



PTA THURSDAY FOLDER

Spring2Action, Big Flea Volunteers, Kindergarten Tours, and MORE!

EVENTS

Spring2Action | Wednesday, 4/9, All day!

The Countdown Begins: The 15th Annual Spring2Action is Wednesday, April 9! Alexandria's Giving Day (aka Spring2Action), brought to you by ACT for Alexandria, has this simple idea: "Our community is better when we give together." And at MVCS, we've learned that when we come together, magic happens.

This fundraiser is critical to us supporting our school in meeting all kids' needs. As our remarkable principal says, "We are incredibly grateful at MVCS for the community's generous support of Mount Vernon Community School's PTA during Spring2Action! The funds raised through this event enable us to provide an enriched, rigorous, culturally responsive, and bilingual educational experience for all of our students."

For this event, the Jen Walker Team at Corcoran McEneaney is matching donations, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$7,500! Mark your calendars for April 9, or early donations are available to make today at: <https://www.spring2action.org/organizations/mount-vernon-community-pta>.

LOOKING Ahead, Mark Your Calendars!

3/28, 3/31 – No school!

4/4 – MVCS Kindergarten Tour at 9:30 AM

4/8 – 4th and 5th Grade Chorus and Orff Concert

4/9 – Spring2Action!

4/10 – Coffee with the Principal (8:15 AM at MVCS), 4th and 5th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert

4/14 – 4/18 – Spring Break! No School!

4/22 – Class Picture Day, MVCS PTA April Meeting (6 PM at Casa Chirilagua)

ANNOUNCEMENT: Big Flea, April 26, 2025

The [Mount Vernon Big Flea](#) is one of the MVCS PTA's largest fundraisers, turning donated treasures into vital support for our students! **Mark your calendars for April 26, 2025**, and start saving your gently used goods for our [Fill the Flea donation events](#). We also need [volunteers](#) to help collect, sort, and sell—join us and be part of this amazing community event! Visit TheBigFlea.org to learn more about donating goods, volunteering and shopping!

Donate your goods at a Fill the Flea Events held at 2311 Mt Vernon Ave (Pat Miller Square)
- Sunday April 6, 9 AM-12 PM

For more information about the Big Flea, visit: <https://www.thebigflea.org/>

To find out how to donate, click here: <https://www.thebigflea.org/donate>

Sign up to volunteer at this link: <https://www.thebigflea.org/volunteer>

VOLUNTEER REQUESTS

The Big Flea Needs Your Donations & Volunteers!

Spring cleaning? Last chance to donate your gently used treasures to the Big Flea is Sunday, April 6, 9 AM-12 PM at Pat Miller Square (after the Del Ray Farmers Market)! We're collecting small furniture, home goods, toys, tools, and more to help stock the Big Flea sale on April 26. Plus, we need volunteers to help at donation events and leading up to the sale. Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.thebigflea.org/volunteer> Are you able to help with logistics and coordination on April 24 and 25? If interested, reach out to Evan at mvcsptapresident@gmail.com.

Opportunities for Substitute Teachers and Day-Time Tutors

Are you looking for more ways to get involved? MVCS can always use more substitutes and day-time tutors. Please reach out to Principal Hamilton if you are interested or want more information: jennifer.hamilton@acps.k12.va.us.

GENERAL NEWS

Alexandria City Budget

The City Council is set to finalize the budget for next year soon, with the add/drop period ending on April 3. PTAC has created a Budget Advocacy Plan, which can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ldG4BuwckRGpfHI9d5u16KNYF2qgZPDNC4DqtjN2b_M/edit?usp=sharing. PTAC recommends advocating for funding of ACPS to allow for a step increase of all teachers. Please take a look.

Kindergarten Registration

It's that time of year! MVCS will be holding an open house and tour on Friday, April 4th at 9:30 am, with additional tours on Friday May 2nd and 23rd. An in person registration event will be held at MVCS on Monday, April 28th 3-7 PM (no appointment necessary). For more information or questions, email Ms. Franco at Ingrid.franco-calleias@acps.k12.va.us

MVCS Clothing Drive

Between now and May 30, MVCS is reaching out to our community for donations of gently used clothing in all kid sizes. Please drop the clothes in the MVCS main office.

PTAC Golden Apple Awards

The PTAC is accepting nominations for outstanding teachers and staff in ACPS. Nominate someone who demonstrates excellence in teaching, family engagement, and partnership with the PTA. Deadline is April 11. Submit nominations here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY40gg7W5sw2kh8gU-wCKhaewpwKrCK6bxLpLL2kKhpAYkNA/viewform>

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit us online: www.mvcspta.org

- Donate to Blessings in a Backpack: <https://mvcs.givebacks.com/store/items/119181>
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mvcspta>
- Follow and tag us on Instagram: MVCS PTA / #mvcspta
- Follow us on Twitter: @MVCSPATA

HELPFUL LINKS

- ACPS Back to School Guide & FAQs: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/families/back-to-school-guide>
- ACPS Express: <https://www.acpsk12.org/news/>
- MVCS General FAQs: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/domain/1323>

Participation in all PTA events and activities is completely voluntary.