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Arlington CCPTA Update

March 18, 2011

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Greetings!

Our next CCPTA meeting will be held on **Monday, March 21st** at the Ed Center at 7:00pm. A draft agenda for the meeting is below.

DEADLINE TODAY - APS Strategic Plan Committee is reaching out to all stakeholder groups to encourage them to complete the Strategic Plan Survey. Staff and parents are encouraged to reply. Please complete the survey one time. Links in Spanish and English below:

[http://research.zarca.com/clients/APSchools/survey.aspx?sid=258\(=0&data= English](http://research.zarca.com/clients/APSchools/survey.aspx?sid=258(=0&data= English)
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The Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers, Inc. is Announcing Scholarships (\$2000) To Be Awarded To Students Who Desire A Career In The Field Of Education

Applicant must be a member of the June 2011 graduating class of an accredited public high school located in Arlington County. Applicant must have shown a genuine interest in the field of education and plan a career in that field: such as, classroom teaching, early childhood education, special education, career training, speech therapy, music, educational librarian, etc. **A completed application form must be submitted to the Counseling Department of the applicant's high school no later than April 5, 2011.**

The detailed announcement with requirements about ACSFFT scholarships and the application forms are at <http://acsfft.arlingtonccpta.org>. Donations to the ACSFFT, a 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible. If you or your PTA are interested in supporting these scholarships please contact us at ACSFFT@gmail.com

APS to Host Secondary Grading Public Forums

The Arlington Public Schools Secondary Grading Committee is seeking feedback on proposed changes to existing policies and procedures associated with secondary grading practices.

<http://www.apsva.us/15401082104136983/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=67457>

APS to Host Middle School Montessori Open House

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Parents and students interested in the Arlington Public Schools Middle Years Montessori Program are invited to an open house at 7 p.m. on Wed, April 6.

<http://www.apsva.us/15401082104136983/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=67456>

APS High School Students Take Stage in Third Annual Arlington Idol Competition *Concert Broadcast Live on TV and Web*

The third annual Arlington Idol singing competition is just a week away and parents, students and community members are encouraged to get their cell phones and texting fingers ready to vote. Arlington Idol will be held on Thu, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and take place at Kenmore Middle School.

<http://www.apsva.us/15401082104136983/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=67596>

APS is seeking volunteers to serve on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Technology. Applicants should be parents of students currently attending APS or members of the Arlington community.

The Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Technology, which meets monthly, provides guidance to the school system in the area of technology.

The committee is charged with:

- Reviewing progress on the accomplishments of the [Technology Plan](#);
- Reviewing existing APS policies and procedures related to technology and making recommendations when necessary;
- Advising the Department of Information Services on initiatives that could help APS achieve school-system goals through the use of technology, and reviewing the financial implications of any recommended initiatives; and
- Working with the County Technology Commission to leverage opportunities for technological collaboration between Arlington County and APS.

To apply for membership on the committee, complete the form online at www.apsva.us/advisorygroups.

For information about the committee, contact 703-228-2016.

See ***Community Events*** for special events, after school programs and opportunities just for teens.

Enjoy the weekend!

Dale Proctor
CCPTA President

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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

Remaining Meeting dates for 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

Draft Agenda for March 21, 2011

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March 21, 2011

Agenda

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Introductions

Committee/Representative Reports

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

Report from APS

- Dr. Pat Murphy, Superintendent
- School Board Vice-chair, Abby Raphael
- Margaret Gilhooley, Secondary Grading Committee
- Mark Johnston, Textbook adoption

President's Report

- Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers - Approval of CCPTA donation

PTA Business

- Approval of February meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report - Roxanne Lindholm

New Business

New Officer Training Ideas

Adjournment

Parent Education

For Parents of Teens (IN SPANISH/en español)

Join us for one or both of the following workshops for parents of teens and preteens. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Human Services Center at Sequoia, 2100 Washington Blvd., Advance registration requested. Contact cfuentes@arlingtonva.us or 703/228-1551. Flyer attached.

