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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Arlington Public Schools – we are glad that you are here! As your child may be entering a pre-K program, kindergarten or an elementary grade in the fall, we want to make sure the transition for your child is a smooth one. In Arlington, we are fortunate to have engaged learning and socially supportive neighborhood elementary schools, along with several countywide options.

This guide has been designed to assist you during the coming months by giving you information about the options and choices available to your child, the countywide registration process, and the timelines for application. As you study school options, keep the unique qualities of your child in mind. Doing so will help you find the school and program that best meets the individual talents, interests and challenges of your child and success in the future.

We are proud of all of the programs at each of our elementary schools. These programs are designed to meet the needs of the whole child. Our mission is to ensure that all students learn and thrive in a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment. To achieve our mission, APS welcomes all families into the school community, communicates effectively, supports student success, advocates for every student, shares responsibility with staff and families, and collaborates with the community.

I would also like to use this opportunity to encourage you to start thinking now about your child's courses of study in middle and high school, and beyond. Although that seems a long way off, research shows that decisions made in elementary school influence future opportunities, including post-secondary education and careers. We know that a small nudge in the right direction can foster high expectations and help guide your child to reach his/her full potential. Please visit our Academic Planning webpage at www.apsva.us/academicplanning to begin exploring opportunities today.

As you become acclimated with your child's new school, I strongly encourage families to talk with their school principal, counselor and teachers about your thoughts and aspirations about your child's future. The school counselor is the best person with whom to start as your child explores academic interests. Our schools staff looks forward to working with you to support your child's learning and growth.

Stay up-to-date with the latest APS news at www.apsva.us or through our social media channels. The "Engage with APS" section of the website also makes it easier to find information about current community engagement opportunities and to provide feedback. Community input and coordinated collaboration is a vital part of the process as APS continues to grow and makes decisions that will positively shape the future for our students. We look forward to working with you to ensure that the school experience your child has at APS will be enriching and successful.

Sincerely,

Francisco Durán, Ed.D.
Superintendent

The Kindergarten Program

Arlington Public Schools (APS) offers a high-quality, developmentally appropriate kindergarten program. This full-day program is designed to meet the emotional, social, physical and academic needs of children and is based on the Virginia State Standards, APS curriculum, and APS best practices. The following describes what parents and the community may expect from the APS Kindergarten Program.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

- Classrooms with a certified teacher and paraprofessional who receive ongoing professional development
- Positive, language-rich interactions among the children and staff
- Experiences that support the development of community within the classroom

CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

- A balance of whole group, small group, and individual lessons and activities designed to meet the interests and needs of the children
- Instruction in emergent literacy (concept of print, phonology, letters - sounds), mathematics, social studies, science, and health
- Instruction by music, physical education, art and library specialists
- Experiences, materials, conversation and activities that support language and vocabulary development
- Experiences for children to discover how mathematical concepts relate to other concepts (e.g. measuring and weighing)
- Opportunities for children to work with letters, songs, rhymes and stories
- Opportunities for shared, guided and independent reading and writing
- Teachers reading aloud from a variety of texts on a daily basis
- Opportunities for children to count, classify, sequence, sort, match and experiment
- Opportunities to answer open-ended questions and extend thinking
- Experiences that develop sensory and motor skills (fine and gross)
- Recess

COMMUNICATION

- Consistent communication between the school, the classroom and the home

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

- Print-rich, well-equipped classrooms designed to support inquiry and investigation
- Respect for the culture, language, ethnicity, family and ability of every child
- Safe environment

Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

As your child's first year of elementary school approaches there are many skills that you can encourage to smooth the transition to kindergarten.

Read to your child every day. Reading aloud to your child builds language, vocabulary and conceptual knowledge which are important for success in school.

Learn the ABCs. Sing a variety of "alphabet songs." Play with alphabet puzzles and magnetic letters. Read alphabet books. Hunt for items in the home that begin with a specific letter.

Talk to your child about their environment and activities. Your child should know the names of common objects and be able to talk with you about them.

Listen to your child. Your child should be able to express thoughts clearly and be able to retell an event in the proper sequence.

Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes together.

Count everything. Count toys, kitchen utensils, and items of clothing as they come out of the dryer. Help your child count by pointing to and moving the objects as you say each number out loud. Count forwards and backwards from different starting places.

Sort household items. As your child tidies up toys or clothing, discuss which items should go together and why. Encourage your child to sort other household items – crayons by color, cutlery by type or shape, coins by denomination.

Identify shapes and sizes. When playing with your child, identify things by their shape and size: "Pass me a sugar cube." "Take the largest cereal box out of the cupboard."

Keep a scrapbook. Let your child collect pictures and tokens of activities you have experienced together. Write about the activity as your child dictates to you. Read it together.

Allow your child to use scissors on a variety of materials. Show your child the proper way to hold and use the scissors.

Show your child that learning is fun with activities like:

- arranging household items,
- preparing snacks and meals,
- growing plants, and
- playing games with words, numbers and colors.

Encourage helpful habits by having your child:

- put things away,
- follow directions,
- do simple chores,
- work and play cooperatively with peers,
- follow a schedule, and
- dress without assistance.

Discuss any concerns your child may have about starting school. Having some concerns is natural but reassure your child that everything will be fine. Share your child's concerns with your child's teacher if they persist.

