



Kindergarten Information Night January 28, 2019

Arlington Public Schools





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#KInfoNight19

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Message from APS School Board Chair Reid Goldstein
3. Message from Superintendent Dr. Patrick 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



Reid Goldstein,
APS School Board Chair



Dr. Patrick Murphy,
Superintendent

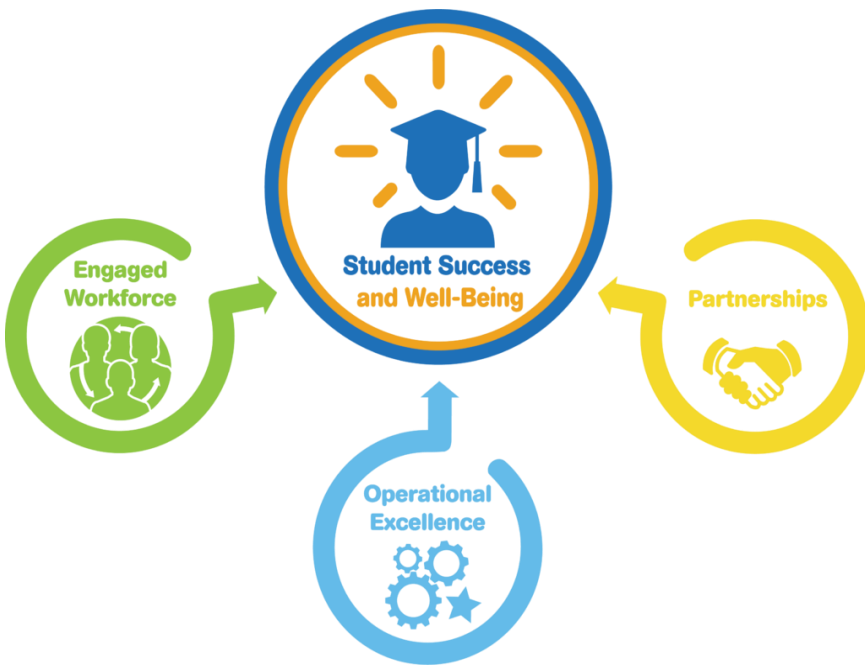


APS Focuses on the Whole Child

WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD

A collaborative approach to learning and health





Goal One: Student Success - Multiple Pathways to Success for All Students

Goal Two: Student Well-Being - Healthy, Safe, and Supported Students

Goal Three: Engaged Workforce

Goal Four: Operational Excellence

Goal Five: Partnerships - Strong and Mutually Supportive Partnerships



Elementary
School
Administrators



Elementary School Administrators



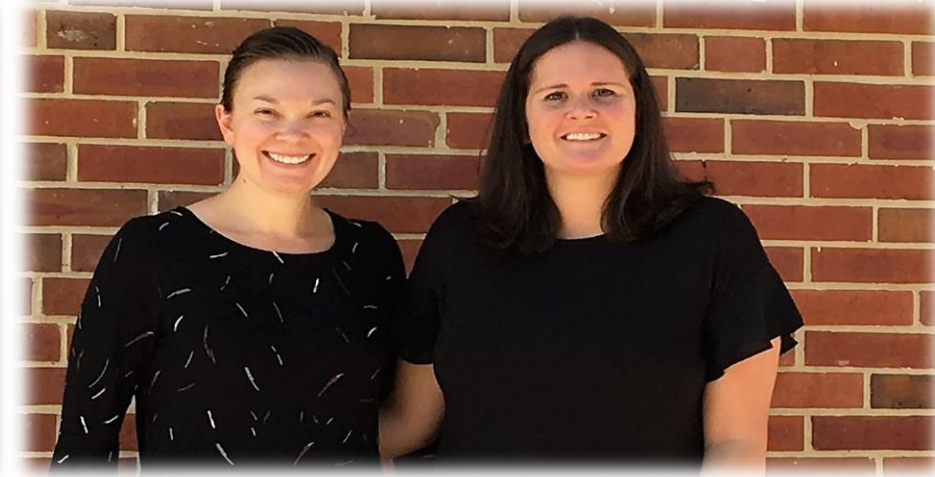
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Blandine Liguidi & Joanne Uyeda



