



Please Note: The following information is liable to change based on unforeseen schedule changes. The best place to access assignments continues to be your child's agenda. If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher directly.

Penguin Weekly News!

General Reminders and Important Dates:

- Please continue to follow Social Distancing recommendations! Get together with friends online, and NOT in person! Wash your hands!
- Is your student having trouble connecting to WiFi at home? Have them follow the instructions at the end of this newsletter! Students can access

applications on any device through www.myaccess.apsva.us including a phone, a family computer, or even a sibling's iPad. Troubleshooting tips have been posted on TJMS website as a possible starting point for iPad issues. Finally, sometimes just rebooting the iPad (holding the home and power buttons at the same time until the Apple logo appears) can resolve an issue.

- Please read the message from our TJMS library at the end of this newsletter.
- Students should make sure that they have **turned on Canvas notifications** so they can stay up to date on messages from the teachers!
- Students should be using the **Announcement and Calendar features in Canvas** to make sure they are aware of what is going on in all of their classes.
- Students' **final grades** are now available on Student and Parent Vue! Check with your teachers if you're interested in raising your final grade through online learning!

Food Distribution: PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION!!

- [Expanding to 7 sites](#) starting Monday, April 13: Barrett, Campbell, Drew, Hoffman-Boston, Kenmore, Key & Randolph
- **NEW:** Children do NOT need to be present for meal pickup: To pick up meals without children present, families must provide their child(ren)'s name(s) and student ID number(s) to:(phone) 703-228-2129 OR (email) food.services@apsva.us

Yearbook:

If you would like to purchase the yearbook for the 2019-20 School year, please follow the link below:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1120272/Jefferson-Middle-School/2020-Yearbook/20190712043928230124/CATALOG_SHOP/

If you have any questions, please feel free to email our Yearbook coordinator at Jeffrey.Anderson@apsva.us.

ELA:

[Ms. Larson:](#)

Students and families will need to complete the Google Form titled “English 4th Quarter Options” to learn more about expectations for work and options for improving grades for the remainder of the year. This Google Form will be posted on Canvas. Students can find work in Module **Quarter 4** on Canvas; This week we are focusing on finding and writing supporting details with non fiction. Students will read the article “How Television Changed America” and complete the Quick Write assignment on NoRedInk.com due this week Friday, May 1st. Ms. Bennett has been posting the chapters of *Clean Getaway* that we did not get to read in class. Please go and listen to the remainder of the book! I have posted a *Clean Getaway* road trip map activity that is optional for students, just for fun! There is an assignment on NoRedInk.com on Thesis statements due Thursday 4/30, this assignment is optional for those students looking to improve their overall grade.

Civics and Economics:

Please contact [Ms. Leonberger](#) or [Dr. Nolan](#) with questions.

ONE ANNOUNCEMENT will post in Canvas every Sunday night and this will include the assignments for the entire week which will be due every Friday night. I will also provide a screencast so that I can walk through the expectations. All links will be posted on the ANNOUNCEMENT. The expectation is that students will read and/or listen to the directions and do the work. This week’s focus is on Berlin, Germany and the Airlift and the Wall.

Social Studies Office Hours are on Monday from 10-11. A Discussion Board with the title “Office Hours” will open during that time. I am available via email - maureen.nolan@apsva.us or Canvas messaging until 2:30 each afternoon. Email is probably a better way to get ahold of me since I am not the only teacher in the Canvas course!

Science:

[Mr. Golden](#); [Ms. Leonberger \(Bell\)](#):

Mr. Golden and Ms. Leonberger are posting all daily assignments in Canvas!!

Continue checking Canvas for assignments. On Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be two options for assignments - “review” or “enrichment”. This week the review topic is “Ecological Relationships” and the enrichment topic is “Genetics: Human Genetics”. Email is the best way to get in touch with Ms. Leonberger (kaila.bell@apsva.us) or Mr. Golden (robert.golden@apsva.us). But you can also contact us through the Canvas inbox messenger.

Math 7:

[Mr. Carter](#); [Mr. Dow](#); [Ms. Jenks](#); [Ms. Williams](#); [Mr. Somerville](#):

Math 7 will review types of Slope this week and how to find the slope of a line from a graph and from 2 ordered pairs. Please see our Canvas page for a refresher on slope that includes videos and online practice opportunities. **All students** should complete the Number Sense Routine (through Discussion Board); two check-in assignments (through Quizzes); and the Friday Reflection (through Discussion Board). Check Canvas for your teacher’s virtual office hours!

Pre-Algebra 7/8:

[Mr. Dow](#); [Mr. Somerville](#):

For the week of 4/20-4/24, Pre-Algebra 7/8 students will review Solving Two-Step and Multi-Step Equations. Please see our Canvas page for a refresher and links to videos, lessons, practice materials, formative assessments and student self-reflection. **All students** should do their best to complete all assignments, especially the Number Sense Routine (through Discussion Board); and the Friday Reflection (also through Discussion Board). Check Canvas for your teacher's virtual office hours!

Intensified Algebra 1:

[Ms. Kramer](#):

Week 3 assignments have been posted in Canvas. Please remember, weekly number sense routines, formative assessments and reflections are what needs to be completed for the week. *Continue to follow the provided sample schedule to keep you on track.*

One Extensions activity needs to be completed WEEKLY if you are concerned with improving your final grade for the year. If you are following behind, no worries, just keep on working! Proud of each of you. Please reach out when needed! We will have virtual hour on Fridays: **Intensified Algebra from 12-1 and Pre-Algebra from 1-2.**

Reading:

[Mrs. Lopez](#):

Please have students look in Canvas for a daily article to read and comprehension activity. Students must start with "The Storm Chaser" and submit the assignment through Canvas to unlock the next article. Thank you!