Registering Your Child in Arlington Public Schools

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Children who reach their fifth birthday on or before Sept. 30 may enter kindergarten. Registration begins February 1 for the following school year. There is no deadline for registration. However, parents are encouraged to register early. All registration and health requirements must be met for a child to be admitted. Kindergarten is recommended, but not required by law. However, you must inform the school system in writing if you decide not to register your child. If your child will be six years old by Sept. 30, Virginia law requires you to enroll your child in school.

See Pre-K Program Options on p. 12 for eligibility, age requirements, and the application process.

WHERE TO REGISTER

- Online at apsva.us/register
- At your neighborhood elementary school or at the school where your child has been admitted.
- At the APS Welcome Center, Monday, to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 703-228-8000 or email schooloptions@apsva.us to schedule an appointment.

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD

- Proof of the child's age and legal name – a certified copy of a birth certificate. If the parent/guardian cannot provide a certified copy of the birth certificate, an Affidavit must be completed. APS has the right to forward a copy of the Affidavit to its law enforcement agency.
- Proof that the parent or legal guardian of the student lives in Arlington County – a lease or home purchase documents
- Official school records from another school system or country, if applicable and available
- Medical information that includes up-to-date immunization records, a report of a physical examination done within 12 months prior to school entry, and a tuberculosis screening done within 12 months prior to school entry is required for Pre-K students, kindergarten students and new students in grades 1-5. Students transferring to APS from another Virginia public school system may not have to repeat these steps. Check with your school's registrar. Children who attended pre-school in Arlington Public Schools still require a physical exam and tuberculin risk assessment that have been done within 12 months of starting kindergarten. Children will not be permitted to start school until they meet the health requirements for school entry. (See *Health Requirements* below.)
- **The Student Registration Form must be completed.** This form is available at any Arlington school or at the "Registration" section of the APS website, apsva.us/register.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. **The student's medical information (examination, immunizations and tuberculosis screening) must be submitted on a Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health Form**, available at any Arlington school, online at the "Registration" section at apsva.us/register, or by calling the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000. The physical exam, performed by a licensed medical doctor, nurse practitioner, or appropriately supervised physician's assistant, must be done within the 12 months prior to school entry. The **immunization record** should list the month, day and year of each immunization.
2. **The immunization requirements for school entry** can be found at www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements. Students who are behind on their immunizations may start school once they meet the minimum requirements (one dose of DTaP/DTP, Hib, Hepatitis B, MMR [2 doses required for kindergarten], PCV, IPV, and Chickenpox [2 doses required for kindergarten]). Students who meet these requirements will be conditionally enrolled and must catch up with the full requirements as per the catch-up schedule.
3. **Documentation of tuberculosis (TB) screening done within the 12 months prior to school entry is required**, except when transferring from another Virginia public school system where TB screening was previously completed. TB screening and/or testing must be completed in the United States or at a U.S. installation and be verified and signed by a licensed medical professional (physician, nurse practitioner, registered nurse or physician's assistant). The screening must include a review of symptoms, a risk assessment, and if indicated, the results of either a TB skin test or a TB blood test (commonly referred to as an "IGRA").

Questions can be answered by the nurse at each Arlington school, by the School Health Office at 703-228-1651, or you may visit the School Health website, apsva.us/schoolhealth. Go to the "Registration" section of the APS website, apsva.us/register, For additional information and all forms needed for registration.

Elementary School Options

All students are guaranteed admission to the neighborhood school designated by the specific attendance/ boundary zone in which they live. To determine your child's neighborhood school, refer to the Elementary School Locations and Boundaries map on the back cover; go to the APS website, apsva.us/boundaries; or call 703-228-8000. Students may apply for an option school or to transfer to a neighborhood school that is accepting transfers, based on the Superintendent's annual update to the School Board.

OPTION SCHOOLS

All students in the county are eligible to apply to Arlington Traditional School (ATS). All students may also apply to the project-based Expeditionary Learning Education program at Campbell Elementary School or the Montessori Public School of Arlington. The online Option Schools Application for School Year 2022-23 must be submitted for any of the schools or programs listed above.

Students may also apply to one of the Dual Language Immersion (Spanish & English) Programs located at Claremont and Escuela Key, based on the area neighborhood schools designated for each. For more information, call 703-228-8000 or go to apsva.us/school-options.

Bus transportation is provided to eligible students who are enrolled in any of the option schools or programs and live more than a mile away.

For more information on the elementary school options and the application process for the 2022-23 school year, call 703-228-8000 or go to apsva.us/school-options.

TRANSFERS TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

In accordance with School Board Policy J-5.3.31, neighborhood schools accept transfers to the extent possible given financial constraints and capacity limits. For more information on the neighborhood elementary schools accepting transfers for the 2022-23 school year, call 703-228-8000 or go to the "Options and Transfers" section of the APS website, at apsva.us/school-options.

School Information Sessions and Transfer Process

The time period to apply for a kindergarten-grade 5 option school or neighborhood transfer for the 2022-23 school year is Feb. 1, 4 p.m., through April 15, 2022, by 4 p.m.

The Option Schools Application and/or Neighborhood Transfer Application must be completed through the Online Application Portal by 4 p.m., April 15, 2022. The Option Schools and Neighborhood Transfer Applications are provided in English and Spanish, and are available online in the "Options and Transfers" section of the APS website, apsva.us/school-options. For assistance with completing an online application, contact the Welcome Center at 703-228-8000.

For Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) program options, see page 13.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parents are encouraged to attend a school information session at the neighborhood school and/or at the option school or program to which an application is submitted.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all schools will host a virtual information session. All of the sessions will be recorded and available online at apsva.us/school-options/elementary-school-choices/elementary-school-info-sessions/.



Extended Day Program

The Arlington Public Schools Extended Day Program is a service to families that provides a planned before- and after-school program for elementary school students whose parents are employed, in school or incapacitated. The Extended Day Program offers safe, supervised, asset-building activities that are designed to meet the needs and interests of each child. The program is staffed by APS employees and is located at each elementary school.

The Extended Day programs operate on all regularly-scheduled school days and in conjunction with summer school (at specific summer school sites). The programs open at 7 a.m. and operate until the beginning of the school day. The programs reopen upon school dismissal and operate until 6 p.m. Should schools close earlier than the regularly-scheduled time (for example, due to inclement weather), the Extended Day programs will close at 4 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be enrolled in Arlington Public Schools and meet the school-age eligibility requirement by Sept. 30. The parents/guardians, or parent/guardian in a single-parent household, must be employed, in school or incapacitated. If the parent is self-employed, documentation must be provided. Extended Day registration information must be completed and approved annually before a child enters the Extended Day Program.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration will begin in the spring of 2022. Announcements and information will be distributed through the APS and Extended Day websites and other APS communication platforms (apsva.us/extday).

The Extended Day Central Office is located at the Syphax Education Center, Sequoia Plaza 2, 2110 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204. For additional information or questions, please contact the Extended Day Central Office by calling 703-228-8000 or by e-mail at: extended.day@apsva.us.

APS Elementary Schools

All schools are fully accredited by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ABINGDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Va. Exemplar Performance Award 2019

Project GIFT – Gaining Instruction through Fine Arts and Technology

David Horak, Principal

703-228-6650



Abingdon Elementary emphasizes higher level thinking, an appreciation for learning, the use of art integration, and innovative literacy strategies throughout its instructional

programs. As a Kennedy Center CETA (Changing Education Through the Arts) school, art integration accentuates the instructional program by incorporating the arts into teaching and learning. Students use creative processes to build knowledge and understanding through an integration of art and technology in the curriculum. Abingdon enhances the integration of art and technology throughout the school by providing specialized classes in Living Histories, Science Lab, and Theatre Arts. Project GIFT challenges students to use multiple intelligences to solve real world concerns. Abingdon Elementary specializes in many school-wide activities. Families are encouraged to be active in their children's education to promote a wide array of purposeful learning experiences that encourage every child to become a lifelong learner.

ARLINGTON SCIENCE FOCUS SCHOOL

Investigation Station Interactive Lab

Va. Exemplar Performance Award 2019

Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2013-19

Va. Board of Education Highest Achievement Award 2020

National Intel School of Excellence

Mary E. Begley, Principal

703-228-7670



The program at Arlington Science Focus School (ASFS) is designed to develop extensive understanding of science content and process through inquiry-based learning.

Science is used as the catalyst to teach all curricula, as natural inquiry methods are used to develop students' skills of thinking, analyzing, reflecting, problem-solving and hypothesizing. In addition, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are integrated into the delivery of all instruction. Students are encouraged

to use various strategies to tackle complex problems.

The ASFS philosophy celebrates diversity and uniqueness. As Gardner's Theory of the Nine Multiple Intelligences is implemented in classrooms, the focus is to promote the skills that are valued in the community and the broader society. This approach allows students to gradually assume responsibility for their own learning.

ASFS provides a strong academic program that is enriched with many challenging experiences. In doing so, its students are truly young scientists constructing the future.

ARLINGTON TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

National Blue Ribbon School 2004, 2012, 2019

#1 public elementary school in Virginia by US News and World Report and Niche 2021

Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2008-12

Va. Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award 2016, 2019

Va. Board of Education Highest Achievement Award 2020

Holly Hawthorne, Principal

702-228-6290



Established in 1978, ATS is a nationally-recognized countywide elementary school celebrating student diversity from all Arlington neighborhoods representing over

25 countries. ATS's success is grounded in a traditional approach to education focused on the **ABCs of Success: Academics, Behavior, Character**; classroom teachers instructing all core subjects in self-contained classrooms; regular homework and weekly summaries of student progress to parents at all grade levels; promotion based on grade level mastery; behavior and dress standards; and weekly school-wide assemblies. Responsive Classroom and social-emotional learning support all ATS students as they learn responsibility and leadership through required participation in choreographed theatrical productions, music instruction (choral, band, orchestra), Safety Patrols, Summer Reading Challenge, and Reading Carnival Day. The school colors, blue and gold, signify the importance of individual achievement and the Golden Rule.

ATS offers students, families, and the community a commitment to learning and character development in a safe structured environment with traditions. ATS's goal is to engage, educate, and empower all students to succeed.

ASHLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Global Citizenship Project

Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2010-14, 2017-18

Va. Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award 2016

Breonna Zeballos, Principal

703-228-5270



Ashlawn Elementary is a welcoming school with a strong community spirit. Staff, students, and parents together create a sense of "Ashlawn Pride."