Arlington Science Focus
Barbara Jones & Mary Begley



Arlington Traditional
Holly Hawthorne & Jennifer Gildea



Ashlawn
Breonna McClain & Meghan Neary



Elementary School Administrators



Barcroft

Gabriela Rivas & Judy Apostolico-Buck



Barrett

Dan Redding & Ragan Sohr



Campbell

Maureen Nesselrode & Karen Anselmo



Carlins Springs

Eileen Delaney & Melinda Phillips



Elementary School Administrators



Claremont Immersion
Iliana Gonzales & Jessica Panfil



Drew Model
Tracy Gaither & Kimberley Graves



Discovery
Judith Seeber & Erin Russo



Fleet
Elizabeth Walsh & Cameron Snyder



Elementary School Administrators



Glebe

Ingrid Clarke-Marshall & Jamie Borg



Hoffman - Boston

Heidi Smith & Catherine Hwang



Jamestown

Michelle McCarthy & Monica Roache



Montessori Public School of Arlington

Yolanda Nashid & Catharina Genove

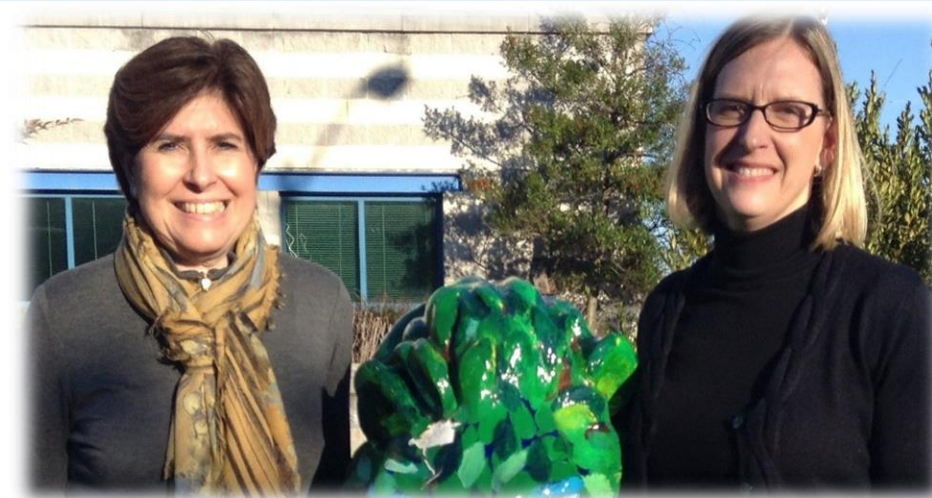


Elementary School Administrators



Key Immersion

Nicole Maldonado & Marleny Perdomo



Long Branch

Felicia Russo & Laurel Cerrud



McKinley

Colin Brown & Gina Miller



Nottingham

Megan Lynch & Eileen Gardner



Elementary School Administrators



Oakridge

Erika Sanchez, Lynne Wright & Enis Al Majeed



Randolph

Carlos Ramirez & Rebecca Kennedy



Taylor

Harold Pellegreen & Yvonne Dangerfield



Tuckahoe

Francis Legagneur & Mitch Pascal



What to Expect in Kindergarten

We
Asked

Kindergarten Students

What is the **BEST** thing about
KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten Curriculum

Welcome to Kindergarten!





What to Expect



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

A Preparing for Kindergarten

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



- **Play games** that require cooperative interaction and following directions.
- **Encourage** your child to do things independently.
- Have your child **practice self-help skills**.
- Make sure your child **knows important personal information**.

