



FANS

News & Notes

October 2006

Gifted Specialist Speaks at PTA Meeting – Tomorrow Night

Don't miss the PTA meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday, **Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. Abingdon's Gifted specialist, Jacqueline Wolford, will be speaking about Arlington Public School's (APS) Gifted Services.

Find out more about APS Gifted Services at
http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/instruct/gifted_serv/index.shtml.

After the Gifted program, PTA will discuss business, and updates will be given by the Principal, teacher liaisons, and event organizers.

As always, the PTA provides **free childcare!**

FANS Website – www.friendsofabingdon.org

Our website is done and ready for you to browse! Please check it out and leave a comment, sign up for Grocery store programs, subscribe to our email group, or just learn more about Abingdon and its community.

FANS in the News

As you will see on the Press page of our website, FANS has been getting the word out about Abingdon in the All Fairlington Bulletin, the Claremont Citizens' Association Newsletter, and Backfence.com. If you have any other ideas of venues we can tap into, please let us know by writing to us at fans@fastmail.net.

Fairlington Community Center Closes

On October 3, the Community Center closed its doors for a 15-18 month complete renovation. Many groups and Parks & Recreation classes are now convening at Abingdon. Some programs had to be sacrificed (like the Fairlington Fall Festival) or postponed until details are worked out (Rollerskating Nights), but you can count on having "Brunch with Santa" at Abingdon come Christmastime!

Abingdon's Fall Festival – Friday, Oct. 27, 6-9 p.m.

All are welcome at the school's Fall Festival, organized and funded by the Abingdon PTA. Check out the many things to do and eat:

Activities: Moon bounce, cakewalk, tattoos, face painting, hayrides (probably), balloon stomp, games and prizes. (Tickets are 50 cents each or \$5 for all.)

Food: Pizza, grilled bratwurst and hotdogs, chicken, apple cider, and more.

Gifts: Abingdon's Naturalist Club is selling gummy worms, scented bath salts and oils, herb vinegars (made from herbs in the school garden) plus recipes, and chocolate lip gloss. Also available: PHOTOS of your children.

Contest: Best Pumpkin Dessert judged by Best Buns!

Halloween Parade

Abingdon children will parade from the school along 29th, Buchanan and 31st streets in North Fairlington on **October 31 at 12:30 p.m.** It promises to be quite a spectacle for adults and little ones alike – we hope to see you on the sidelines! (Parade route map is **attached.**)

Harvard comes to Abingdon – Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

Current and prospective parents are invited to hear Multiple Intelligences author and senior researcher, Julie Viens of Harvard, speak about the Multiple Intelligences theory and how it is used in the school. Ms. Viens will also be working with the Abingdon staff for a two-day workshop on increasing multiple intelligences strategies.

Abingdon Principal Speaks to FCA – Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The PTA has arranged for Joanne Uyeda to speak at the Fairlington Citizen's Association monthly meeting in the North Fairlington Community Center. She will present an orientation of the school and talk about the its philosophy and the programs that make Abingdon different from other Arlington County elementary schools. Ms. Uyeda will be joined by one or two teachers. If you haven't been to an Abingdon orientation yet, this is your chance to get in early before registration period orientations start in February!