



# MPS Newsletter

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## FIRST FUNDRAISER FOR THE SEMESTER!

Our MPS students started the first fundraiser for the semester this month. This event was a great opportunity for the students to come together and help start building the funds for MPS student activities. Our MPS Board were creative with their cookie ideas and had three options of cookies (snickerdoodle, chocolate chip and matcha) and sold out the entire batch they made. After the success of the first fundraiser, we are now excited to see what the next one looks like.



## ANKI WORKSHOP

The MPS board hosted an Introduction to Anki workshop, designed to help the class discover the benefits of using this powerful study tool. Anki is a free flashcard program that utilizes spaced repetition and active recall techniques to help users learn and retain information. The MPS class learned how to create cards, organize card decks and make use of some of the many add-on tools that Anki offers. The board members also shared their own tips for optimizing their Anki studying, offering guidance on customization options and best practices for daily review. By the end of the session, the MPS class was left feeling more confident in using Anki and ready to level up their studying!





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## MPS FACULTY PUBLICATION

Congratulations once again to our MPS faculty **Dr. Abdelbasset Farahat** for his recent publication in Nature Genetics, IF 32. Our dedicated professors have been hard at work, contributing valuable research and insights to their fields. We are proud of Dr. Farahat's achievement as it not only highlights his expertise but also brings recognition to our program and university.



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Article

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## PUMPKIN PAINTING ACTIVITY

After 4 midterm exams, our MPS Board hosted the first de-stressor event: Pumpkin Painting and Games! With candy bucket prizes at stake, the students balanced mini pumpkins on their heads and raced across the MPS room in a tournament. Then, they watched "The Nightmare before Christmas" while painting the mini pumpkins and other decorations to dress up the MPS classroom for Halloween.