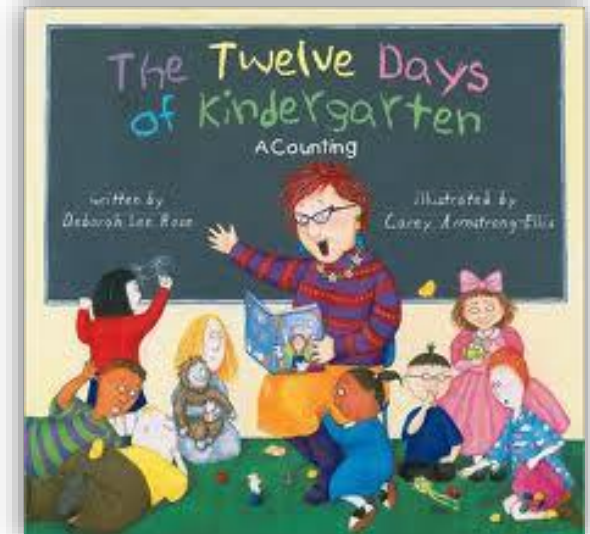
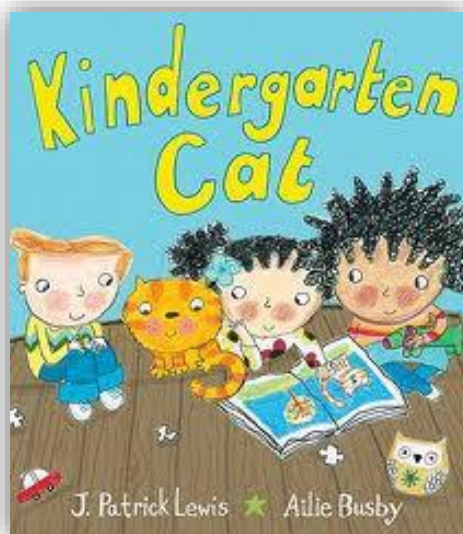
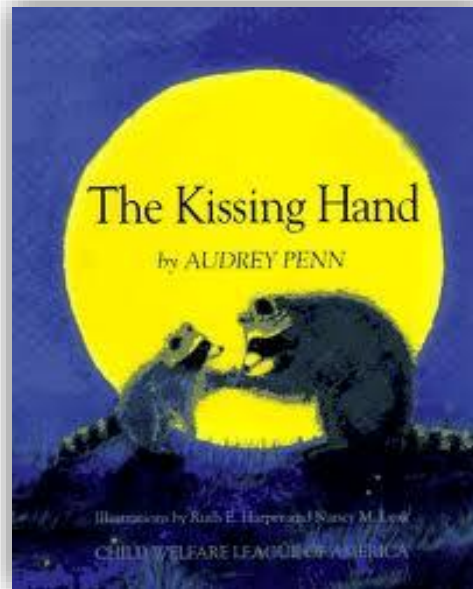
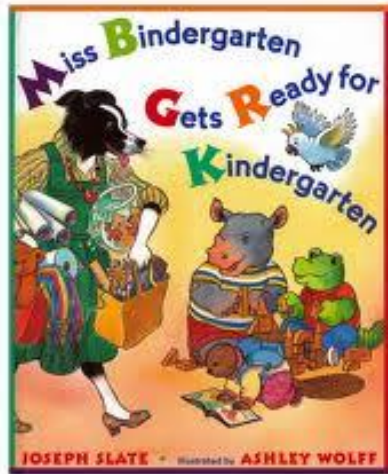
A Approaching the First Day

- 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





Registering
for School



First Day of School

- First Day of School:
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- *Barcroft operates on a modified calendar and will start school on August 5, 2019. Barcroft families can register for Randolph as an alternative to the modified school year calendar*
- The School Board will adopt the 2019-20 school year calendar on February 7, 2019





Guidebook for Parents Welcome to Elementary School

Registering Your Student
for the 2019-20 School Year

Arlington, Virginia
www.apsva.us

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



Registration



- The registration process officially begins **Feb.1, 2019**.
- 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 for an option school transfer is **Feb. 1, 2019** through **April 15, 2019** by **4:00 PM**.
- The same timeframe also applies for 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:

- Your 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

OUR SCHOOLS TRANSLATE Emergency Alerts Contact Us Canvas Search

Engage with APS! About Us Employment Teaching & Learning Programs/Services Registration School Board

Arlington Public Schools

District Website

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Get ready for winter weather! [Read More](#)

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Registration

Boundary (Attendance Area) Locator

Options and Transfers

Language Services Registration Center

Welcome Center

Online Searchable Boundary Locator:

www.apsva.us/boundary



Elementary School Boundary Changes

- In December 2018, the School Board adopted new elementary school boundaries to balance enrollment in South Arlington.
- The new elementary boundaries also created new attendance zones for Fleet and Drew Model.
- The elementary school boundary changes become effective in September 2019.
- As a part of the elementary school boundary changes, rising 5th grade students and their concurrently enrolled siblings were “grandfathered” and will be able to remain at their current neighborhood school for the 2019-20 school year.

Elementary School Updates



- Alice W. Fleet Elementary School opens in September 2019.
- Drew Model School becomes a full neighborhood school.
- The Montessori Program at Drew Model moves to the Patrick Henry Building and will become the Montessori Public School of Arlington.



Neighborhood Elementary Schools

Elementary School
Locations and Boundaries
Arlington County, Virginia



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

**No elementary school neighborhood transfers are available for 2019-20*



Elementary Option Schools

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



Options Schools Application Timeline

- **Online Application Form Dates:**
 - Opens: Feb. 1, 2019 at 8 a.m.
 - Closes: April 15, 2019 (4pm)
- **Lottery to be held at the APS Welcome Center**
 - Held on April 23, 2019 (if needed)
- **Notifications to be sent by May 1, 2019**
- **Families must Confirm/Decline**
 - By May 15, 2019

Computers and support are available at the **APS Welcome Center** located at 2110 Washington Blvd. for parents to complete the online application.



Options & Transfers Online Application

- Families must create an account to complete the options and transfers application.
- Families can create an account using an email address or phone number.
- Families will be able to quickly and easily complete applications for multiple students.
- The application can be accessed using a PC, tablet, or smartphone.
- Families can select to receive their lottery notification via text, email or both.
- Families will be able to check their location on the waitlist as it changes through the online application portal.

