



Kindergarten Information Night

January 22, 2018

Arlington Public Schools





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#KInfoNight18



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Message from APS School Board Chair Dr. Barbara Kanninen
3. Message from Superintendent Dr. Murphy
4. Kindergarten Curriculum Overview
5. School Options and Transfers Overview
6. General Session Closing
7. Elementary School Administration Meet & Greet and Extended Day Presentations



Dr. Barbara Kanninen,
APS School Board Chair



Dr. Patrick Murphy,
Superintendent



APS Focuses on the Whole Child

WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD

A collaborative approach to learning and health





Elementary
School
Administrators



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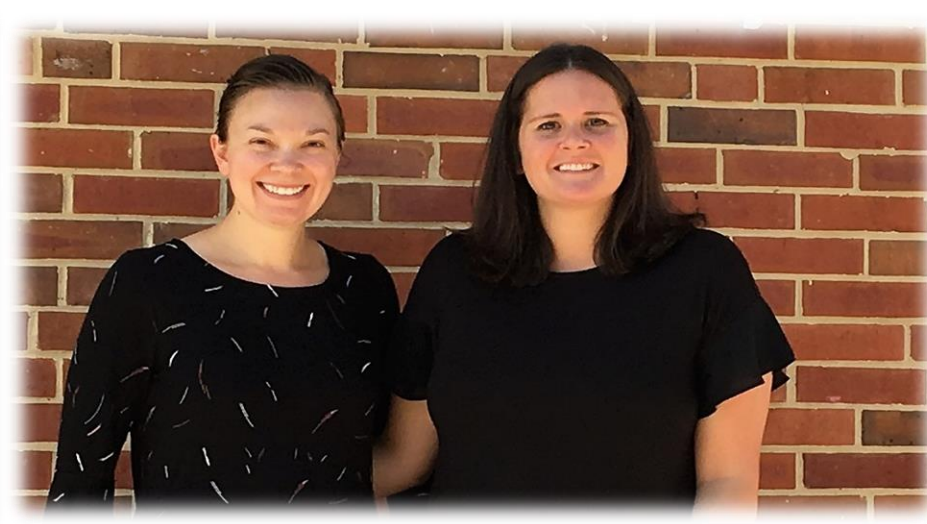
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Arlington Science Focus
Barbara Jones & Mary Begley



Arlington Traditional
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Carlin Springs

Eileen Delaney & Melinda Phillips



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Claremont

Jessica Panfil & Carlos Ramirez



Drew Model

Tracy Gaither & Catharina Genove



Discovery

Judith Concha & Erin Russo



Glebe

Jamie Borg & Ingrid Clarke-Marshall



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Patrick Henry
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Nottingham

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Oakridge

Erika Sanchez, Lynne Wright & Enis Al Majeed



Randolph

Donna Snyder & Rebecca Kennedy



Taylor

Harold Pellegrin & Yvonne Dangerfield



Tuckahoe

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What to Expect in Kindergarten

We
Asked

Kindergarten Students

What is the **BEST** thing about

KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten Curriculum

Welcome to Kindergarten!



A What to Expect



- A safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.
- Focus on literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, health, music, physical education, art, and library.
- Experiences that support development of community.
- A balance of whole group, small group, and individual instruction, language and vocabulary development.
- Read alouds
- Communication between the school, classroom, and home.

Preparing for Kindergarten

- **Play games** that require cooperative interaction and following directions.
- **Encourage** your child to do things independently.
- **Read to your child** each day.
- Have your child **practice self-help skills**.
- Make sure your child **knows important personal information**.
- Begin to plan for how your child will **get to and from school**.
- **View the academic calendar** to know when school holidays are planned.
- **Engage in "school-like experiences"** with your child.
- Talk with your child about **everyday experiences**.

