**Student Recognition**

The attitude of the month for April was **appreciation**. Appreciation means to see the worth, quality, or significance of someone or something. We show appreciation for the wonder and beauty of the world and its people. In school, students show appreciation by saying “thank you,” being grateful for their learning, and showing respect to others.  The following students were recognized for showing appreciation:

**PreK**

Jasmine Velis Diaz

Ridwana Rahman

Joseph “Clayton” Stofer

Amy Vaca Villanueva

**Kindergarten**

Milton Laing

Guillermo Ortiz Martinez

Efrata Tewolde

Joseph Vasquez

**1st grade**

Saleth Suarez Dellien

Declen Lamborn

Nour Sirhan

Nilson Vonethanoulom

Joy Kolodo Zonga

**2nd grade**

Nuria Ferrufino

Ibrahim Guzman

Azaria Tadesse

Papa Thoif

**3rd grade**

Sigal Delgaldillo

Safia Hasnat

Katheryne Rosa Valladares

**4th grade**

Angel McPhee

Nahome Mulugeta

Ashley Lazarte Rocha

**5th grade**

Zainabe Guzman

Cristopher Laguna

Josiel Rodriguez

**Now Accepting Summer Campers!**

The Junior 4-H Camp is a residential weeklong summer camp that is available to students ages 9-13. The 4-H Center Camp is located in Front Royal, Virginia. All lodging, meals, supplies, t-shirt and transportation are included in the fee. The camp has several scholarships available to help defray camp costs. The camp will run from Sunday, July 2 through Thursday, July 6. Additional information can be found at” [**https://tinyurl.com/Arl4HCAMP2017**](https://tinyurl.com/Arl4HCAMP2017) or by calling the Arlington 4-H office at 703-228-6404.

**It’s a Roll of the Dice…**

Math dice, that is! Math Dice is a fun, fast paced game based on mental math. Players roll dice, and set the numbers into equations to get as close as possible to a target number. It’s simple, fast paced, competitive. Our annual APS Math Dice Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th at Discovery Elementary School. Our Math Dice Team under the direction of Ms. Brittany Gillen, grade 4 teacher, has prepared, practiced and are eager to show their outstanding math skills! The Randolph Team, “**The Mighty Mathing Power ^6 Rangers**”, is comprised of the following students:

Achsah Bisrat Alexandra Burns

James Bissett Huy Bui

Cayden Lamborn Danica Quibote

**Alternate:** Rosemarie Lopez-Lopez

Parents are invited to stay for the Tournament which should last until noon, though this is not required. There will be a section of the Tournament room reserved for parents and you may take pictures from that area. Please plan to attend and watch this fast-paced, exciting math tournament. Details of this interactive APS tournament are listed below:

**Tournament Schedule**

**8:30-9:00** Registration

**9:00-9:15** Tournament Overview

**9:15-10:25** Break/Team Cheer

**10:40-11:25** Team Competition

**11:25-11:35** Break/Team Cheer

**11:45-12:00** Awards Ceremony, Closing Remarks

**We Request Your Support…**

While Pokémon cards are fun to play with, please ensure your child keeps them at home. We have encountered situations that have caused disruption to our instructional program as a result of children trading cards during class lessons. Additionally, unless your child has a 504 plan or documented IEP, please do not allow your child to bring “figit spinners” to school. They are causing significant disruptions in classrooms and in the cafeteria. Any Pokémon cards or figit spinners found at school will be held by the teacher and given back to the parent when he/she comes to school to claim the item(s).

**The Coffee is ready to brew…**

And the Danish will be purchased! We hope that you can join us for our next “Principal’s Coffee” on Wednesday, May 10th from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. This month’s focus will highlight the many summer activities that are available at the Columbia Pike library. Please come learn about the wide range of morning, afternoon and evening programs that will help keep learning alive and exciting over the summer vacation.

**Our Spring SOL Testing Begins Soon!**

Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests are almost here! Your child’s path for college and career readiness starts now, with the SOL tests. The score students receive on the SOL assessments will travel with them from elementary school, to middle school, to high school. Our students have been working hard this year, and we are excited for the Randolph Stars to demonstrate their knowledge. You can help us with testing preparation! Please follow the tips below to assist your child in doing his/her very best on the test.