Option School Lotteries

- 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 50/50 balance of English and Spanish language speakers.
- Lotteries for all Elementary Options schools will be held on **April 23, 2019** at the Welcome Center at the Syphax Education Center (2110 Washington Blvd. - First Floor).



Notification & Wait Lists

- Families will be notified of their acceptance or placement on the waiting list in writing by the Welcome Center no later than **May 1, 2019**.
- Parents must confirm or decline attendance to the school or program by **May 15, 2019**. 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.

Waitlists Active Until July 1st

- 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.
- Waitlists no longer rollover from year to year, so families have to reapply each year to be included in the lottery for schools they applied to in previous years.



Transportation for Option Schools



More information will be available from Transportation Services later this spring and summer. Families will be engaged during the development process.

- APS will be reviewing routes and bus stop locations for students attending option schools to improve operational efficiency.
- This includes centralizing bus stop locations.
- Students will be assigned to the closest bus stop, but some stops may be a longer distance from the student's residence.



Resources &
Supports



Thu, Feb. 14

Tue, March 12

Thu, April 4

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

Extended Day (AM & PM Care)

- At all 24 elementary schools
- **Before School:**
 - ❖ 7 a.m. until start of school
- **After School:**
 - ❖ End of school day until 6 p.m.
- Registration begins in the Spring
- Call 703-228-6069
- Visit *www.apsva.us/extday*



Tonight: Two presentations: 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 hallway for additional information.





Family Resources

The screenshot shows the Arlington Public Schools website. At the top, there are navigation links for 'OUR SCHOOLS' and 'TRANSLATE'. On the right, there are links for 'Emergency Alerts', 'Login', 'Contact Us', 'Canvas', and 'Search'. Below these are links for 'Engage with APS!', 'About Us', 'Employment', 'Teaching & Learning', 'Programs/Services', 'Registration', and 'School Board'. On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains the 'Arlington Public Schools' logo, 'District Website', and a menu with 'STUDENTS', 'FAMILIES', 'STAFF', and 'COMMUNITY'. A red box labeled 'Family Resources' has an arrow pointing to the 'FAMILIES' menu item. At the bottom of the sidebar are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. The main content area features a large graphic titled 'Strategic Plan Development 2018-24' with various icons representing different aspects of education and community. Below the graphic is a section titled 'Community Input Needed for 2018-24 Strategic Plan' with a 'Read More' button and a progress indicator.

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



APS Communications Channels

APS WEBSITE www.apsva.us



- 38 school websites
- Registration information
- School Zone locator
- Calendar of events
- Latest news
- Family Access Center

ENGAGE WITH APS!



- Community engagement opportunities
- School Board initiatives
- Online community input
- Advisory committees
- Volunteer opportunities

APS SCHOOL TALK



- Email, texts and voicemail
- School closings/emergencies
- District-wide and school-specific information
- Automatic sign-up

DIGITAL MEDIA



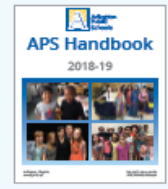
- "What's Up APS?" monthly podcast available on the website, iTunes and Googleplay
- Peachjar e-Flyers
- News Releases
- NewsReview bi-weekly newsletter

AETV VIDEO



- APS Snapshots, APS Green Scene, #digitalAPS
- Partners in Action
- Historical Markers
- Live School Board meetings and work sessions

PUBLICATIONS



- APS Handbook with calendar
- Guidebooks for Parents
- APS Annual Report
- School Board Monitoring Reports
- APS Quick Facts

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools

Instagram: @APSVirginia

Twitter: @APSVirginia

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/apsvavideo



Upcoming Event



Summer Activities Fair **Fri, Feb. 8, 2019**

6 - 8 p.m.

Kenmore Middle School

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



What's Next?

Cafeteria

- Elementary School Administrator Meet & Greet

Hallway – Resource Tables

- Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
- Arlington Special Education PTA (SEPTA)
- Edu-Futuro
- ESOL/HILT
- Parent Resource Center (PRC)
- School Health
- School & Community Relations
- Extended Day

Auditorium

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



Contact APS

For additional information or questions, please contact:

APS Welcome Center

703-228-8000

2110 Washington Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22204

703-228-8000

schooloptions@apsva.us

Engage with APS!

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 www.apsva.us



Evaluation Form

Please take a moment to complete the online evaluation form to provide us with feedback about tonight's event.



tinyurl.com/apskinfo19

**Welcome to the
Class of 2032!!**
Have a Great Evening!



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