



# Volunteers & Partners: *Making a Difference for APS!*

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**W**e are pleased to share the first edition of our new Volunteer and Partnership Newsletter. This monthly newsletter will highlight school volunteers and partners that are making important contributions to student success, both inside and outside the classroom. You'll find the latest trending posts about APS partners and volunteers straight from our social media sites, profiles of individual volunteers and partners, important news updates, and links to our AETV programming about partners and volunteers.

Beginning this year, each school welcomed a Volunteer and Partnership (V & P) Liaison. The V& P Liaisons are an important asset to APS because they help us integrate our volunteers and partners into schools and contribute to the School Board's Strategic Goal #5 to "Meet the Needs of the Whole Child." Liaisons are helping us implement best practices for volunteer recruitment and retention throughout APS by ensuring volunteers are properly screened, and are also helping to train new volunteers and partners, and to recognize the valuable contributions of volunteers and partners to our students' success. As the Communications Coordinator, responsible for overseeing this district-wide collaboration, I am excited about the many opportunities to interact with all of our volunteers, partners and community members and to support your success. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

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## **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

*The Volunteer of the Month celebrates the actions and commitment of volunteers who work hard to enrich our students' academic experiences.*

**Ms. Carol Stedman** is no stranger to the APS family. A retired former teaching assistant, she just could not stay away. For the past three years, she has volunteered at Barcroft Elementary School practically full-time. She has helped the literacy team organize, bag and bin over 15,000 books. During Barcroft's morning meeting, the students surprised her in a Facetime call and then coaxed her into the multipurpose room where she was presented with flowers and a plaque renaming the bookroom, the Carol Stedman Bookroom.

Congratulations Ms. Stedman! Arlington Public Schools appreciates your time, commitment and service to our students.



*"It has been a pleasure working for Arlington Public Schools and watching the Volunteer and Partnership Program grow. I am excited about sharing the many successes at each school in this newsletter, the Partners in Action on-line video series and across social media platforms."*

~ Dawn Smith



*Ms. Carol Stedman, Volunteer of the Month*



## **PARTNERS** **in** **ACTION** **SNEAK PEEK**

This year's first episode of our "Partners In Action" video series will feature **Gunston Middle School** and the **Real Madrid Social-Sport Academy** after-school program. The video highlights the components that make this partnership so unique. We hope you'll take a few minutes to hear from students in the program as well as the Program Director. The video will premiere this week on Fri., Oct. 28.

Visit [www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/partners-in-action/](http://www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/partners-in-action/) to watch when it debuts.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*APS is committed to attracting, encouraging and retaining dedicated volunteers to support student learning. We welcome parents, grandparents, and community members to participate in numerous ways. Check out the current volunteer opportunities below.*

### **Carlin Springs After-School Homework Club**

Carlin Springs Elementary School is seeking volunteers to assist 4th and 5th graders with homework. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm – 4:15pm. If you are interested, please contact **Carol Sabatino** at 703-228-8409 or email [carol.sabatino@apsva.us](mailto:carol.sabatino@apsva.us).

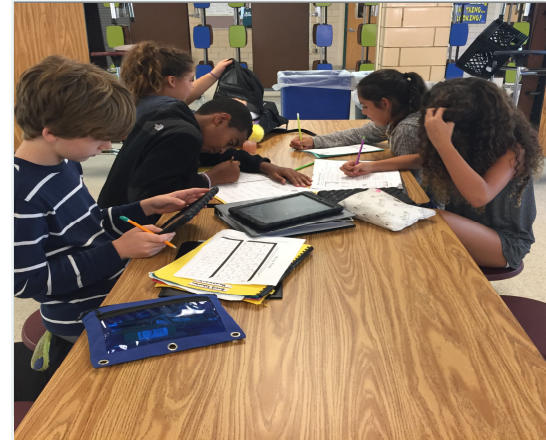
### **Yorktown High School**

Yorktown H.S. is seeking volunteers to assist with HILT students (English Language Learners). Volunteers are needed two or three times a week to assist students with Science and language acquisition – available days/times are Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 1:26 – 2:10, Wednesdays 1:45 – 3:01. For more information contact **Shari Benites** at 703-228- 2542 or by email at [shari.benites@apsva.us](mailto:shari.benites@apsva.us).

### **Arlington Community High School seeks volunteers To help in all subjects**

Arlington Community H.S. Tutoring Center needs volunteers to tutor in all subjects, especially math. The lunch hour is the busiest time, but students are in the center from 8 am – 3 pm and in the evenings from 5 – 8 pm, so choose a time that works best for you. If interested in tutoring please contact **Lourdes Sanchez** at [felisa.sanchez@apsva.us](mailto:felisa.sanchez@apsva.us) or call 703-228-5350. Randolph is located at 800 South Walter Reed Drive in Arlington.

For a complete listing of volunteer opportunities throughout the community, visit [apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/volunteer-opportunities/](http://apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/volunteer-opportunities/).



*Gunston students participating in the Real Madrid Social-Sport Academy after-school program.*



*Educational Theatre Company staff working with McKinley students.*



*Henry's volunteer and scientist, Chris Harto, working with 4th graders.*