* It is important that students come to school on time.
* Make sure your child is well-rested and well-nourished.
* Encourage your child to do his or her best work possible.
* Please do not remove your child from school on days we are testing or schedule appointments during this time period.

SOL testing is from May 15 – June 13 (including re-takes). We will provide specific grade level schedules in the next newsletter. Thanks for your assistance!

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

We love this time of year as it provides an opportunity to thank and honor our fantastic Randolph educators. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week will be held from **May 8 – May 12**. Please take a moment and thank your child’s teacher for the outstanding job that he/she does each day in helping to motivate, inspire and educate your child.

**From the School Counselor**

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. One in 5 children have a mental illness. For example, anxiety disorders are the most common mental health concern in the United States. Early intervention is critical for children with mental health issues. If you have a question about a child in your class regarding a social/emotional or mental health concern, please consult with Dr. Kathy Heer (School Psychologist, here Wed. and Thurs.) or Jennifer Baitinger (school counselor).

**Effects of trauma on children**

New research shows that extreme stress in a child’s environment can impact the developing brain. When a child grows up constantly afraid or under stress, the immune system and the body’s response to stress become weakened. As a result, the child may be sick more often and overreact to future stress by being aggressive or self-defensive. They often have trouble regulating their emotions, and may experience depression, anxiety or anger frequently. Children who have experienced trauma (such as abuse, domestic violence, parent with substance abuse, little stability or little love and stimulation) may also have trouble thinking clearly, paying attention, planning or acquiring new skills in school.

If your child has experienced trauma and you are concerned about your child’s development, contact the school counselor, school psychologist or school social worker at Randolph for more information.

***Dr. Kathy Heer – School Psychologist***

# Arlington Public Schools STARTALK Arabic & Chinese Summer Program Registration Open

For the 11th year, Arlington Public School will offer a **free** three-week immersion program for **rising sixth-eighth grade students** interested in Arabic and Chinese. STARTALK is a federally-funded program established by the National Security Initiative “to expand foreign language education in under-taught critical languages.”

STARTALK will take place from **8:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.** from **July 10-28 at Jefferson Middle School**. Pre-registration is [available online](https://goo.gl/forms/P4vOqtQAGEs36Ovu2). Spaces are available in the Chinese Beginners and Developing Program and Arabic Beginners and Developing Program. For information contact the APS World Languages Office at 703-228-6097.

**Parent Training Continues!**

PARTICIPA is a parent involvement and leadership course designed for immigrant parents who want to deepen their understanding of how the American school system works to be able to navigate it effectively and strengthen their ability to support and advocate for their children’s education. Our 3rd session is scheduled for **Monday, May 8th from 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the cafeteria**. The subject is “Monitoring and Supporting Your Child’s Progress in English”.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 6:** Math Dice Tournament at Discover Elementary School, 8:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

**May 8:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Cafeteria: PARTICIPA Workshop

**May 8:** Interpreters available for Report Card translation, 8:30-11:00 a.m. **and** 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**May 8:** Honor Roll Luncheon, 11:45a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

**May 9:** Kindergarten field trip to National Zoo, 9:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**May 10:** Principal’s Coffee, 8:15-9:30 a.m., Library

**May 10:** 1st grade field trip to Long Branch Nature Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**May 11:** 1st grade field trip to Long Branch Nature Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**May 11:** 4th grade field trip to Pamplin Historical Park, 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

**May 14**: HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

**May 15:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Library/Cafeteria: PARTICIPA Workshop

**May 16:** Employee of the Year Celebrations at W-L High School, 5:30 p.m.

**May 22:** Club de Madres, 8:15-10:15 a.m., Library/Cafeteria: PARTICIPA Workshop

**May 24:** Kindergarten field trip to Brookdale, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

**May 24:** APS Volunteer Reception at the Career Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**May 26:** Kindergarten chorus performance, 2:00 p.m., Gym

**May 29:** HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)