World Languages:

All level I and II World Language classes (Spanish, Spanish for Fluent Speakers, French, Latin, ASL, Arabic and Chinese) have assignments posted in their respective Canvas classes.

Students are encouraged to continue working on strengthening their language skills through these activities.

Global Protect Problems at Home - Directions for Students to Follow at Home

Please follow these steps at home if you can't get online at home:

1. Open the Settings app
 - Go to General > VPN > GlobalProtect
 - Click the info icon (i)
 - Set "Connect on Demand" to "Off"
2. Press the Home button
3. Open the GlobalProtect app
 - Click connect and sign in. *The app will turn blue and say "Internal" at the bottom of the screen because the iPad is connected to the APS network.*
 - If you aren't prompted to sign in, or the app doesn't turn blue, force quit the GlobalProtect app and try again (double click the Home button and swipe up on the GlobalProtect app).
4. Press the Home button
5. Open the Settings app
 - Go to General > VPN > GlobalProtect
 - Click the info icon (i)
 - Set "Connect on Demand" to "On"
- IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, completely power down the iPad and power it back on. Try again.

From the Jefferson Library (Ms. J Miller and Ms. Wall)--April 24, 2020

Free audiobooks for you!!

SYNC is a free audiobook program for teens. For 13 weeks, starting April 30, you can “borrow” two great audiobooks each week. Once you have borrowed an audiobook, it will be yours forever--it stays on your shelf in the app you use. Audiobooks are only available during their week: you have to remember to go to the website and borrow books each week or you’ll miss them. The only downside is that you cannot use your APS iPad for this program--you need the Sora app, which isn’t on school iPads. If you can use another device of any kind, and can add the Sora app, this is a great way to get some great YA audiobooks for free!

The first two audiobooks, which will only be available April 30-May 6, are *57 bus* by Dashka Slater and *Monday’s not coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson. These are both very popular books at Jefferson.

What you need to do to get ready ([directions with images are here](#)):

- Go to www.audiobooksync.com-- you can learn about the program and see which books are part of the giveaway
- Register for SYNC 2020 by typing in your email address (you can use your Jefferson Google email: YourLunch#@apsva.us or another email if you’d prefer)
- Download the free Sora app on your device from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- Open Sora and tap I have a setup code (at the bottom of the screen)
- Enter this setup code: audiobooksync
- Enter the same email address you used to sign up for SYNC

TAB Club Meetings go Virtual

We’re restarting TAB Club meetings, and we’d love to see you. If you are in TAB, you have been enrolled in TAB in Microsoft Teams. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, April 29; we hope to meet regularly through May. Be ready to share books. Check out the TAB Canvas course for more information--or send a Canvas Inbox message to Ms. J Miller or Ms. Wall if you have questions.

Think about submitting something to Quaranzine

Quaranzine is a small online publication (a web-zine) of local art and writing by the Arlington community, distributed through the Arlington Public Library website. It is based on the DIY aesthetic of Zines. It is a way of documenting how people are spending their time during these weird times. All ages are welcome and encouraged to submit work; content should be appropriate for a wide audience.

Submissions may include, but are not limited to:

- Art
- writing: essays, poetry, fiction, Top Ten lists, reviews, etc (500 words or fewer)
- visual tutorials
- comics
- photography
- recipes

More information and submission guidelines can be found

here: <https://library.arlingtonva.us/2020/03/30/quaranzine-call-for-submissions/>

Reminders:

Keep Reading--use our online resources!

- In the Quick Links of your grade-level TA Canvas course, there is a document called "Jefferson Library Online Resources (with login information)." This sheet lists, in one place, how and where to find e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines that can be checked out and downloaded onto devices. We also explain how to access online encyclopedias. Students should have the apps they need; this document should help refresh their memories.
- The Arlington Public Library has a bigger collection of digital books than we do. With a public library card, you can check out e-books and e-audiobooks using the Overdrive or Libby apps.
 - If you don't have a public library card, you can sign up online to get one here:
<https://library.arlingtonva.us/services/accounts-and-borrowing/get-a-free-library-card/>
 - If you have questions about using the library collections, or if you have account issues, you can chat with a librarian during business hours:
<https://library.arlingtonva.us/chat-live/>
- Audible has made a collection of audiobooks for kids and teens free to stream and listen to. You don't need an account to start listening. Go to <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Spring Reading Challenge. Keep filling out and submitting Bingo reading cards--reading more gives you more chances to win. Go to the Library Canvas course and look under the Spring Reading Challenge heading to find out more and to see the bingo link. Keep reading!!

New Wireless Internet Access Points. Arlington has announced two free wi-fi hotspots to help residents access the Internet for work and school. The ArlingtonWireless network is available in the Central Library (by W-L High School) and Columbia Pike Library (by the Career Center) parking lots. Residents are asked to stay in their cars or be sure to stay 6 feet apart while using. For more information, go to

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/new-wi-fi-hot-spots-help-arlington-residents-to-connect-during-covid-19/>

Please feel free to send Ms. J Miller or Ms. Wall a message in Canvas Inbox if you have any

library questions or issues.