



THE POTOMAC SCHOOL

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Dear friends,

As longtime Potomac librarians, we are fortunate to be in a position to feed and nourish our children's passions. Every day in the Arundel Library there is a sense of discovery coming from our interactions with the students and from our interaction with the material. The excited learner or reader invigorates us and infuses our days with real enthusiasm. Every research project reveals something novel to the students and also to us, the librarians. Watching students expand their horizons, activate their imaginations and begin determining the kinds of people they want to be is very satisfying. We know we make a difference.

Right now, for example, we're working with several eighth-grade history classes as they explore the 1920s, with an emphasis on the Harlem Renaissance. In the coming weeks, seventh-grade science "explorers" will create presentations for *National Geographic* to win travel grants and further their study of particular biomes. Author visits continue to be an important part of our program. Watching students interact with outstanding professionals for an hour or a day as they experiment with their own writing has been fun and enormously satisfying as we provide students the opportunity to develop their own ideas and practice writing skills in the presence of masters.

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—The Potomac School Librarians Brian Parry and Cathy Farrell



As we look toward the future, we need to embrace transformative technologies, curate our collections to meet our community's information needs and continue to be a place of refuge for children, a place where they can explore the questions most vital to them, a place where they can smile, laugh and realize their own potential.

Whether academics, the arts or athletics, we invite you to help preserve the programs and projects that mean so much to you by providing for Potomac in your will or estate plan. The enclosed newsletter offers information about how to begin thinking about your legacy for Potomac. Choosing to support the school will allow you to make a real difference for our students, just as others before you have done for so many years. You'll be giving the gift of education, the most noble and lasting of gifts.

We thank you in advance on behalf of the young people whose lives will forever be enhanced by your generosity.

Sincerely,

Cathy Farrell
Librarian

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Librarian

P.S. Return the enclosed survey to receive your free estate planning guide!