Ashlawn is a close-

knit neighborhood school with a reputation of being a friendly, inclusive and caring community. The diverse student population reflects the demographics in Arlington, representing over 30 different countries and cultures. This fosters an appreciation for world cultures and individual differences and coincides with their Global Citizen Project. Ashlawn is an environment that focuses on the whole child. Ashlawn seeks to create global citizens who accept all people, work for peace, help those in need, and protect the environment. Ashlawn partners with parents and the community to support our students. We love to build community through experiences such as family dance nights, summer library nights and the back-to-school picnic.

BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal of the Year 2019

Judy Apostolico-Buck, Principal

703-228-5838



Barcroft Elementary is a neighborhood school located next to the vibrant Columbia Pike corridor. Barcroft boasts of a culturally and linguistically diverse community, currently representing

24 countries from around the world. Our school motto is "Work Hard. Get Smart. Have Fun. Be Kind." It is through a Responsive Classroom approach that the faculty and staff ensure that each child is a significant member of the school community and that the child's academic and socio-emotional needs are met. Additional resources allow small group instruction to be the core of student learning that is personalized and differentiated. Some of our school traditions include monthly Barcroft Reads, International Night, Academic Parent Teacher Team Nights, STEAM, and literacy Nights. We count on a strong and active PTA and the support from the Communities in School network and take pride in being one Barcroft family, ready to help one another. In 2021-22, Barcroft transitioned to the traditional school calendar.

BARRETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An Alumni NASA Explorer School

Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Catherine Han, Principal

703-228-6288



Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School opened its doors in 1939 to meet the educational needs of children in the rapidly developing neighborhoods of central Arlington.

Barrett teachers use a workshop approach to focus on students' current needs and take steps to get to the next level, focusing on talent development for all students. Staff incorporate Responsive Classroom community building strategies as well as Growth Mindset principles to meet the needs of the Whole Child. Barrett's unique Project Discovery and Project Interaction link the entire school in an integrated program using hands-on instruction to promote an in-depth understanding of science and math in everyday life, a mastery of technological tools, and a strong foundation in the communication arts that fosters critical thinking and clear expression.

As an Alumni NASA Explorer School, Barrett staff works with NASA education specialists, mathematicians, engineers and scientists to incorporate innovative strategies, resources, and technology tools into math and science instruction.

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An EL School (formerly known as Expeditionary Learning)

Va. Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award 2011

Va. Board of Education Distinguished Title I School Award 2011

Maureen Nesselrode, Principal

703-228-6770



Campbell is a member of the EL Education national organization. In EL schools, there is an emphasis on authentic learning, rigorous academics and a supportive school culture. Campbell

students engage in interdisciplinary units called "Learning Expeditions." Content is integrated into meaningful, real life experiences that foster character growth, high expectations and equity. Students showcase their learning through culminating projects and parent presentations. Campbell also has an outdoor learning focus, in which students learn through planting vegetables, preparing organic foods, and observing nature.

At Campbell, students loop with their teacher for two years, which promotes long-term relationships with teachers and peers. Campbell's alternate report card highlights a student's academic progress, habits as a learner, and social/personal responsibility. Student-led parent conferences allow students to share their learning. Responsive Classroom techniques and a daily morning meeting foster a safe and supportive environment. Campbell is a natural place to learn.

CARDINAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Where Learning is an Art

Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2008-10, 2012, 2017

Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2011, 2013-16, 2018-19

PTA 100% Membership Award 2017

Arlington Transportation Partners, Silver Status 2017

Colin Brown, Principal

703-228-5280



Cardinal Elementary School is a neighborhood school where staff, families, and members of the community work collaboratively to provide a rich educational experience

for its students. The school's focused approach to instruction, which incorporates a variety of research-supported strategies, has produced highly successful learners. The staff strives to provide each student a nurturing, yet challenging, experience that simulates intellectual curiosity, encourages critical and creative thinking, and culminates in academic achievement.

Its exemplary project - Kaleidoscope - focuses on integrating the arts throughout the curriculum. Additionally, it includes the Children's Theater, an extensive offering of afterschool enrichment classes, and a highly acclaimed science fair. Cardinal Elementary School remains committed to providing excellence in learning and preparing students to become tomorrow's global citizens. At Cardinal, all believe that "learning is an art."

CARLIN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

National Award-Winning Community School

2016 High Flying School Awardee

Dr. Melaney Mackin, Principal

703-228-6645



Carlin Springs Elementary School serves an international community of children Pre-K through grade five. The school's primary mission is to teach and empower students to be lifelong

learners. As a national award-winning community school, Carlin Springs' school facility is used as a base to support students and their families with the help of over 30 business and community partners.

Carlin Springs' instructional program is challenging and enriching. Differentiated instruction allows teachers to meet the diverse needs of students by planning instruction that is responsive to their readiness, interests and learning styles. Conscious Discipline skills and Brain Smart Starts foster a safe environment and promote wise decision-making. A strong science program includes STEM activities and many interactive and innovative learning opportunities for all students. Class size ratios are small and learning is extended through over twenty-five after-school enrichment clubs and tutoring sessions. The school offers a wide variety of opportunities for parental involvement.

