**Excitement is Building…**

As we eagerly approach our next school spirit week! During the week of March 20-24, we will laugh and joke with each other as we build and strengthen our school spirit! These popular days have the following themes:

**Monday**: Pajama Day

**Tuesday**: Cartoon/Superhero Day (wear a t-shirt or dress up like a cartoon character/superhero)

**Wednesday**: Wacky Tacky Day

**Thursday**: Grade Level Color Day

* **Pre-K**:  green
* **Kindergarten**: blue
* **1st Grade**: red
* **2nd Grade**: white
* **3rd Grade**: yellow
* **4th Grade**: gray
* **5th Grade**: black

**Friday**: Sports/College Day (wear your favorite jersey or sports team apparel)

**Summer School Registration is Underway!**

Warm summer days are just ahead. As you make your summer plans, please know that our summer school registration is open! We really hope that your child can join us from July 10 – August 11. Sessions will run daily from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Our summer school site is **Hoffman-Boston Elementary School**. Transportation will be provided each day from Randolph to Hoffman-Boston. The bus will return students to Randolph immediately after summer school. **For those families choosing to remain at Hoffman-Boston for Extended Day, afternoon transportation will be the responsibility of the parents.** There are also many other summer school opportunities and programs available! Additional information can be found in the 2017 APS Summer School Catalog. Please call the main office at Randolph if you have any questions at 703-228-5830. We are hoping to prevent the dreaded “summer slide” by having students actively engaged with learning experiences throughout the summer.

**Safety First!**

We have recently noticed parents crossing S. Quincy Street outside of the crosswalks. Please help us serve as role models for children by crossing at the designed crosswalks. We want to instill “safety first” in all of our students.

**Memories to Last Forever!**

While our students are growing older each year, it’s always nice to have some keepsakes to remember the special moments during elementary school. During the week of March 20-24, we will be hosting our first student art sale.

Why not decorate your home or desk with something handmade by a Randolph artist? All proceeds will be used to help sponsor our International Night, a new Randolph event coming this June.

In support of our fundraiser, students are making pinch pots, small paintings and recycled art…just to name a few! Most things will be $1.00!! Feel free to invite friends and family to purchase this beautiful artwork for their homes as well!

Student artwork will be sold after school, at the Conscious Discipline meetings on the morning of March 20 and the evening of March 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Final Conscious Discipline Session is Scheduled**

Our third and final session of Conscious Discipline is just around the corner. Our last session, “The Truth About Consequences” will be held on March 20 from 8:15-10:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. The session will be repeated on March 21 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the library (light refreshments at 6:00p.m. in the cafeteria). Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this informative and engaging workshop.

**Dust Off Your Old Books…**

and consider donating them to the PTA’s 4th Annual “Book Grab” on **Friday, March 31st**. Donation drop box locations:

* Randolph Elementary Main Office

**OR**

* Call Susan at 813-422-8431 for pick up

**Our Snowman is Growing Larger and Larger!**

We’ve had so much fun with our recent at-home reading incentive program that our snowman has grown to over 7,102 “snowballs”! Our Randolph Stars definitely demonstrate that “It’s Snow Much Fun to Read”. Please encourage your child to continue to read at home and record daily reading on the “snowballs”. Our goal is to reach 1,000 snowballs by March 31st. Please help us before our snowman melts away!

**Clean Air Challenge!**

APS is supporting the “Clean Air Awareness Challenge”. All students in grades K-12 are eligible to participate in this project. All students who submit a PSA will be acknowledged at a **Clean Air Awareness Month event on May 1, 2017**. Each group or individual participant will receive a certificate of participation and possibility of having your entry reproduced for posting at schools or shared across APS.

Guidelines for creating the Public Service Announcement (PSA) are listed below:

**Topic:** PSAs must focus on creating cleaner air through walking/biking to school, bus or mass transit, carpooling and

turning off engines when not driving. Lots of information, links and ideas can be found on the School Health Advisory

Board website at apsshab.weebly.com/clean-air-resources.html.

**Eligibility:** Any current APS student from grades K to 12 is eligible to submit or to participate in a group submission. **A**

**signed parent permission slip is required for all submissions and can be completed online**.

**Format:** The Public Service Announcement can take many forms including, but not limited to, Visual Art (Poster, Drawing, Painting), Vídeo, or Social Media Campaign.

**Deadline:** All submissions must be received by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 31**.

**Submissions:** All entries must include Submission and Parent Permission/Release forms which should be completed online at apsshab.weebly.com/clean-air-challenge. This website also contains complete details on file formats, delivery methods and locations, and creative ideas. Please contact Amy Thomas at arlingtoncleanair@gmail.com or 703-443-6680 with any questions.

**Planning for Your Child’s Future Begins Now**

Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy and Arlington Public Schools (APS) welcome all APS students & families to explore students’ individual interests, plan for their future & connect with counselors & career professionals. On April 1st from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Wakefield High School, students and families are invited to:

* Participate in fun career exploration activities
* Explore personal interests and create academic/career goals
* Meet professionals with common interests and learn how to prepare students for a successful future

**Registration is required**. Lunch will be provided. To register or for more information visit: [www.apsva.us/createurpath](http://www.apsva.us/createurpath) Individuals will be available to assist with Spanish interpretation.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 20:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Cafeteria: Conscious Discipline Part 3, PreK-5

**March 20:** Conscious Discipline Part 3, 8:15-10:15 a.m. (PreK – 5 parents), Cafeteria; STUDENT ART WORK SALE

**March 21:** Conscious Discipline Part 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (PreK – 5 parents), Library (light refreshments at 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria); STUDENT ART WORK SALE

**March 23:** Kindergarten Information Session #1: 12:45-2:15 p.m.

**March 27:** Club de Madres, 8:15-9:30 a.m., Library

**March 30:** Randolph/Jamestown Writing Project (2nd grade Jamestown students at Randolph)

**March 31:** PTA Book Grab

**March 31:** Pre-K field trip to Planetarium, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Donnelly/McGuire)

**March 31:** Pre-K field trip to Planetarium, 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Montemayor/Willis)

**March 31:** “It’s Snow Much Fun to Read” Celebration, 2:30 p.m.