

# ABINGDON *elementary school news*

## **Back to School at Abingdon Elementary**

Despite the unprecedented rain on the first day, the 2006-07 school year at Abingdon Elementary got off to a great start. Approximately 360 new and returning students were enrolled—including enough kindergarteners to require a fourth class. There were also a number of new teachers and staff who joined the school this year. Abingdon PTA welcomes: Eric Green, music; Andrew McGrath, P.E.; Michael Cline and Rebecca Spitzer, ESOL/HILT; Carla Naupari, kindergarten; Robin Le-Rosen, second grade; Paige Hunter, fifth grade; Anne Carroll and Linda Cerrato-Arita, special education; Karen Wynot, pre-school special education; Carla Reissman, reading; Anne Carney, nurse; and Patrick Hancock, custodian.

Also new this year, Abingdon will be home to the Fairlington Preschooler's Program, as well as a number of Arlington County activities while the community center in South Fairlington is being renovated. Brunch with Santa, the Fall Festival, and Friday Night Roller-skating will all be held at Abingdon this year, among other Programs.

Abingdon PTA kicks off its month-long fall fundraiser October 2. We will be selling items from the Alexandria-based Lavender's catalogs, including fresh balsam wreaths delivered right to your door! If

you know any Abingdon students, please help support the school by purchasing holiday items and gifts from the catalog.

## **FANS Creates New Logo**



*FANS' new logo.*

Friends of Abingdon Neighborhood School (FANS) have created a logo to symbolize their support of Fairlington's local elementary school. The colorful logo highlights smiling children of various ethnicities holding hands around the school. Cincinnati artist, Lynn Carden,

created the logo, with help from her web designer daughter, Jenny Carden, of Silicon Valley South ([www.svsouth.com](http://www.svsouth.com)). The image will be used on posters, newsletters, brochures, and an upcoming FANS website.

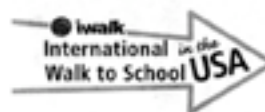
## **FANS First Parents' Night Out**

On August 30, members of FANS enjoyed dinner together while bonding over the joys and trials of parenthood. The group met at Kyoto, the newest Bradlee center restaurant, where understated interiors complemented well-presented dishes. Many met each other for the first time but ended the evening as fast friends.

FANS is a group of parents and community members united in support of Abingdon Elementary. One of its goals is building Fairlington family

connections and linking up current and prospective parents. To suggest an idea for a future FANS outing (i.e., restaurant, pumpkin patch, movie, family event), or to subscribe to the newsletter, please send an e-mail to [fans@fastmail.net](mailto:fans@fastmail.net).

## **Walk To School In October**



With its continuous sidewalks, charming

architecture and beautiful landscaping, Fairlington is the perfect community to experience the simple joy of walking to school. What a better time to try it than October, or Walk to School month? Walking offers the rare opportunity to slow down our busy lives. Both parents and children reap the benefits of exercise as well as time to interact with each other and the nature around them.

Abingdon Elementary is now home to the Fairlington Creative Preschooler's Program, and parents from the preschool are planning on walking in boisterous groups to celebrate the event. More information about Walk to School month, the benefits of walkable communities, and activity ideas (including a Walking School Bus) can be found at [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org). Or contact Jan Goldstein, WALKArlington Promotions Coordinator ([jgoldstein@arlingtonva.us](mailto:jgoldstein@arlingtonva.us)), who is eager to work with any schools that want to create their own walk/bike to school activities.