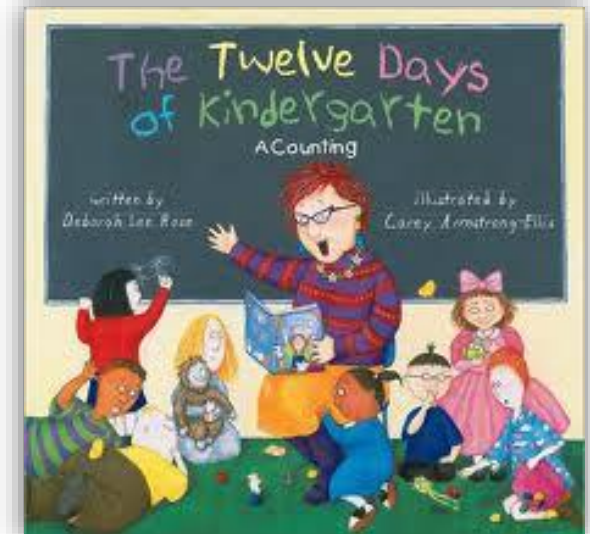
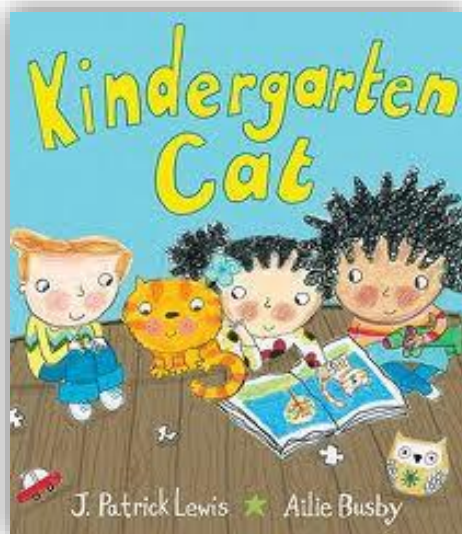
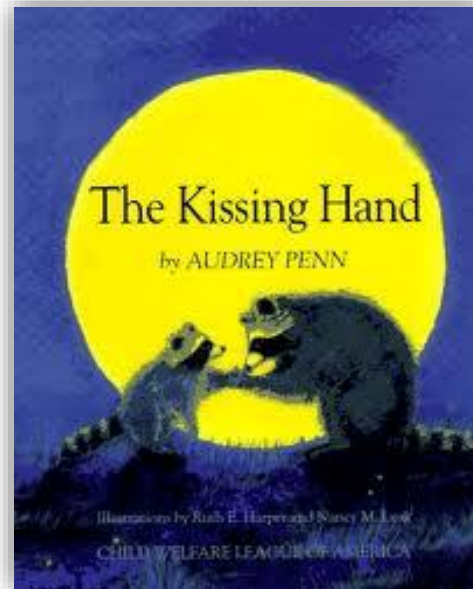
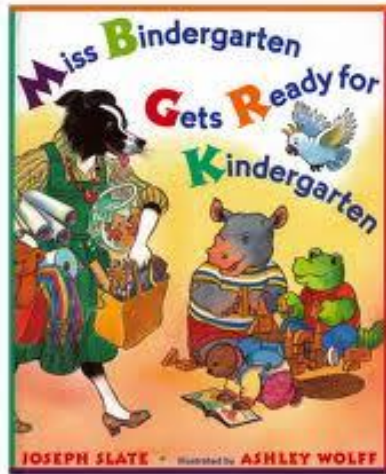
A Approaching the First Day

- Ensure a **healthy routine**: sleeping 10 to 12 hours, eating a nutritious breakfast.
- Establish a **morning and evening routine** based on the school start time.
- **Talk positively** to your child about what will happen on the first day of school.
- **Acknowledge** that your child may have a variety of feelings about school.





Recommend Kindergarten Reading





Kindergarten: *Getting Involved*

- Establish a space and time for learning
- Communicate and collaborate with the school regularly
- Volunteer
- Share your ideas
- Reach out to community resources





Registering
for School



First Day of School

- First Day – Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- *Barcroft operates on a modified calendar and will start school on August 6, 2018*
- School Board will adopt 2018-19 calendar on February 1, 2018





Elementary School Guidebook



Guidebook for Parents Welcome to Elementary School

Registering Your Student
for the 2018-19 School Year

Arlington, Virginia
www.opsva.us

- ***Registration Requirements***
- ***School Options***
- ***Transfer Application Process***
- ***Helpful Hints***
- ***Boundary Map***



Registration



- The registration process officially begins **Feb.1, 2018**.
- If you plan for your child to attend your neighborhood school, simply register anytime From **Feb. 1** to before the start of school.
- The timeframe to apply to an option schools transfer is **Feb. 1, 2018** through **April 16, 2018** by **4:00 PM**.
- The same timeframe also applies to the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) and the Primary Montessori programs.



Registration – Page 5 in the Guidebook

- 5 years old on or by Sept. 30.
- Certified Copy of Birth Certificate (or *Proof of Student Identity and Age Affidavit*)
- Proof of Residence
- Medical information:
 - Immunization records
 - Physical examination
 - Tuberculosis screening
- Special Medical Needs:
 - Contact School Nurse
 - *Care Plan Forms @ health.arlingtonva.us/public-health/school-health*



Language Services Registration Center

Make an appointment to register at the LSRC if:

- The child speaks a language other than English;
- At home the family speaks languages other than English; or
- The child attended school outside the U.S.

