**IB News**

The IB Attitude of the Month for January is **curiosity**, an eager desire to learn. As IB learners, we will be curious about the nature of learning and of the world, its people, and cultures. Some ways to show curiosity at home are by asking questions, by researching information to answer our questions, and by always being open to learning new things. Encourage your child to ask questions.

**ASE**

We are looking forward to kicking off the Winter ASE programs on January 9th!  We have received over 200 permission slips and are hoping to get every student in to at least one program of his/her choice.  Students will receive notification of their club schedule by January 6th.  Don’t forget ASE Clubs do not meet on Early Release Wednesdays or School Holidays.”

**Reflections**

This year, the theme of the PTA Reflections contest was, “What’s Your Story?” Students were encouraged to think about what makes them happy, what excites them, what makes them tick – and to represent that idea through one of six arts categories. Several Randolph 5th graders submitted entries in the visual arts category. They worked in Ms. Bowen’s art class to create pictures using paper, pencils, crayons and markers. Top winners were Leslie Pinkney-Ayala who received an Award of Merit, Devyn Carlson who received an Award of Excellence, and the top winner, Alexandra Arispe Munoz, who received Outstanding Interpretation of Theme. Alexandra’s picture was submitted to the county level contest. She will be recognized along with all other 1st place winners across the county at a ceremony at Washington-Lee High School on January 18. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Reflections!

**Spare Change Drive**

At the holiday sing-a-long we had the opportunity to recognize two of our favorite partners. A-SPAN and the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union (ACFCU). Back in October the whole school participated in the Spare Change Drive and the A-SPAN Walk to End Homelessness. To assist our efforts, ACFCU let us use their machine - at no charge - to count our change, and they matched the amount of change that we collected. Including the matching funds, we were able to donate a total of $900 to A-SPAN to help serve homeless people in our community. The money will be used to buy medicine, supplies, and warm clothes and to help transition people into permanent housing. We are very proud of our 20+ year partnership with A-SPAN and the empathy and kindness our students have learned through our efforts on A-SPAN’s behalf.

**Math Game Night**

On **Thursday, January 12th, kindergartners and first graders and their parents** are invited to play math games at school! There will be an opportunity to sign in and have pizza in the cafeteria from 6:15 - 6:45 pm, and then to play math games in the gym from 6:45 - 7:45 pm. This event is for kindergarten and first grade students and their parents. Babysitting will be provided for siblings.

**Lost and Found**

Is your child missing a sweatshirt, gloves or a coat? Be sure to check out the lost and found near the gym.  Any items that are remaining after Friday, January 13, 2017 will be donated.

**Help Randolph Staff Shine**

We are pleased to announce the following Randolph Staff Members have been selected by the Randolph staff and community as employees of the year:

**Erin Kowalevicz** - Randolph Teacher of the Year

**Annette Smith** - Randolph E Scale Employee of the Year

**Jamara Miller** – Randolph G Scale Employee of the Year

**Guillermo Moran** - Randolph M Scale Employee of the Year

**Leila Vega** - Randolph A Scale Employee of the Year

**Gwendolyn Day** - Randolph X Scale Employee of the Year

The above listed staff members will be completing packets for consideration and recognition by APS.  Please send in your letters of endorsement/recommendation for individual nominees to Jamara Miller in the office **no later than Wednesday January 11, 2017**.  Parent letters, student letters or letters from the community are all welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE**: If you are writing a letter for **Erin Kowalevicz** please address the letter to: State Superintendent of Instruction, Commonwealth of Virginia, P.O Box 2120, Richmond, VA  23218-2120.  **All letters should be turned into the Randolph main office to Jamara Miller**.

Thank you!

**Inclement Weather News!**

It is sometimes necessary to delay the opening of school, send students home early or close school entirely. The safety of our students Is the primary factor in making those decisions. Please refer to the information below when weather conditions are warranted:

* Visit the website at [www.apsva.us](http://www.apsva.us/).
* Check your email for an update from APS School Talk.
* Follow us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools) or [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/APSVirginia).
* Tune in for news updates on major English or Spanish television & radio stations.
* For those who live in Arlington, watch for an announcement on AETV on Verizon Channel 41 or Comcast Channel 70.
* Call the APS Hotline at 703-228-4277 to hear a recorded message.
* Download the free APS app to receive a notification on your mobile device.

On 2 hour delays, our school day will begin at 10:25 a.m.

**Attention 5th Grade Parents!**

**Middle School Information Nights:**

All middle schools schedule school information sessions to provide parents an opportunity to visit the schools, meet the principals, tour the buildings, and get a general sense of the personalities of each of the schools. No RSVP required.

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|  | **Evening Sessions (Course Info Sessions)** |
| Gunston | Jan. 18, 2017 at 7 pm |
| Jefferson | Jan. 12, 2017 at 7 pm |
| Kenmore | Jan. 5, 2017 at 7 pm |
| Swanson | Jan. 17, 2017 at 7 pm |
| Williamsburg | Jan. 18, 2017 at 7 pm |
| H-B Woodlawn | Jan. 10, 2017 at 7 pm (MS & HS) |

**From the School Counselor:**

From Jan. 23 - 27 Randolph will participate in the Great Kindness Challenge. Students will be asked to perform many acts of kindness throughout the school, in the community, and at home. Stay tuned for more information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 9:** Club de Madres, 8:15-9:30am, Library

**January 9**: Winter After School Enrichment Programs (ASE) begin

**January 10:** PTA meeting, 7:00 pm, Library

**January 12**: Math Game Night for Kdg/Grade 1 families, 6:15-7:45 pm

**January 16**: HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

**January 20**: HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL (Inauguration Day)

**January 23**: Club de Madres, 8:15-9:30 am, Library

**January 25**: Principal’s Coffee, 8:15-9:15 am, Library

**January 30**: Club de Madres, 8:15-9:30am, library