



FANS

News & Notes

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Abingdon Made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

In case you haven't heard the good news, after a final tallying of all the scores, Abingdon was found to have achieved **all 29** of the testing benchmarks required to pass AYP. While it is dismaying that the wrong information had already been spread, this is great news now.

If you'd like to read more about it, see this press release from Arlington Public Schools:

http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/SCR/news/0607/20060911_revised_NCLB.shtml

Great Parent's Night Out

Thanks to those who came together last month for dinner and bonding over the joys and trials of parenthood at our first Parent's Night Out. The group met at Kyoto, the newest Bradlee center restaurant, where understated interiors complemented well-presented dishes. If you have an idea for a future FANS outing (restaurant, pumpkin patch, movie, family event), please let us know!

Walking to Abingdon

October is international **Walk to School month**, and we are looking for someone to organize a small group of kids and parents to walk to Abingdon. It's a great way to enjoy our walkable community and to promote our neighborhood school.

Parents from the Fairlington Creative Preschooler's Program, now at Abingdon, are organizing children and parents to walk, bike or skate together. Another idea is the Walking School Bus, where a few parents and kids "pick up" other kids along the way.

Find out more at WALKArlington

(<http://www.walkarlington.com/go/walktoschool2006.html>). And please let us know of your efforts so we can be there to cheer you on!

Which School Board Candidate to Vote For?

On November 7, Arlington residents will vote to fill an empty School Board position. To help people educate themselves about the two candidates and their positions, the County Council of PTAs (CCPTA) asked Cecelia Espenoza and Sally Baird to fill out a questionnaire. See the **attached** file for a rich idea of their thoughts on school-related issues.

Make Your Grocery Store Work for Abingdon

Did you know that you could be making free money for Abingdon just by doing your regular shopping? Please take three minutes to register your grocery store loyalty cards and designate Abingdon to receive a percentage of the store's profits. If you've done it before, you must re-designate Abingdon each fall!

For Safeway:

<http://www.escrip.com/>
(Abingdon's id is 6466553)

For Giant:

<http://www.giantfood.com/bonuscard aplus.htm>
(Abingdon's id is 02213)

For Harris Teeter:

<http://www.harristeeter.com/Default.aspx?pageId=292>
(Abingdon's id is 5748)

PTA Meet & Greet – Tues., Sept. 19 in the School Library

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm (social time with light refreshments)
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (brief meeting and Q & A time with Principal and PTA officers)

Free babysitting provided!

Please drop in anytime from 6:30 to 7:00 to mingle with other parents, Principal Joanne Uyeda, teacher liaisons, and PTA officers. At 7:00, Joanne will briefly discuss the new AYP results, the PTA budget will be voted on, and people will have an opportunity to ask questions or share thoughts about the new school year. There will be no individual volunteer solicitations at this meeting.

Even if you don't have children at Abingdon, PTA meetings are a great way to learn about Abingdon and meet other parents. Hope to see you all there!