****Evitando las luchas de poder***: Como Reencauzar la Conducta Negativa de su Adolescente (Eliminating Power Struggles), **Wednesday, March 23**

****Disciplina Efectiva***: Como Criar un Hijo (adolescente) Responsable (Positive Discipline-Helping Your Child to Be Responsible), **Wednesday, April 6**

Let's Talk: Navigating the Social Side of Middle School

Encore Presentation - March 23rd, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Williamsburg Middle School Auditorium
Cathi Cohen, LCSW, CGP Director/Founder of In Step
www.insteppc.com

As our tweens and teens navigate the social side of middle school, they begin to explore dating relationships and changes in friendships as social networks ebb and flow. Parents may find themselves pushed away one day and pulled close the next, and may feel worried for their child. Join us for a dynamic workshop with Cathi Cohen LCSW, CGP the author of Raise Your Child's Social IQ and Outnumbered, Not Outsmarted: An A-Z Guide for Working with Kids and Teens in Groups.

After this program, you will:-understand the role of middle school social dynamics and adolescent development, help your child manage middle school stress more successfully, and effectively communicate with your teen around their social stress Please contact Lisa Ostroff with any questions: lisaostroff4@gmail.com
Visit the Family Network website for more information on all of our upcoming programs: <http://www.familynetwork-arlington.org/>

Your Child's Development/Taller-EI Manejo Emocional

Mondays, April 4 and April 11

Learn about the best ways to understand and respond to your child's emotional development. Workshop will be offered in Spanish. **En español**. Greenbrier Learning Center, 5401 7th Rd.

South, 6:30 p.m. Childcare available. Contact David Berrios at 703/963-1632 for more information or to register.

Arlington Parents: We Want to Hear From You!

Monday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.

The Children and Youth Committee of the Arlington Community Services Board wants to hear parent's opinions about services provided by the Child and Family Services Division of the Arlington Dept. of Human Services. Join us for a discussion of mental health and substance abuse services for Arlington's young people. Tell us what's worked and what hasn't, share stories of successes and challenges, help us with ideas for improving services. Dept. of Human Services, 2100 Washington Blvd. Auditorium. RSVP by March 25 to Tom Wallace at 703/228-1540 or tawallace@arlingtonva.us

AUTISM ...for Families

Ask the Autism Specialists

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA 22204

Families, relatives and caregivers are invited to come and ask the autism specialists any questions they have about parenting or caring for a child with autism spectrum disorder. This session will be facilitated by Autism Specialists Lauren Bonnett and Deborah Hammer, and is appropriate for families of children of all ages. This session will be presented in English with simultaneous Spanish and Amharic interpretation. Child care is available.*Registration is requested, and is REQUIRED* for child care. To register and/or make a reservation for child care, please email eparal@arlington.k12.va.us or call the Special Education Parent Resource Center (PRC) at 703.228.7239

For Parents of Teens

Tuesdays, May 3-May 31

Join us for a 5 week course that will equip you with a greater understanding of the challenges of adolescence and provide lots of strategies to help you enjoy parenting your teenager! For parents of children ages 13-18. This course will be based on the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) Curriculum. Tuesdays, May 3-May 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Human Services Center at Sequoia, 2100 Washington Blvd., Lower Level. To register, contact Cheryl at 703/228-1551 or cfuentes@arlingtonva.us See flyer attached.

A Guide to College Success for Students with disAbilities

<http://www.vacollegequest.org/>

Check out this website for information on paving the way to college, including Say YES to College (a college transition program) and College Bound (a campus experience for rising high school students)

Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD

This 7 week course is geared for parents and caregivers of children

with AD/HD and will include: overview of AD/HD, assessment to multimodal treatment, managing the impact of AD/HD on the family, developing parenting strategies and positive behavior interventions, educational rights for your child with AD/HD, building an education team: bridging the gap between home and school, resiliency, teen challenges and future success. Childcare will be provided. Tuesdays, February 1 - March 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Arlington Department of Human Services, 2100 Washington Blvd., Lower Level Conference Center. Advance registration required. Contact Emma Parral: 703-228-7239 or eparal@arlington.k12.va.us Sponsored by the Arlington Parent Education Program and the APS Parent Resource Center.

Webinars to Address Youth Suicide Prevention (3/23, 29)

On March 23 and 29, at 3pm ET, [Well Aware](#) will host two Webinars on youth suicide prevention. The first Webinar, "Generation Wired," discusses using social networking to engage youth in suicide prevention. The second, "Cyberbullying & Suicide," examines bullying in the digital age and describes how schools can work to protect students and districts from the effects of cyberbullying. [Registration is available online](#). All are welcome to attend a group viewing of "Generation Wired" on March 23 at 3pm in the fourth floor conference room at 720 N. St. Asaph Street in Alexandria. Point of contact for the group viewing is tricia.bassing@alexandriava.gov.

