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School Board Candidates' Forum Upcoming

MONDAY 27 APRIL AT WALTER REED CC

by Adam Henderson

The Pike Presidents' Group (PPG), consisting of ten Pike Corridor Civic Associations, will host a school board candidates' forum on Monday 27 April 2015 in the Multi-Purpose Room A/B/C at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St S. The purpose of the forum will be to hear from candidates Sharon Dorsey and Reid Goldstein and address school issues relevant to the Pike Corridor communities. The forum will begin at 7.30p with questions to both candidates as selected by the Pike Presidents' Group, followed by an open question session from the audience. The forum will conclude at 9.45p. The discussion will be moderated by Barcroft's Eric Harold.

Douglas Park and other Pike-area residents are invited to attend this informative meeting to hear from and learn more about our School Board candidates. I hope you will take the time to attend.

Plans are also underway for a County Board Candidates' Forum to be held Monday 11 May 2015, also at Walter Reed Community Center. Look for more details soon on the Douglas Park listserv.

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Randolph Book Grab a Success

by Randolph Elementary PTA Board

Hearfelt thanks goes out to all of you who helped to make our Book Grab in early April such a huge success. We received more than 1,000 books to distribute to Randolph students! To see the excitement on the kids' faces when they got to 'shop' for books to take home was truly gratifying.

Without the generosity of our book donors, the Book Grab would not have happened. Thank you to all who made that possible! Special thanks goes to Jefferson Middle School's PTA Prez, Laura Peralta-Schulte, who eagerly donated several boxes of books to our cause.

We are also extremely grateful to Randolph Principal, Renée Bostick, and IB Coordinator, Urath Gibson, who enthusiastically supported our efforts by spreading the word. Mrs Bostick lent her special touch by providing the 'I ♥ Books' bags for the kids to use to take home their treasures.

Many thanks to the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to assist with the set up, distribution, and clean up at the event. Your contributions allowed the event to run very, very smoothly.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our literacy campaign!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2014 at 7.30p IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM OF ARLINGTON FIRE STATION No 9; CORNER OF S WALTER REED DR AND 19TH ST S.

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will have our guests be US Postal Service officials who will continue our discussion of mail issues in Douglas Park that we began in November. We will also vote on our next Neighborhood Conservation project. For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

Douglas Park noticias abril 2015

La reunión de la asociación cívica será el 28 de abril a las 19.30 en la estación de bomberos número 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 sur).. Vamos a hablar de los problemas de correos en Douglas Park. También vamos a votar en nuestro próximo proyecto de 'Neighborhood Conservation'. ¡Se le invitan a asistir!

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MEETING CALENDAR

The Association conducts general membership meetings on the third Tuesdays of February, April, June, September and November at 7.30p. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change; up-to-date information is available at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/> or in the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday evening, 28 April 2015 at 7.30p in the downstairs meeting room at Fire Station No 9, 1900 South Walter Reed Drive at the corner of 19th Street South. please see the full agenda in the 'President's Corner' column in this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

by Adam Henderson


NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next Civic Association meeting will be held Tuesday 28 April at 7.30pm in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- **Mail Delivery.** In November, we met with regional US Post Office officials to discuss ongoing issues with mail delivery in Douglas Park. It was a lively meeting, to say the least! At April's meeting, postal officials—including recently-appointed South Station manger Station Manager, Marcus Clinkscale—will return for more discussion and feedback. A thank-you to Douglas Park resident Carol Freysinger for coordinating with the USPS folks!
- **Neighborhood Conservation.** We will discuss and vote on our next project to submit to the Neighborhood Conservation queue. Under consideration are:
- **Completion of curb, gutter and sidewalks along 18th St S from S Quincy to Walter Reed Drive.**
- **Completion of curb, gutter and sidewalks along 13th St S from Glebe Road to S Walter Reed Drive.**
- **Streetlights along S Oakland St between 18th and 19th Streets S.**

Please keep in mind that any project requires both a champion to oversee the process and approval by residents controlling at least 60% of the street frontage in the project area to move forward. So, attend and let your opinion be heard!

