Performances by The Madrigals and other musical school groups

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. The non-profit arm of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth called Prevention Connections, has released a Request for Proposals for school vending mini-grants. We are awarding up to 75 mini-grants for \$500 each to support a healthy vending initiative in Virginia Title I middle schools as well as Virginia high schools with at least a 40% enrollment rate in the school's free and reduced lunch program.

The goals of the mini-grant program are to (1) complete a vending machine audit of school-owned machines (2) select strategies that will move in the direction of healthy vending (3) to identify ways to make this program sustainable.

The grant application can be found here:

<http://www.preventionconnections.org/funding.shtml>

Please share with any interested parties. The grant application deadline is December 10, 2010.

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. Dear PTA Presidents: At Nottingham we have a very active student environmental group called Planet Partners. The parent volunteers for our group are looking to set up a meeting in November with other interested parents/guardians in other Arlington elementary schools to share ideas about organizing and planning activities for these groups. If you have volunteers who might be interested in participating in this November meeting, please have them contact Lesley Daigle at lesleydaigle@gmail.com or 703-538-2296 as soon as possible, but no later than November 10th to be added to the list of attendees. Thank you in advance for spreading the word about this effort. Sincerely, Michelle Lusk, PTA President, Nottingham Elementary

AN EVENING WITH ODDS BODKIN - MASTER STORYTELLER. This is not one of those kids events parents must simply endure for the sake of their childrens' entertainment - Odds Bodkin keeps kids age 6 and up as well as the adults who accompany them utterly enthralled! An amazing musician, Odds alternately jams on his electric guitar, plays gorgeous harp music and keeps the beat with all manner of percussive instruments to aid his fabulous storytelling. Odds Bodkin, storyteller extraordinaire, is visiting Arlington for the 8th

time from his home in New Hampshire. Spend an evening with Odds at Kenmore Middle School in Arlington on Friday, November 19. The performance starts at 7 p.m. and will feature stories from all over the world. Tickets are \$10/person or (\$8/person for groups of 10 or more) in advance and \$12/person at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 703-528-5406 or by visiting Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington. For information about the park, please see www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook/Potomac Overlook will be the site of a storytelling workshop - "The Door to Imagination" - for parents, educators, children and youth leaders, and anyone else (14 or older) who would like to learn and experience the wonderful world of storytelling from a master. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 20, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the cost is \$55/person. Call for information and a registration form. Odds Bodkin has performed live, on recordings and on TV and radio all over the United States and several foreign countries as well. Find out more about him at www.oddsbodkin.net. Kenmore Middle School, site of the performance, is located at 200 S. Carlin Springs Road in Arlington. For more information or to purchase tickets for the performance or workshop, call 703-528-5406 or visit Potomac Overlook Regional Park (located at the end of Marcey Road, off of Military Road, in north Arlington).

YORKTOWN BAND AND COLOR GUARD POINSETTIA SALE - Members of the Yorktown Patriots Band and Color Guard are taking orders now through November 15 for holiday poinsettias. All plants are top quality, fresh and long lasting. Available in traditional red, white, pink and marble in a variety of sizes from small (4 1/2") to extra large (10"). Large orders are welcome! Delivered directly to your doorstep on December 3-4.

For additional information, contact [Rhonda Snoeyenbos](#) or [Janet MacLaughlin](#).

OPEN HOUSE AT THE OUTDOOR LAB - Visit the Outdoor Lab Open House in Fauquier County on Sunday, November 7 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. The Outdoor Lab contains over 200 acres of forests, fields and hills and provides hands-on outdoor environmental education opportunities to learn about animals, science, outdoor skills, arts and humanities in a natural setting.

The Open House is for all Arlington public school students, families and staff. This is a chance to relax, fish, hike, explore the animal lab, admire the fall foliage, investigate a stream, breathe fresh country air, roast hot dogs and cook s'mores. Bring your family and friends and have a great time!

For more information, call (703) 228-7650 or visit www.outdoorlab.org.

District/State/National PTA News

Dues to state of \$2.75 due on December 1, 2010

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