CLAREMONT IMMERSION — ESCUELA DE INMERSIÓN CLAREMONT

International Spanish Academy 2010-11 School of the Year

Dr. Jessica Panfil, Principal

703-228-2500



Claremont Immersion Elementary School is a learning community where students are immersed in Spanish and English.

In Claremont's kindergarten through grade five dual-

language immersion program, children learn a second language the natural way through everyday conversation and content instruction. Students spend half of their day in a Spanish-language classroom learning math, Spanish reading/writing, science and music or art, and the other portion of the day learning reading, writing, social studies, physical education and music or art in English. This learning environment develops fluency in two languages and fosters caring, respectful and supportive cross-cultural relationships.

Claremont's exemplary initiative "SPARK" ignites student learning through a variety of unique art opportunities specific to Spanish language and multicultural experiences.

Claremont Immersion students are bilingual, global citizens, caring and kind team players, effective communicators, independent problem solvers and persistent, life-long learners. We are proud of our students learning in two languages!

DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2017-19

U.S. Green Building Council's Green Apple Award 2016

Arlington Transportation Partners' Gold Level Champion Award 2016

Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Dr. Erin Russo, Principal

703-228-2685



Discovery Elementary is a neighborhood school where students engage in sustainability practices and serve as stewards of the environment. Discovery is a Net Zero Energy school in that the total amount of energy

used in a year is approximately equal to the amount of renewable energy created during that year. As a green building, Discovery supports experiential learning and encourages students to be stewards of the environment through service and leadership. John Glenn lived in the neighborhood and ran orbital patterns with his children on the school site. The name Discovery is not only a nod to Glenn, but evokes the spirit of learning.

As a Professional Learning Community, Discovery teachers collaborate to plan and deliver engaging and interactive lessons and assess student learning via standard-based grading. Further, teachers implement the Responsive Classroom approach to support students' academic, social, and emotional development.

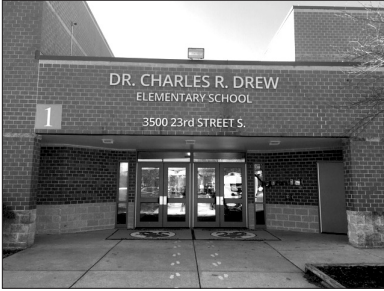
Discovery Vision: *We learn together as a team and encourage everyone to explore, dream, and discover while making a positive impact in our community.*

Discovery Mission: *Explorers learn, collaborate, and innovate with the world in mind.*

DR. CHARLES R. DREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020
Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year 2018*

Tracy Gaither, Principal
703-228-5825



Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School is a neighborhood elementary school that serves a diverse and rich population of students. Drew provides students with authentic, inquiry-based

learning experiences that focus on core instructional components with an emphasis of STEAM (Integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.) Students engage in innovative and differentiated learning experiences to promote learning, enhancement of critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and development of the whole child. At Drew, partnerships are developed to connect staff, families and community members to ensure that all members are actively involved, connected and valued to ensure students' academic, social and emotional success. Drew believes in fostering choice and responsibility among students when it comes to their education.

ALICE WEST FLEET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*National Blue Ribbon School 2016
Va. Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award 2016
Va. Board of Education Highly Distinguished Title I School 2014*

Principal TBA
703-228-5820



In September 2019, Alice W. Fleet Elementary School opened its doors and became the second Net Zero Energy school in Arlington County with a focus on sustainability and

environmental conservation. Fleet is a neighborhood school serving students in pre-K through fifth grade. Fleet's students and staff will be guided by the school motto, "Let nothing and no one stop you." This is a nod to our namesake, Alice West Fleet, who was the first African American reading teacher in APS. Students learn the importance of giving back to the community through Fleet's exemplary project, Helping Hands: Creating Community Connections, which integrates service learning into the curriculum through an engaging and interactive learning approach. Fleet is home to two countywide programs: the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Communications Programs. The Fleet community sets

high expectations for all students and provides each student with the support needed to reach their fullest potential.

GLEBE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2015, 2017
Va. Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award
NFL Play60 Super School
Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year 2014*

Jamie L. Borg, Principal
703-228-6280



Glebe offers the Arlington Public Schools Foreign Language Elementary School Program (FLES). All Glebe students attend Spanish class 90 minutes a week. In addition to

learning Spanish language orally and in writing, students learn about the culture and arts of Spanish-speaking countries. Students and families at Glebe participate in the exemplary project called the S.MArt Project. S.MArt stands for science, math, art and technology. The key concept behind the project is the teaching of aspects of the students' math and science curriculum through integration and engagement with a modern art form, visual art, dance, music or theatre.

Glebe Elementary School, in partnership with its community, is committed to creating and maintaining a positive environment in which students will engage in challenging and purposeful learning to become imaginative and critical thinkers, socially responsible citizens, life-long learners, and culturally aware individuals.

HOFFMAN-BOSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Va. Exemplar Performance Award 2019
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Curriculum Focus
A Project Edison Arts and Technology Focus School since 2001
Va. Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award 2017*

Heidi Smith, Principal
703-228-5845



Hoffman-Boston Elementary School is the home of the All-Stars, a global community that serves a diverse and rich population of students and families. Hoffman-Boston

Elementary School is dedicated to providing authentic, inquiry-based learning experiences that encourage

students to collaborate, experiment and create solutions to real-life problems. The school's exemplary programs include a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) instruction and Project Edison which focuses on enhancing communication skills through technology and the integration of arts. Innovative techniques and technology are woven into the instructional program to enhance lifelong learning. The staff uses differentiated instructional practices that promote critical thinking, embrace diverse learning styles and prepare the students to become successful contributors and competitive members of the global community. Those who work and learn in Hoffman-Boston's learning environment demonstrate respect, integrity, perseverance, striving to build strong values and character for all students.

INNOVATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Claire Peters, Principal
703-228-2700



Innovation opened in 2021 as a neighborhood school serving the Rosslyn-Courthouse corridor. As Arlington's newest elementary school, we continue to grow our school and culture in response to our

strong, diverse family community. Our goal is to prepare students to be creative, collaborative, and critical thinkers. Our professional learning community uses the Responsive Classroom philosophy to support students' social and emotional growth as we challenge students to take ownership of their learning through a high-quality curriculum. We believe that student choice and agency lead to high levels of engagement in learning and in turn maximize student performance.

We place a high value on relationships. It is important that we get to know our students, their families, and each other to create a collaborative and welcoming community for all.

JAMESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2008, 2012, 2017-19
Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2009, 2014-15
Apple Distinguished School 2013-15, 2016-17
Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Michelle McCarthy, Principal
703-228-5275



At Jamestown, our mission is to foster empathy, curiosity, and growth for all. Teachers and staff strive to educate children in an optimal learning environment, preparing them

for success in a global society. Teachers implement a rich, rigorous, and differentiated curriculum. The use of multiple technologies supports innovative educational practices that encourage students to become creative thinkers, problem solvers, and effective communicators. We continue to develop our outdoor space into "classrooms" as we believe that there are great benefits to being in nature. Outdoor education is a key component of inquiry-based science lessons and essential to our challenge-based learning initiatives.

Collaborating in Professional Learning Communities (PLC), teachers plan for the implementation of a demanding academic program differentiating instruction by addressing students' multiple intelligences and diverse learning styles. The Responsive Classroom Approach is implemented schoolwide to address students' social and emotional needs while combining students' social and academic learning throughout the day.

ESCUELA KEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Dual Language Immersion Elementary School
"Colegio del Año 2012," Ministry of Education-Embassy of Spain
International Spanish Academy
Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Marleny Perdomo, Principal
703-228-4210



Escuela Key is proud to celebrate 35 years of Dual Immersion in Arlington Public Schools. Since 2008, Key has been an International Spanish Academy (ISA), which is in partnership with the Ministry of Education of Spain. Every student at our school participates fully in this internationally-recognized program designed to teach children a world language in a natural way. Students are modeling the language for each other while learning the Arlington curriculum, all while developing skills in listening, speaking, reading and

writing in two languages. At Escuela Key, we celebrate our diversity and strive for academic excellence as we foster a lifelong love of learning. Children are supported in learning to respect themselves and others, as well as developing an appreciation for languages, cultures and the global community. Escuela Key's vision is that students will become empathetic, respectful, responsible, trustworthy and kind members of Key school, their Arlington community, and the world.

LONG BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Va. Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019

Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Jessica DaSilva, Principal
703-228-4220



Long Branch has been a neighborhood school since 1973 and its pre-K to grade five students reflect Arlington's diverse and changing population. Long Branch provides equitable

opportunities for all students to expand on strengths and meet their needs, allowing all children to be part of a caring community in which social and academic learning are fully integrated throughout the school day. Long Branch staff commits to getting to know each student as an individual and strives to provide a positive, engaging, and enriching environment in which all students are active participants and show continuous progress.

Long Branch's achievements are the results of a focused, hard-working staff, a dedicated group of students, and a parent community that values education and supports the school's programs. The school's fine arts and performing arts programs are among the most dynamic in Arlington, making annual concerts and musicals popular community events.

MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL OF ARLINGTON

A Countywide School

Catharina Genove, Principal
703-228-8871



The Montessori Program is a countywide elementary Montessori program with three grade levels of instruction – Primary (ages 3 to K), Lower Elementary (grades 1-3) and Upper

Elementary (grades 4 and 5). The Montessori program provides an interdisciplinary, discovery-based approach to learning following the tenets of Dr. Maria Montessori. The program is based on a philosophy of learning that grows from the belief that children are natural learners, and that learning occurs best in a nurturing, prepared environment that promotes spontaneous cooperative inquiry. The teaching method that grew from this philosophy fosters a sense of security, self-confidence and independence in children, enabling them to develop into people who respect and care for themselves, others, the environment and all life.

All teachers at MPSA have a Montessori credential in addition to their VA license. Instructional assistants, support staff and our specialists have Montessori training or strongly support the Montessori pedagogy. Both the Principal, Ms. Catharina Genove, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Yolanda Nashid, hold a Montessori credential. The Montessori Program encourages and fosters relationships between the teachers, families and students to create an environment that is inclusive of all families and conducive to learning.

NOTTINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

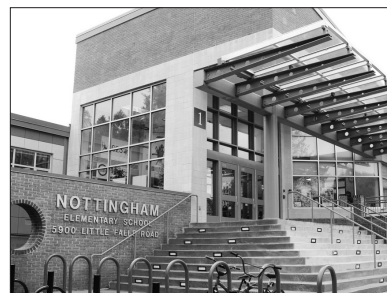
A safe, caring and respectful learning community

Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2008, 2011-2012, 2017

Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2009, 2010, 2013-16, 2018-19

Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Dr. Eileen Gardner, Principal
703-228-5290



At Nottingham, academic excellence flourishes in a nurturing learning environment that all stakeholders in the community work cooperatively to maintain. Our Knights

receive a challenging educational experience designed to stimulate intellectual curiosity and encourage critical and creative thinking. Instructional staff designs lessons to meet all learning styles, abilities, and interests.

Differentiated instruction contributes to a global

understanding leading to lifelong learning. Our ImagiLab Makerspace and Knights S.T.E.A.M.ing Ahead provide authentic, inquiry-based learning experiences that mirror real life problems. Second Step and Responsive Classroom are used to teach academics and social emotional learning. Our Community of Learners at Nottingham thank parents/ guardians for being a partner in their child's education. We take pride in our exemplary, globally based approach to educating the future leaders of tomorrow.

OAKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Va. Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award, 2018
Governor's Award for Excellence and Innovation in Education: Mosaic Program, 2017*

Arlington Transportation Partners, Platinum Status 2015-2018

Dr. Lynne Wright, Principal

703-228-5840



Oakridge Elementary School is an international neighborhood school whose students represent more than 50 countries. All staff work to create a community of learners

in which children become educated, self-confident, well-rounded and responsible global citizens. The school's exemplary project—MOSAIC—celebrates diversity and mission by using global literature to introduce students to world cultures while implementing strategies to scaffold students' reading and inspire learning and exploration.

Oakridge School is committed to the belief that education is a lifelong developmental process that occurs at school, at home and in the community. The active Oakridge PTA, its families, and strong community partners and volunteers share a dynamic collaboration that fosters student development of habits and attitudes that promote intellectual, physical, aesthetic and social well-being. Students are taught how to accept responsibility for their actions and nurture the development of positive self-worth.

RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Carlos Ramirez, Principal

703-228-5830



Randolph Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme. We are a diverse community of learners representing many countries of origin and home

languages. Our students participate in inquiry-based learning that emphasizes critical thinking skills taught through interdisciplinary units of study. Daily instruction integrates IB learner profiles in alignment with Virginia's Standards of Learning.

The IB program at Randolph teaches students a global perspective, as it emphasizes respect for others, allows for independent study and research, and fosters service. Through community engagement and service projects, Randolph students learn how to take action to make a positive difference in the world. Students participate in meaningful service projects in partnership with several community organizations.

Our robust academic program is supported by family and community involvement, is coupled with cultural, artistic and athletic pursuits, and nurtures the development of the whole child. Randolph believes that education is truly each student's passport to the future.

TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2009, 2017
Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2010-16, 2018-19*

Iliana Gonzalez, Principal

703-228-6275



Taylor School is a stimulating, inviting school that nurtures children. The staff values effective teaching and strives to give students the skills to solve problems systematically and

creatively in cooperation with others.

Taylor School is a STEAM school, which fosters a strong sense of community through cooperative learning in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Taylor has a reputation throughout Northern Virginia for its strong liberal arts programs.

With an enrollment of around 500, students spend their days working in grade-level learning communities. Teachers quickly get to know individual students and use Responsive Classroom strategies and techniques to meet students' social-emotional needs.

Taylor recognizes that parents are deeply interested in the progress of their children, and frequent communication keeps parents informed and involved. Each year, Taylor parents volunteer thousands of hours that contribute directly to the school's success.

TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home of the Discovery Schoolyard Program

Va. Exemplar Performance Award 2019

Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2009, 2016

Va. Board of Education Excellence Award 2010-15, 2018

Va. Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award 2017, 2019

Va. Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award 2020

Principal TBA

703-228-5288



With a strong inquiry-based approach to learning, Tuckahoe students are taught in an environment that maintains high expectations and standards for each child. The teaching staff uses best

instructional practices, higher level thinking skills and problem-solving strategies to ensure academic excellence and achievement. Teachers develop lessons that address a range of learning styles, abilities, interests and multiple intelligences. Teaching and learning are facilitated with technology and a multi-sensory program for the delivery of instruction. Academic lessons, activities and projects are further enriched and stimulated by a unifying school theme focused on environmental habitats.

Tuckahoe's Discovery Schoolyard program provides a creative and innovative way to meet the needs of the whole child by using the schoolyard as a context for integrating the APS curriculum and providing cross-graded experiences.

Teachers implement the Responsive Classroom approach and Positivity Project to support students' academic, social, and emotional development.

Pre-K Program Options

Arlington Public Schools offers a variety of programs for prekindergarten-age children. The programs, the ages they serve, the eligibility requirements and the school locations are described in detail below. Applications for APS pre-K programs will be available beginning Feb. 1, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year. To be considered FOR ALL LOTTERIES, parents must submit an online application between Feb. 1 and April 15 by 4 p.m. For the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program (VPI) and Community Peer Program (CPP), families need to submit income verification, residency and proof of birth during the application window. Applications accepted after April 15 will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist. Once accepted, parents must register their child at the APS Welcome Center using the same registration procedures for elementary students. See page 4 for details of the documentation and health requirements needed for registration.

For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at 703-228-8632 or apsva.us/earlychildhood.