- **Civic Association Volunteers Needed!** We are still in need of residents to step up to fill open volunteer positions on the Civic Association, including:
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- Fourth of July Coordinator
- Election Day Bake Sale Assistant
- Writers for the update of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan

If you can lend a hand, please email Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org or let us know at this month's meeting!.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING, TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Approximately fifteen people attended the Civic Association meeting on Tuesday evening 24 February at Firehouse 9. The agenda included:

- **Annual Election of Officers.** All current officers submitted their names for nomination for new terms. Nominations were solicited from the floor; none were offered. A motion to re-elect the current officers was made, seconded and agreed by the participants assembled:

Adam Henderson, President
 Tony Brooks, Vice-President
 Annette Pigott, Secretary
 Al Fox, Treasurer

- We discussed various current and upcoming projects along the Pike, including Arlington Presbyterian, Pike 3400 and 4707 Columbia Pike
- We agreed to sponsorship of DP resident Sean Steele's proposal for a spring cookout.
- We solicited various proposals for our next Neighborhood Conservation project.
- We discussed the need for volunteers to assist the Association with various tasks.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The replacement of the Washington Boulevard bridge over Columbia Pike continues on schedule for an Autumn 2015 completion.

PIKE 3400

The massive mixed-use and townhome project at the SW corner of S Glebe Rd and Columbia Pike is expected to open by July. Chipolte recently signed a lease for the ground floor retail space at the Glebe Rd/Pike corner of the main building.

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DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
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 1609 South Quincy Street
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Thank you!



DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
FY2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 1 MARCH 2014—28 FEBRUARY 2015

	FY2014	FY 2015
OPENING BALANCE	\$15,499.12	\$15,139.60
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$2,130.00	\$2,790.00
Contributions	832.50	1,165.00
Newsletter Ads	1,678.00	2,532.25
Newsletter Printing Underwriting	1,900.00	1,900.00
Election Day Bake Sale	1,569.00	1265.13
Holiday Fund Drive	2,865.00	2,625.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,974.50	\$12,277.88
EXPENDITURES		
Newsletter Printing	\$3,908.80	\$3,958.04
Membership Dues Drive Materials	39.95	59.36
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic	2,803.72	3,164.11
Hallowe'en Trail of Terror	150.00	195.00
Election Day Bake Sale	14.91	0.00
Holiday Fund Drive	3,066.96	2,607.05
Dues	175.00	150.00
Ellen Bozman Affordable Housing Contrib	1,000.00	0.00
Other Contributions	100.00	0.00
Website Hosting Fees	0.00	178.98
Bank Fees	0.00	94.27
Miscellaneous	74.68	90.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,334.02	\$10,497.29
ENDING BALANCE	\$15,139.60	\$16,920.19

/s/ Al Fox
 Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

President's Corner

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

CONTINUED FROM P 3.

COLUMBIA PIKE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Final cleanup of the long-standing reconstruction of the West End of Columbia Pike between South Wakefield Street and South Four Mile Run Drive continues.

12TH ST S STREETLIGHTING

This Neighborhood Conservation project to install streetlights along S 12th St from S Quincy St to S Monroe St received approval at the December Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) meeting and is anticipated to be approved by the County Board this month. Construction is anticipated for later in 2015. Many thanks to S Monroe St resident Andrew Johnson for shepherding this project.

12TH ST S IMPROVEMENTS

The current top-priority Neighborhood Conservation project to install streetlights, sidewalks and curb-and-gutter along S 12th St from S Glebe Rd to S Walter Reed Dr has seen some activity of late; a group of residents and DPCA officers met with Neighborhood Conservation staff in March to review the project site. A detailed scope of work is in progress and the initial petition drive in the project area should be coming later this spring.

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Neighbors Without Borders

LOCAL RESIDENTS START NEW VOLUNTEER SERVICE

by Keri O'Sullivan

We are starting a volunteer effort called *Neighbors Without Borders*, which removes front chain-link fences for the sake of beautifying the neighborhood. Our services are available to all Douglas Park residents. It's surprisingly easy to remove a chain link fence, with a pair of bolt cutters and a sawzall two people can take it down from start to finish in about half an hour!

If you would like to have your front chain link fence removed please contact us and we will be happy to remove it at no cost. We are looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping with this neighborhood beautification effort please contact us.