LSRC Information

- Parents/guardians + child must go together
- For appointments call 703-228-7663
- Syphax Education Center - 2110 Washington Blvd.
- *www.apsva.us/lsrc*



School Options & Transfers



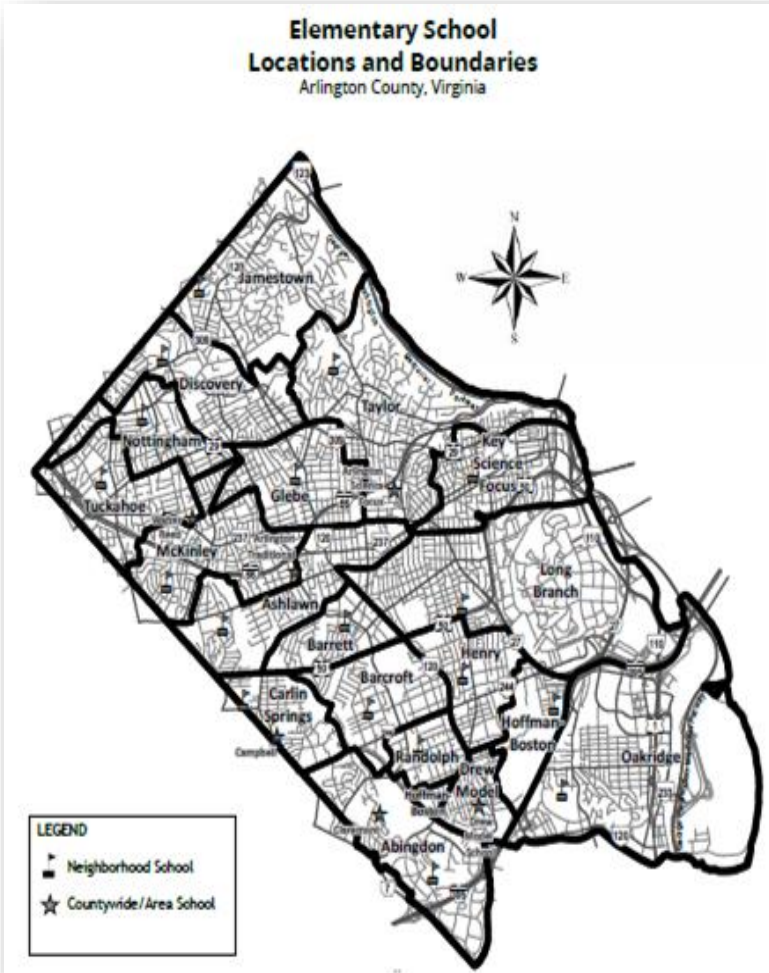
Boundary (Attendance Area) Locator

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Online Searchable Boundary Locator:
www.apsva.us/boundary



Neighborhood Elementary Schools



- Abingdon
- Ashlawn
- Barcroft
- Barrett
- Carlin Springs
- Discovery
- Drew
- Glebe
- Henry
- Hoffman-Boston
- Arlington Science Focus
- Jamestown
- Long Branch
- McKinley
- Nottingham
- Oakridge
- Randolph
- Taylor
- Tuckahoe

Elementary Option Schools

- Arlington Traditional School (ATS)
- Campbell Elementary School (Expeditionary Learning)
- Claremont Elementary School (Spanish Immersion)
 - Abingdon, Ashlawn, Barcroft, Carlin Springs, Hoffman-Boston, McKinley, Nottingham, Oakridge, Tuckahoe & Randolph
- Key Elementary School (Spanish Immersion)
 - Arlington Science Focus, Barrett, Glebe, Henry, Jamestown Long Branch & Taylor
- Drew Model School (Montessori Program)

Option Schools Application

- Parents must complete an **online *Options School Application*** between **February 1 - April 16**
- **Applications must be submitted by the deadline on April 16, 2018 by 4 p.m.**
- A confirmation will be sent to parents electronically through the application system.
- Computers and support are available at the **APS Welcome Center** located 2110 Washington Blvd. for parents to complete an online application.



