

Good afternoon,

I am Deja Robinson, secretary of the SCA at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. I am a fourth grader at MacArthur this year. I'm here to ask you to approve money for the Alexandria public schools so that kids can continue to get a good education.

At MacArthur we have many great teachers, like our SCA advisors, Ms. Lansing and Mrs. LeRoy. They help us organize projects like our canned food drive at Thanksgiving and our recent fundraiser to help tsunami victims. We are lucky at MacArthur to have teachers who want to help us find out about the world and how kids can help other people.

This year, I joined the MacArthur Orchestra and now I play the cello. There are 31 fourth graders in our Orchestra, and 17 fourth graders are in the Band. Many fourth graders are also in the MacArthur Chorus. I really like the music classes at MacArthur and hope that all kids in Alexandria schools get to have a chance to play an instrument or sing in the chorus.

Thank you for all you have done to support the schools.