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Henry Highlights

by Mariam Kherbouch

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Dahlia Constantine, third grade teacher at Patrick Henry, has been named the APS Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Constantine has been at Patrick Henry since 2011 and exemplifies her colleagues' dedication and passion for teaching the whole child.

In February, the PTA hosted our Silent Auction. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we are pleased to announce that this was our most successful event ever! All funds will be used to support activities and events for the students such as our upcoming 4th grade overnight trip to Williamsburg, field trips, International Night, the Henry Challenge and other school based activities.

At the end of February, the Patrick Henry theater club put on an amazing performance of *What a Fine Day!* Nearly eighty fourth and fifth grade students participated in this performance and displayed their immense musical, theatrical and technical abilities.

At the end of each quarter, the Patrick Henry community celebrates the academic successes of our students. Patrick Henry students who earned all As and Bs celebrated their achievement at our Honor Roll breakfast. Students in third through fifth grade who brought up at least one of their grades while maintaining their other grades celebrated

at our Bringing Up Grade (B.U.G. Roll) celebration. As a school, we continue to strive to have each student reach his/her fullest academic potential and we enjoy celebrating their successes along the way.

On March 27, Patrick Henry students and staff celebrated College Pride Day and had a whole school dance party as a reward for reading over 100,000 minutes during the Read-a-Thon. A sparkling disco ball set the scene for the many book/reading related songs sung by Henry teachers.

Patrick Henry families had the opportunity to participate in some very fun events recently. Our school wide book swap, ESOL/HILT family literacy night, visit with Megan Hicks 'Origami Swami', and Fine Arts Showcase are just a few of the after-school events Patrick Henry families attended.

The PTA is proud to announce that we have been awarded a Quick Mini-grant through VDOT's Safe Routes to Schools program. Funds will be used to ensure that children have properly fitting helmets so that they can safely ride to school. We will be hosting helmet fittings and swaps and also providing helmets to those students who do not currently own them, culminating in Walk/Bike to School Day on May 6th.

Join us for our upcoming events! We will host the Henry Challenge on April 25th, a fun walk/run/bike through

the Arlington Heights neighborhood, around TJ Park and back to Patrick Henry for a morning of fun and fitness. On May 1st we will host International Night – a wonderful opportunity to learn about the different cultures and countries that make up our Patrick Henry community. This is a very popular event and boasts informative tables about different countries, entertainment and (of course!) delicious food to sample from around the world.

Over the past few months we have had the opportunity to meet many of the incoming Kindergarten families at our orientation sessions. It was a pleasure meeting these new families and we are excited to welcome them into the Patrick Henry community. If you haven't registered your child yet for Kindergarten, please stop by Henry anytime during the school day or go to the <http://apsva.us> website for more information.

Be our friend! Keep up with all of the goings on at Patrick Henry by visiting our website <http://patrickhenrypta.org>, subscribing to PatrickHenryFriends@yahoo.com, and Like us on Facebook – Patrick Henry Elementary Friends & Families.

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Randolph News

by Rita Wiggins

READ ACROSS ARLINGTON (DIGITAL LEARNING DAY PROJECT)

Read Across Arlington, is a technology based, cross-county project with a literacy focus. On Friday, March 13, the students from Randolph Elementary and Jamestown Elementary embarked on a shared Digital Learning Day journey. With an aim to enhance their knowledge of and comfort with digital resources, 94 students converged on the Randolph library. They were sorted into pairs – one student from Randolph, one student from Jamestown - and participated in getting-to-know-you exercises. Then they progressed to the work at hand – to write and illustrate their own e-books and eventually, upload those books to a digital library.

The students were introduced to the concept of ebooks by listening to the *Diary of the Teachers*, an e-book based on the book/template, *Diary of a Worm*, but customized to tell the stories of the 2nd grade teachers. Employing the BookWriter app, the students tackled the cover page, dedication page, and about the author. They worked closely with their partners and helped each other understand the requirements and the process. After a pizza lunch and a joint recess, which served to further strengthen the new relationships, friends said goodbye and the Jamestown students headed home.

The following week, students continued to work on their books, adding content and journal entries, refining, editing and creating illustrations using the DrawingPad app and finally doing voice recordings. In addition, on two different occasions, the students from the two schools Skyped with each other, reviewing progress and asking questions about the project.

