**Registration for APS’ Whole Child Conference is now open!**

A Conference for Students (Grades 5-12), Families, Staff and Community Members

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

**5:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA  22201**

Arlington Public Schools is committed to educating the Whole Child – ensuring that each child is healthy, safe, supported, academically engaged and challenged.   Parents, students (Grades 5-12) and staff are encouraged to attend this **FREE** conference to learn more about supporting the needs of the Whole Child.

**Breakout Sessions will include:**

* Love the Skin You’re In: A session for girls and young women and their parents
* Healthy Dating and Relationships
* Teen Stress
* Yoga and Mindfulness:  An Interactive Workshop
* Heal Yourself: Healthy Eating and Active Living
* Personal Safety in Today’s World
* Creating a Culture of Respect for LGBT Students
* Ending the Silence: The Importance of Talking about Mental Health
* Teen Voices: The Truth About Substance Abuse and Middle School
* LUV: Listen, Understand and Validate – Building Trusting Relationships
* Coaching Boys Into Men
* A Community Conversation About Middle School and Substance

**Registration is required**. [Register online now](https://goo.gl/forms/a0F3yyUjS6jJXmFF3) as space in some sessions may be limited. Pizza and light refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, please visit the conference website: <https://www.apsva.us/whole-child-conference-2017/>, or call 703.228.7239.

**Join us for a Fantastic Inclusion Workshop!**

**Restructuring Schools for *All* Students: Taking Inclusion to the Next Level**

Led by internationally-renowned expert **Dr. Cheryl Jorgensen** who has over 30 years of distinguished service advancing research and best practices in inclusive education. You will learn about:

• Universal Design for Learning

• Presuming competence

• Modifying instructional materials

• Addressing disruptive behaviors

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Gunston Middle School Theater**

**2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington, VA 22206**

• **Free** for APS teachers, staff, parents, students, and allies

• **5 recertification points** provided

• $10 box lunches available for pre-order

**Register by March 15 at: http://www.arlingtonsepta.org/cheryljorgenseninclusion-workshop/**

Sponsors: Arlington Special Education PTA, Arlington Inclusion Task Force, APS Office of Special Education

For questions: **inclusionworkshop@arlingtonsepta.org**

**From the School Counselor, Jennifer Baitinger:**

K – 5 Counseling Lessons: Students are going to begin learning the problem solving steps. Students will learn that once they have used the calm down steps, they can then use the problem solving steps to figure out the best way to handle their problem. They learn **STEP** – **S**: say the problem (without blame), **T**: think of solutions (more than one), **E**: explore consequences (will everyone feel okay about the solution?), **P**: pick the best solution.

**Our First PreK-5 Yearbook is Underway!**

We are so excited to share the news about the design of our inaugural PreK-5 yearbook.  Under the leadership and guidance of Leila Vega, one of our talented instructional assistants, our upper grade students are creating our school-wide yearbook.  With the After School Enrichment (ASE) program offerings, many students selected the “Yearbook” as one of their clubs.  They work diligently each week on the various components of creating a polished and comprehensive yearbook!  As we plan for upcoming candid shots to be included in the yearbook, **please let us know if your “Opt-out” preference has changed from the beginning of the school year**.  We have the school-wide “Opt-out” list where the yearbook is included as one of the opt-out choices.  If you would like to change the status of your opt-out for the yearbook, please let the office know by calling 703-228-5830 or sending a note to Dr. Snyder. If we do not hear of any changes, we will adhere to the selections made by families in September.

**Read Across America is this Thursday, March 2!**

A guest reader will visit every classroom. Each Randolph student from Pre-K through grade five will receive a free book through Northern Virginia RIF (Reading is Fundamental). We look forward to this school-wide celebration of reading!

**It's Snow Much Fun to Read**

Our "It's Snow Much Fun to Read" school wide reading incentive will continue through mid-March. Our Randolph snowman will take shape in the Randolph lobby. Continue to encourage your child to read and bring in forms. Every snowball helps to build our snowman!

**Feel Like a Dinner Out?**

The PTA is planning a fundraiser at the local Chipotle on March 13th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Stop by the restaurant on Columbia Pike and support Randolph!

**PTA Auction**

The PTA annual silent auction is now open! Items from yoga to summer camps, landscaping, gift cards, baseball tickets and much, much more are available. The auction closes at 8:00 p.m. on March 1st. Please use the following link to view and register the amazing items: [www.auctria.com/auction/randolph2017](http://www.auctria.com/auction/randolph2017)

**Conscious Discipline**

Our morning and evening sessions are just about to begin! Our three-part series includes:

* Session 1: Be a S.T.A.R. Parent: Feb 27 at 8:15-10:15 a.m. **OR** Feb 28 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.
* Session 2: Preventing Power Struggles: Mar 6 at 8:15-10:15 a.m. **OR** Mar 8 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.
* Session 3: The Truth About Consequences: Mar 20 at 8:15-10:15 a.m. **OR** Mar 21 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Family Science Night at the Smithsonian**

The National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSE; <http://ncesse.org>) and the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum would like to invite our **4th and 5th grade students and families** to participate in the Family Science Night Program on **Tuesday, March 7th**.

Family Science Night (FSN) fosters wonderful opportunities for parents and their children to talk about science, our world, and the cosmos – it helps launch family learning. The program takes place at one of the most visited museums on the planet. Millions of visitors a year come to the National Air and Space Museum to see the machine that gave life to human dreams of flight in air and space.

The program takes place after the close of normal museum hours for up to 480 parents, students, and educators from area schools. It’s a family learning experience on space science subjects that are taught in the classroom. Adults do not participate as chaperones, but as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and big brothers and sisters to the children. It is a chance for a shared, cross-generational learning experience in space science education.

We will meet in front of the school at **6:00p.m.** The bus will leave at 6:15p.m., and will return to Randolph at approximately 9:15p.m. **All Randolph students must be accompanied by an adult**. If you would like to join us, complete the R.S.V.P. form below and return it to your child’s teacher **on or before** **Thursday, March 2, 2017. Please note that we are limited to one bus, so please return your form promptly!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 27:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Cafeteria: Conscious Discipline Part 1, PreK - 5

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**February 28**: Pre-K & Kindergarten field trip to TJ Middle School Theater, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**February 28**: 3rd grade field trip to Green Spring Gardens, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**February 28:** Conscious Discipline Part 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (PreK – 5 Parents), Library – *light dinner in cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.*

**March 1:** 4th & 5th Grade Quarter 2 Academic Achievement Breakfast, 7:45-8:15 a.m., Library

**March 2:** Early Release at 12:51 p.m. (afternoon parent-teacher conferences)

**March 2:** Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day

**March 3:** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (parent-teacher conferences)

**March 6:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Cafeteria: Conscious Discipline Part 2, PreK - 5

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**March 7:** 4th & 5th grade field trip to National Air & Space Museum, 6:15-9:30 p.m. **(students & parents)**

**March 8:** Early Release at 12:51 p.m.

**March 8:** Conscious Discipline Part 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (PreK – 5 parents), Library (light dinner at 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria)

**March 10:** 1st field trip to Mt. Vernon Historic Site, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**March 10:** 3rd grade performance, “We Are Music”

**March 12:** Daylight Savings Time (MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR!)

**March 13:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Library

**March 14:** Kindergarten Information Session #1: 12:45-2:15 p.m.

**March 14:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

**March 15:** 3rd grade field trip to Brookdale Arlington Senior Living, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

**March 17:** *St. Patrick’s Day*

**March 17:** Math Dice Competition (grades 4 & 5) – *details forthcoming*