APS MONTESSORI PROGRAM

APS provides full-day Montessori for children three to five years old. To enter the Montessori program, children must be three years old by Sept. 30 and be toilet-trained. Tuition for three- and four-year-old children is charged on a sliding fee schedule based on family income. No tuition is charged for children who continue in the program for their kindergarten, elementary and middle school years.

Montessori for elementary-age children is offered at the Montessori Public School of Arlington. Montessori classes follow the Mon-Fri schedule of the school at which they are located. Transportation is provided for children who are in their four-year-old year and older and who live in the attendance zone of the elementary school. Otherwise, parents are responsible for transportation. Extended Day is available for four-year-olds at schools where pre-K is offered.

Montessori classes are located in the elementary schools listed below. Contact the Office of Early Childhood at 703-228-8632, or go to apsva.us/earlychildhood for more information.

- Barrett
- Carlin Springs
- Discovery
- Alice West Fleet
- Jamestown
- Montessori Public School of Arlington
- Oakridge

VIRGINIA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE (VPI) PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) program is a high-quality pre-K program for four-year-old children and is free to all eligible students. Children engage in enriching educational experiences, explore learning materials and new ideas, and build their skills as they prepare to enter kindergarten. The pre-K curriculum is research-based, fosters the development of literacy and math skills, and builds social-emotional foundations for lifetime learning. Each class has up to 18 children with a certified teacher and full-time instructional assistant.

The program follows the elementary school schedule Monday through Friday. Families must meet income guidelines to be eligible for this program.

Applications for the 2022-23 school year will be accepted beginning on Feb. 1, 4 p.m., and are due April 15, 2022, by 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at 703-228-8632 or apsva.us/earlychildhood.

VPI classes are located at the following option schools:

- Arlington Traditional School (ATS)
- Campbell
- Claremont
- Escuela Key

and the following neighborhood elementary schools:

- Abingdon
- Ashlawn
- Barcroft
- Barrett
- Carlin Springs
- Dr. Charles R. Drew
- Alice West Fleet
- Hoffman-Boston
- Innovation
- Long Branch
- Oakridge
- Randolph

Arlington Science Focus, Cardinal, Discovery, Glebe, Jamestown, Nottingham, Taylor, and Tuckahoe families who are eligible for VPI will attend Hoffman-Boston.

COMMUNITY PEER PRE-K PROGRAM (CPP)

Arlington Public Schools (APS) meets the needs of 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old children with disabilities through Pre-Kindergarten Special Education services. Pre-K children without identified disabilities can participate in some of the toddler programs (age 2 years 6 months by September 30), or the 3-5 year old programs (ages 3 years 6 months to 4-years old by September 30) through the Community Peer Pre-Kindergarten Program (CPP). Tuition for three- and four-year-old children is charged on a sliding fee schedule based on family income. Priority consideration and enrollment in the program is given to neighborhood-zoned children, children in families below the 80% of the median income in Arlington, and children of current APS employees.

CPP classes are located at:

- Barcroft
- Carlin Springs
- Dr. Charles R. Drew
- Alice West Fleet
- Glebe
- Hoffman-Boston
- Innovation
- Jamestown
- Nottingham
- Taylor
- Tuckahoe

Helpful Web Links

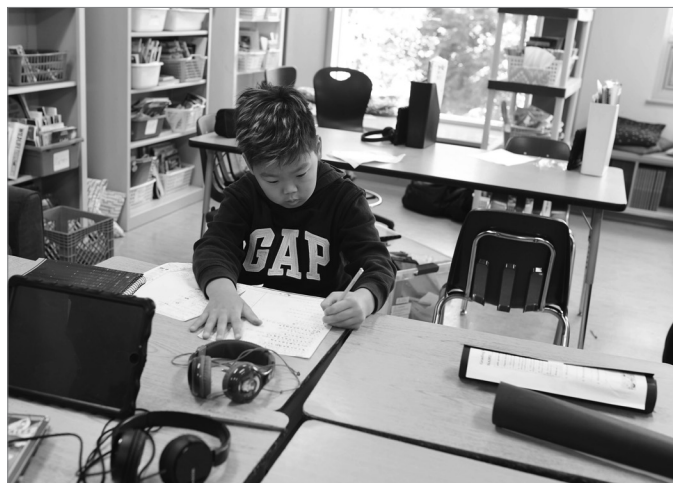
www.apsva.us

Visit the “Families” section for a wide variety of topics including:

- APS Dashboard
- APS Quick Facts
- FACE (Family and Community Engagement)
- Parent Academy (free courses for parents)
- School Year Information
- VDOE State Report Cards

Visit the “Programs and Services” section for information about:

- Aspire2Excellence-Academic Planning
- Extended Day
- Food & Nutrition Services
- Parent Resource Center (PRC)
- School Health Services



Elementary School Locations and Boundaries

Arlington County, Virginia



Please contact the Department of School and Community Relations with any questions at 703-228-6005.

Notes:

- This map reflects the attendance zone boundaries adopted by the School Board on December 3, 2020.
For more information, visit: <https://www.apsva.us/engage/fall2020elementaryboundaries/>

To determine your neighborhood school using our searchable boundary locator, go to the "Registration" section of the APS website at www.apsva.us/boundaries. For more information, contact School and Community Relations at 703-228-6005.