On Tuesday, March 24, Randolph students visited Jamestown to finish the undertaking and have a celebration. The finale included personal reflections, and a presentation of the completed books with the opportunity for students to read each other's e-books. All of the completed books are stored on an i-bookshelf and available for others to access. See pictures from this event on this page and the next.

WHITE HOUSE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Randolph Elementary's short film, *Helping Hands, Willing Hearts*, was awarded an Honorable Mention at the White House Student Film Festival 2015, The Impact of Giving Back. Highlighting the community service work that students at Randolph participate in, it was chosen from a pool of over 1,500 entries. The film can be viewed on the White House website with the other film festival winners.

READING WITH THE STARS – EDBACKER DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Be a part of Randolph Elementary School's *Reading with the Stars* and support reading this summer!

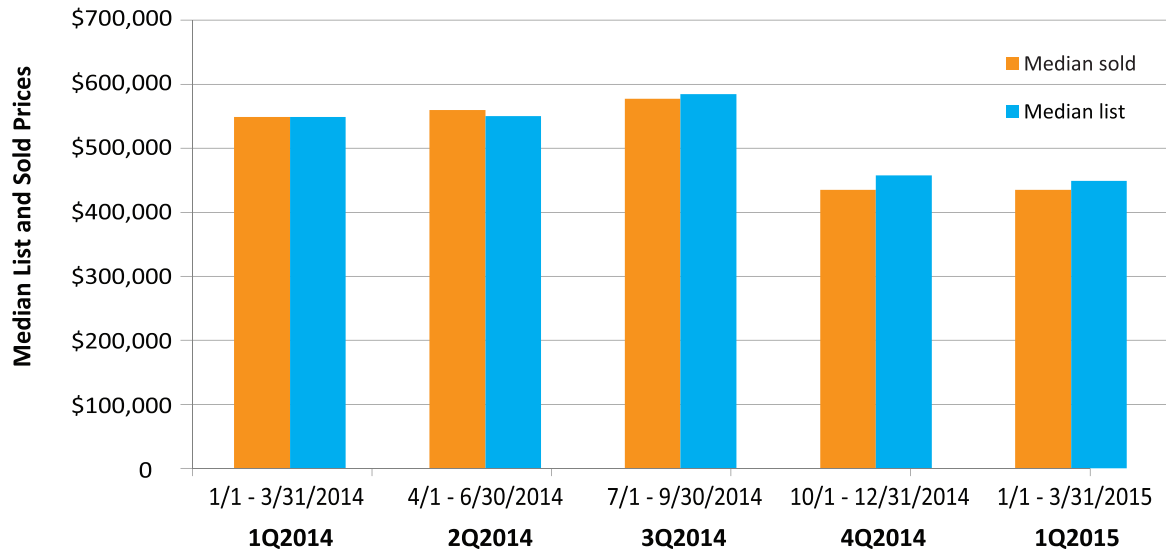
To support reading this summer and put books in the hands of our students at Randolph Elementary School, go to following link: <https://edbacker.com/c/reading-with-the-stars>.

Many of our students have no books to read over the summer. With your help, we can give them access to good books and prevent readers from regressing. Students who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward, falling victim to the summer slide.

Help us raise \$8,000 by May 31st so we can provide every student in the 2nd through 5th grade with books to read over the summer. Your donation will go directly towards the purchase of fiction and non-fiction chapter books, picture books and related literary activities. Each book costs an average of five dollars.



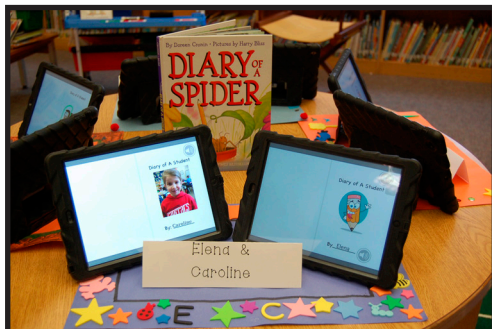
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PHOTOS: Highlights from Read Across Arlington, a cross-county literary project pairing students from Randolph and Jamestown Elementary Schools.



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