School Lottery

- If the number of applications exceed the available seats, APS will conduct a random double-blind lottery to determine admission into the school/program.
- When families apply to more than one school/program, their application goes into all lotteries simultaneously.
- Immersion applications are divided into two pools: Spanish speakers and non-Spanish speakers. This lottery supports a balance of English and Spanish language speakers.
- Lotteries for all Elementary Options schools will be held on **April 23, 2018** at the Welcome Center by Department of Teaching and Learning staff.



Lottery Notification

- Families will be notified of their acceptance or placement on the waiting list in writing by the Welcome Center no later than **April 30, 2018**.
- Parents must confirm or decline attendance to the school or program by **May 21, 2018**. If a response is not received by the deadline, the space will be given to the next student on the waiting list.
- If a student gets into more than one option school, parents will have to make a decision by the deadline. Once a parent chooses a school/program, the student is then removed from all waitlists.
- If families do not get their first choice, they can decline the space being offered at one of their other choices and remain on the waiting list for their first choice.

School Waitlists

Students who applied, but were not selected, will be placed in numerical order on a waitlist for the upcoming school year.

Applications received after the deadline are placed at the bottom of the existing waitlist for the upcoming school year.

Families on the waitlist for schools and programs as of **February 1, 2018** will not need to re-apply for school year **2018-19**. They will keep their number on the waitlist and be able to attend the school of their choice if spaces become available.

Beginning in the fall of 2018, for new option applications for the 2019-20 school year, all families will need to apply each year for the options in which they are interested.



Resources & Supports



Elementary School Information Sessions



Thu, Feb. 15

Tue, March 13

Thu, April 5

- See Page 5 in the Elementary School Guidebook for dates & times
- Visit the APS Website at apsva.us/schooloptions and school webpages for additional sessions



Extended Day Program

- At all 23 elementary schools
- **Before School:**
 - ❖ 7 a.m. until start of school
- **After School:**
 - ❖ End of school day until 6 p.m.
- Registration begins May 1st
- Call 703-228-6069
- Visit *www.apsva.us/extday*



Two presentations tonight: 8:00 or 8:30 in Auditorium



Transitioning Students With Special Needs

Special Education Parent Resource Center

- 703-228-7239
- Offers support & assistance, many workshops, and information for families.

Special Education PTA

- arlingtonsepta.org
- Visit the SEPTA table in the lobby for more information.





Family Resources

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- Calendars
- Lunch Menus
- Publications
- Parent Academy
- Family Access Center
- K-12 Resources: counseling, field trips, school health, and so much more!



APS Communications Channels



Website: www.apsva.us



Email and Text



Television Channels



Mobile App

SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook



Twitter



Instagram

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools

Instagram: @APSVirginia

Twitter: @APSVirginia

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/apsvavideo

Download the APS mobile app: Visit App Store or Google Play & search for "Arlington Public Schools"

New Schools Opening in 2019

- Henry Elementary will relocate to the new elementary school on the Thomas Jefferson Middle School site and will be renamed Alice West Fleet Elementary
- Drew Montessori will relocate to the Henry Elementary building
- Drew Model School will become a neighborhood school

In September 2021, APS will open a new elementary school at the Reed building – 1644 N. McKinley Road.



Visit
www.apsva.us/engage
for Additional
Information



Engage with APS

Upcoming Elementary School Boundary Changes

- Elementary school boundaries are being reviewed
- In March, staff will begin the community engagement process
- The School Board will adopt new boundaries by November 2018

When will the changes take effect?

- In September 2019 for South Arlington and where manageable for North Arlington
- Some changes may be phased in with the 2021 opening of the school at Reed

** Due to the upcoming elementary school boundary changes, APS is not able to offer neighborhood transfers at this time.*





Upcoming Events

Summer Activities Fair

Fri, Feb. 9, 2017

6 - 8 p.m.

Kenmore Middle School

Close to 100 exhibitors will provide information about their summer camps and programs.

Montessori Information Night

Wed, Feb. 7, 2018

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Drew Model School

Learn about the primary and elementary Montessori programs, tour classrooms, and turn in applications for the primary programs.



What's Next

Cafeteria

- Elementary School Meet & Greet

Hallway – Resource Tables

- Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
- Arlington Special Education PTA
- Food & Nutrition Services
- Parent Resource
- School Health
- School & Community Relations
- World Languages
- Extended Day

Auditorium

- Extended Day Program: Presentations starting at 8 & 8:30



Contact APS

For additional information
or questions, please
contact:

School & Community Relations

703-228-6005

Language Services Resource Center (LSRC)

703-228-7663

APS Welcome Center

703-228-8000

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