Addressing Language Access Services

Monday April 4, 2011 in the Board Room at the [Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035](#). [Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#), The [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board \(FFC-CSB\)](#), the [DBHDS Statewide Cultural & Linguistic Competency \(CLC\) Steering Committee](#) and the [FFC-CSB CLC Steering Committee](#). Standards 4-7 of the [Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services](#) will be the main focus of this training. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 28, 2011** It is sponsored by the Department of

OVERVIEW

The need to provide language assistance to clients whose first language is not English is clear. A number of federal and state laws establish language access requirements. But beyond the obligations set by law, organizations have a responsibility to communicate effectively with clients. Offering care in a way clients can understand responds to their core needs. Providing language services is something virtually all health organizations must do.

[Cultural Competence](#) defines Linguistic Competence as the capacity of an organization and its personnel to communicate effectively, and convey information in a manner that is easily understood by diverse audiences including persons of [limited English proficiency](#), those who have low literacy skills or are not literate, individuals with disabilities, and those who are deaf or

hard of hearing. Linguistic competency requires organizational and provider capacity to respond effectively to the health and mental **health literacy** needs of populations served. The organization must have policy, structures, practices, procedures, and dedicated resources to support this capacity. The National Center for

This training opportunity will provide participants with an in-depth exploration of the facets of designing, implementing, and providing language access services necessary to ensure that all the individuals you serve have equal access to the information they need to increase their access to your services and enhance their outcomes in your programs.

School Board Update

The agenda for the March 24, 2011 School Board Meeting is posted on BoardDocs at:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>.

The following action items are scheduled for this meeting:

1. Wakefield Final Design
2. School Board Proposed FY 2012 Budget
3. 2011-2012 School Calendars

Background documents for the meeting should be posted on BoardDocs at the URL above by the close of business on Monday, March 21.

Citizens may sign up electronically to speak at this meeting until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at:

www.apsva.us/schoolboard/speak

Community Events

THE FORMALS FOR FIVE DRESS DONATION PROGRAM IS ONCE AGAIN GEARING UP!

Do you have a fancy party dress from a New Year's Eve past collecting dust in your closet? Do you have a daughter, niece, or neighbor who is now in college and may have Prom or Homecoming dresses hanging in her closet? Then you can help! High School prom and graduation season is coming up and dresses are quite expensive. There are many girls for whom the purchase of a dress would be quite a hardship on the family

budget. For this reason, we are once again holding the "Formals For Five" sale!

Gently used (or new if you are feeling generous) dresses, bags and jewelry are being collected so that all girls attending Prom and graduation festivities will have nice things to wear. On Wednesday April 27th and Thursday April 28th, the items will be arranged in a room at Washington-Lee HS set up like a boutique and the girls from all the Arlington High Schools (Yorktown, HB Woodlawn, Washington-Lee and Wakefield) will be able to "shop" for prom after school, paying just \$5 for a dress (all proceeds will be donated to Arlington Public Schools' In Support of Children [ISOC] program and the Washington-Lee PTA).

ALL SIZE DRESSES ARE NEEDED, and all lengths of dresses - gowns as well as short in addition to evening bags and jewelry (**we are not collecting shoes, wraps or scarves - the don't sell**). When choosing dresses to donate, please keep in mind that these are teenage girls - our experience with the past 3 years' sales have taught us that matronly bridesmaids dresses or outfits that are too mature, are more than 5 or 6 years old, out-of-style, or stained will not sell, even at \$5, to these teens! **Short dresses are very popular, as are any dresses that come from young girls - do you know any college girls who may have former prom dresses to donate?**

You will receive a tax receipt for the value of your donation; there are tax receipts at all dropoff locations. If you or anyone you know have things they would be willing to donate, please contact Coordinator Sandi Parker at promdressdonation@gmail.com. She will email you back with the locations of the various drop-off points on Arlington and answer any questions you may have. Donations are needed by April 23rd.

