

elementary school news

Curious about Abingdon? Come to an Orientation



Abingdon Elementary School encourages all curious parents to attend any of its three official orientations over the coming months. Orientations are a great time to visit the school, meet the principal and teachers, tour the building, see the school “in action” and get a general feel for the school.

Arlington County Principal of the Year **Joanne Uyeda** will start off with an introduction to the school, which is generally followed by a few words from one of the four kindergarten teachers. After the presentations, parents will break off into groups and enjoy teacher-led tours of the school.

Orientation Schedule

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

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

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

Orientations begin in the school library, and signs will direct the way.

If you can't make any of the orientations, Abingdon's principal is happy to give individual tours. Please call the school office at 703-228-6650 to arrange a time.

Another good way to find out more about Abingdon is to join the FANS (Friends of Abingdon Neighborhood School)

network. Open to all, there are no requirements or fees. Simply receive a monthly newsletter and get in touch with the Abingdon community. To join, visit the FANS Web site at <www.friendsofobingdon.org>.

Cardinal News Network

Abingdon's Cardinal News Network (CNN 49) is now in its third season on the air.

Sponsored by Abingdon staff members **Ms. Nienstedt** and **Mr. Wojciechowski**, CNN 49's news team consists of a group of about 10 fourth and fifth grade Abingdon students. Every morning, students in each classroom view

CNN 49 on closed-circuit television. CNN 49 airs daily announcements and weather, and special features are included as events warrant.

This year, CNN 49 has also been broadcasting short features made in **Ms. Abbott's** Communications Wheel course. In addition to their on-air work, the student news team also takes special field trips.

This year the group is planning a field trip to the Voice of America studios, and past field trips have included visits to American University and the real CNN News Center in Washington, D.C.



February is Black History Month

Abingdon Elementary will celebrate Black History this month. For the second year, a PTA supported Family Night is planned for Abingdon families, which will feature poems, songs, and instrumentals by Abingdon students and other performers. In addition, Abingdon students will read facts about important black achievers on the school's in-house television station Cardinal News Network (CNN). Additional activities will be held in the regular classrooms throughout the month.

For more information, please contact Abingdon PTA VP **Tina Masciangioli** at 703-931-7086 or tina.masc@verizon.net.



The neighborhood Abingdon School street sign directs the way for new students and families. Photo courtesy of Tina Masciangioli.