

## **"Gilbert Scores for Schools" to Benefit Abingdon**



Washington Wizards' all-star guard Gilbert Arenas and Chairman Abe Pollin are supporting local schools in the 2006-07 season. At each home game this season, Arenas will "shoot" for one designated school, which will receive \$100 for every point. Eight Arlington Public Schools are among the 82 schools chosen to participate in the "Gilbert Scores for Schools" promotion, and Abingdon Elementary is one of them. January 10 is Abingdon's designated day. The Wizards will be playing the Chicago Bulls that day, so be sure to cheer extra hard for Gilbert to score. The proceeds will fund scholarships for enrichment, after-school and field trip activities for Abingdon students.

## **Thinking About Sending Your Child to Abingdon?**

Parents are welcome to make an appointment to visit the school and talk with Principal Uyeda anytime, but the following dates are the county-designated kindergarten orientations:

Tuesday, February 27  
9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Thursday, March 8  
12:45 PM to 2:15 PM

Thursday, April 12  
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

## **Volunteers Needed**

Abingdon PTA needs Spanish translators to assist

with production of its bimonthly bilingual newsletter. Volunteers are also needed to help with other school activities. This is an especially great opportunity for high school students. Currently, two Wakefield students are assisting with the production of the school yearbook. Principal Uyeda would love to talk to anyone interesting in giving the gift of time to Fairlington's neighborhood school.

For more information, please contact Abingdon PTA VP Tina Masciangioli at 703-931-7086 or at [tina.masc@verizon.net](mailto:tina.masc@verizon.net).

## **Inspiring Memory, Reason, and Imagination Through Primary Sources**

A group of Abingdon staff is participating in a professional development workshop series called "Learn with Primary Sources," a product of the Adventure of the American Mind grant. Primary sources are firsthand accounts that capture a moment in history. They take many forms, including photographs, drawings, maps, manuscripts, objects, sound recordings and films.



*Abingdon Principal Joanne Uyeda, chosen as Washington Post distinguished leader in November 2006, with APS Superintendent Robert Smith (left) and APS School Board Member David Foster.*

The purpose of the 10-hour workshop series is to introduce educators to the digital content available on the Library of Congress Web site ([www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)). Teachers learn how to use inquiry-based instruction with primary sources across all subject areas. The end goal is to challenge

and inspire memory, reason and imagination through the use of primary sources—in learners from kindergarten to the college level.

In addition to recertification points, participating staff earn LCD projectors and speaker systems for Abingdon. Thanks to the

cadre of teachers involved, Abingdon will earn close to \$7,000 in new technology.

To check out the program, visit the Primary Source Learning Web site at [www.primarysourcelearning.org](http://www.primarysourcelearning.org), or contact Erin Sonn, Professional Development Specialist and Grant Services Coordinator for Arlington Public Schools, at [eson@amnv.org](mailto:eson@amnv.org).