THANK YOU AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! FORWARD THIS ON TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS! YOU CAN ALSO BECOME A FAN ON **FACEBOOK** AND POST TO YOUR PROFILE! GO TO THIS LINK and "like" the page and you will receive updates in your newsfeed:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Formals-For-Five-Prom-Dress-Collection/108879489150648#!/pages/Formals-For-Five-Prom-Dress-Collection/108879489150648>

The Northern Virginia Regional College Fair on April 6th Nauck United, Inc. will be hosting the 3rd conversation in the Nauk Diversity Dialogue series this Saturday @ Drew Model School from 9-11:30am.

The Northern Virginia Regional College Fair is coming soon!

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

GMU Patriot Center

Fairfax, VA

HS Juniors: Get a head start on your college search at one of the largest College Fairs in the Northern Virginia Area! If you have

questions, contact Iby Setzer at isetzer@gmu.edu

Arlington Teen Summer Job Expo on Saturday, April 9th at the Arlington Career Center, 816 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington

TEEN HAPPENINGS

Harlem Wizards Tick Hoops Basketball Show & Game

Friday, March 25th, 7pm-9pm, @ Thomas Jefferson Gym,
Cost: Advanced Tickets: \$10 students & seniors/\$13 general admission

Door Tickets: \$12/\$15

Gift Shop & Snack Bar will be open

Advance Tickets Info

Please call 703.228.4747, or visit us online at registration.arlingtonva.us

Activity Codes:

970089A- Student/Senior

970089B-General

Spring Break Camp 2011

April 18-22, 2011

Time: 9am-4pm (extended hours are 8am-9am & 4pm-6pm)

Cost: \$150 (\$200 w/ extended hours)

Have a blast this break by enjoying trips, sports, games, arts, cooking classes & more! Camp price includes all activities, trips, transportation, admission costs, and supervision.

Please bring bag lunch daily. Laser Tag, Frisbee Golf and field day and more exciting field trips!!

Location: Thomas Jefferson Community Center

To Register: Registration Deadline is April 13th. Please call 703.228.4747, or visit us online at registration.arlingtonva.us

Activity Code: Core hours code #613421A Core plus extended hours is #613421B

After School Programs

After School Program @ Thomas Jefferson Community Center

(3501 S. 2nd St. Arlington VA)

Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00pm

Contact Ms. Mary McMullen at mmcmullen@arlingtonva.us or 703.228.4711

After School Program @ Gunston Community Center

Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00pm

Contact: Ms. Aquil Criss: acriss@arlingtonva.us or (703) 228-6983

Langston Brown Teen After School Program

3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday-Friday

Contact: Luis Matos at 703.228.7792 or lmatos@arlingtonva.us

Lubber Run Teen After School Program

3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday-Friday

Contact: Ms. Joyce Harris-Gray at 703.228.4712 or Jharris-gray@arlingtonva.us

Carver Evening Program

6-9pm, Monday & Wednesday

Contact: Nataki Green at (703) 228-5706 or nngreen@arlingtonva.us

Drew Evening Program

6:00-9:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday

Contact: Nataki Green at (703) 228-5725 or nngreen@arlingtonva.us

Walter Reed After School Program

3:00-6:00pm, Monday-Friday

Contact : Shanan Knox at 703.228.7781 or sknox@arlingtonva.us

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. Contact Edson Bravo 703.228.7783

DJ Class

Tuesdays & Fridays ~ 4pm-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! Contact Edson Bravo 703.228.7783

Teen Health Clinic

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday Time:3-5pm ~Cost:Free

Place:800 S. Walter Reed Drive (It's in the building right between Patrick Henry Elementary School and the Columbia Pike Library. Parking is available in the Career Center lot.)

Details:Arlington teens who are concerned about pregnancy, STDs and birth control can receive free and confidential services at the Arlington Teen Health Clinic. Under Virginia law, parental consent is not required for these services. Public health nurses and doctors can also help teens in need of mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling or other public health services to find assistance. The clinic is open from 3 to 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Walk-ins welcome.

For more information:Call 703-228-1200 or 703-228-1214 (Call to make an appointment or to get more information. If you leave a message, a nurse will try to return your call within 24 hours)

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District/State/National PTA News

Save the Date – PTA Leadership Training Conference - July 15-16 at Glen Allen High School, in Glen Allen, VA.

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