

# CLAREMONT CONNECTION

The Weekly Newsletter of the Claremont Immersion School PTA

JANUARY 30TH, 2020 - FEBRUARY 6TH, 2020

Look for the Claremont Connection every Thursday in your child's backpack.

## THIS WEEK AT CLAREMONT

- Thursday, January 30th:**
  - School Board Public Hearing on Elementary School Planning Proposal • Syphax Center • 7:00PM
- Friday, January 31st:**
  - Teacher Work Day: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Monday, February 3rd:**
  - The Big Switch: Students change the language order of their day
- Tuesday, February 4th:**
  - Tuesday Parent Volunteers • Conference Room • 8:00AM - 9:00AM
  - PTA Meeting: Meet & Greet our New Teachers: Ms. Scott (3rd) & Ms. Cortina (4th) • Library • 7:00PM
- Wednesday February 5th:**
  - Claremont School/PTA Sponsored Clubs Picture Day
  - Viva Verde Spring Planning Meeting • 7:00PM - 9:00PM
- Thursday, February 6th:**
  - STEAM Night • Claremont • 6:30PM - 8:00PM

## ECOACTION ARLINGTON FOUR MILE RUN CLEANUP

**Saturday, Feb. 1st • 10:00AM - 12:00PM at Barcroft Park**

Join Viva Verde for trash clean up in Four Mile Run and surrounding streets sponsored by EcoAction Arlington! Claremont is registered to participate in their School Contest - we will get a certificate of participation and a group photo. The schools with the top three levels of participation will each get a \$50 gift certificate for pizza. Come help win free pizza, while cleaning up Four Mile Run!

## VIVA VERDE SPRING PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 5th • 7:00PM - 9:00PM at: Wendy Goyert's house: 634 29th Street S, Arlington, VA 22202 RSVP to Wendy at [wgoyert@hotmail.com](mailto:wgoyert@hotmail.com) or text/call: 202-320-3713

Viva Verde is a committee of the Claremont PTA dedicated to promoting a greener school, community, and world with activities to encourage outdoor education, reduce waste, conserve resources, and promote healthy living. At the meeting we will plan Spring events including celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!

## BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

Help us fill backpacks for our food insecure kids. Three ways to help:

• Order from our wishlist at: <https://amzn.to/36gfJ40>

• Donate Giant or Aldi Gift Cards • Sign up for our Rice & Beans

Program: <https://signup.com/go/Ocacvwm>

## FREE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

English/Spanish • Library Alcove • 8:00AM - 9:00AM

• February 25th: Sibling Rivalry • March 24th: Dealing with rules and expectations of other parents, or parents of kid's friends. For more information, contact Michael Swisher at [mshwish@arlingtonva.us](mailto:mshwish@arlingtonva.us) or the Claremont Counselors.

## CLAREMONT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Friday, February 7th:**

Musical Lunch: Students will enjoy African American music genres in the Cafeteria during all lunch periods today.

**Wednesday, February 12th:**

Spirit Day: Wear your African print or clothing in Red, Green and Black to celebrate Black History.

**Friday, February 14th:**

Parents will read a book about Black (Afro-Latina) Pioneers to all PreK-5th grade classes. Sign-up link coming soon.

**Friday, February 21st:**

Teachers will have classes color Kente Cloth for hangable collage

**Friday, February 28th:**

Celebrate Ms. Seay, our own African American leaders in APS

**Fridays in February:**

CNN will focus on Black History

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Friday, February 7th:**

• Summer Activities Fair • Kenmore MS • 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Wednesday, February 12th:**

• Early Release 12:26PM: Spirit Day: Wear your African print or clothing in Red, Green and Black to Celebrate Black History Month

**Thursday, February 13th:**

• APS Celebrates Black History Month • Kenmore Middle School • 6:00PM - 8:30PM

**Monday, February 17th:**

• Holiday: Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

## PTA SILENT AUCTION

Save the Date: **Saturday, March 14th**

**Fairlington Villages Community Center • 6:00PM-8:00PM**

Childcare provided at Claremont 5:30PM - 8:30PM. More details to follow!

**The Silent Auction Committee is Looking for Donations!**

Contact the Silent Auction committee by February 28th with your donations: [claremontptasilentauction@gmail.com](mailto:claremontptasilentauction@gmail.com)

## APS ENGAGE:

• **Elementary School Boundary Planning:**

- January 30th, 2020: School Board Public Hearing on the final proposal • Syphax Ed Center • 7:00PM

- February 6th, 2020: School Board is scheduled to take action on final proposal • Syphax Ed Center • 7:00PM

• **APS School 2020-2021 Calendar:** February 6th, 2020: School Board is scheduled to take action on Calendar

• The **Your Voice Matters Survey** is open through February 28, 2020. Please help shape the future of the APS community by completing the survey that was emailed on January 13, 2020 by Panorama Education to 4th -12th Grade Families, Staff and Teachers. Additional information about Your Voice Matters can be found here: <https://www.apsva.us/engage/your-voice-matters-survey-2020/>

• **Superintendent Search:** The School Board is working with executive search firm BWP & Associates on a national search for a new permanent Superintendent for APS. BWP is conducting a survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CSMMLB> (open until Feb. 2) to gather input on the characteristics you would like to see in the new Superintendent.

## CAFETERIA MENU

**Monday, February 3rd:**

**Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks

**Lunch:** Peruvian Chicken, Black Beans and Brown Rice or BLT Chef Salad

**Tuesday, February 4th:**

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls

**Lunch:** Bean and Cheese Burrito, Baked Chicken Nuggets or Southwest Chicken Salad

**Wednesday, February 5th:**

**Breakfast:** Scrambled Eggs + Turkey Bacon

**Lunch:** Mac and Cheese, Chili Mac or Asian Chicken Salad

**Thursday, February 6th:**

**Breakfast:** Pancake & Sausage on a Stick

**Lunch:** Uncured Turkey Hot Dog or Vegetarian Chef Salad

**Friday, February 7th:**

**Breakfast:** Peach Cobbler Biscuits

**Lunch:** Cheese, Pepperoni or Veggie Pizza or Ranch Popcorn Chicken Salad

Breakfast \$1.75 Lunch \$3.00