

# On Call

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## Pinwheels of Peace

In September, the south district was asked to participate in Ashworth Elementary's annual Pinwheel of Peace celebration. This is a national program where children design their own pinwheels of all shapes and sizes.

One side of the pinwheel has their thoughts written about peace, tolerance, and living in harmony with others. On the other side of the pinwheel children draw, paint, collage pictures or create anything else that helps them express their feelings.

All of Ashworth's pinwheels were placed in the ground in front of the school on September 21<sup>st</sup>, recognized as the International Day of Peace. Officers had the privilege to shake hands, take pictures and talk to all these exceptional children, and thank them for all their hard work to help bring more peace into the world.





## Annual “Touch a Truck” Event



Officers Kimberly Fretwell and Scott Burnett attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Touch-A-Truck” event in the Viridian community in the north district on Saturday, September 29th. This free event for all ages offered children and families the opportunity to explore

various vehicles up close, and to meet the people who protect and serve the community.

The kids had the opportunity to sit in the drivers’ seats, and honk the horns of police cars, fire trucks, construction trucks, the Arlington Trolley, and more! The children in the community loved the interactive displays and the opportunity to learn about the vehicles from the drivers.

Games and music also helped make this event a success. The smiles and excitement were such a joy to see!

Thanks to the Viridian community and Kealy Hughett, the Viridian Lifestyle Director, for their continued support and hard work in the Arlington community.

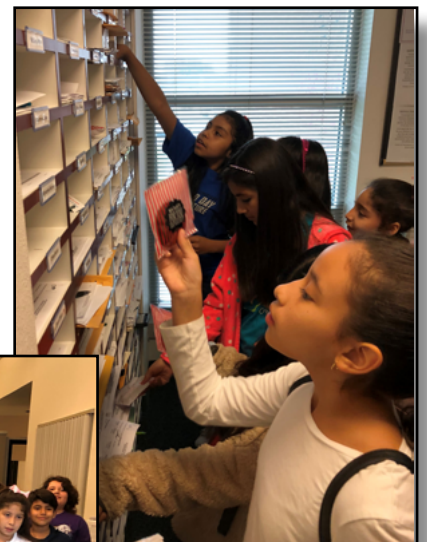


## “Helping Hands” Service Club Thanks Officers

Crow Elementary has started a service club called “Helping Hands” where they go to different areas of the community to thank them for their service. Their very first stop was the Arlington Police Department East District since they wanted to make sure that we were thanked for what we do daily.

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, thirty students from Crow Elementary who are a part of the service club came to the east station with boxes of donuts and cookies. Each student thanked each officer they saw at the station and then received a tour. During the tour, the students stopped at the officers’ mailboxes and placed a cookie in each mailbox.

Many of the students asked questions about the officer who they were giving a cookie to and wanted to know who they were and what they did. They also asked many excellent questions about the police station and policing.





## National Night Out

Arlington residents turned on their porch lights and gathered with family, friends and neighbors on October 2 at over 212 organized National Night Out parties throughout the city. The block parties featured food, children's activities and a chance to meet with police, fire and emergency medical services.

The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and communities and to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Community Watch groups.

The City of Arlington has participated in National Night Out for over 20 years. This past year, the City of Arlington ranked second among the largest cities in the nation.



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