



FANS

News & Notes

March 2007

Abingdon Playdate – Saturday, March 24 from 10 am to 12 pm

We hope you will come to the Abingdon playground (in front of the school) to **meet current and prospective Abingdon kids and parents** next Saturday morning. Fliers on the event were sent to all that attended an Abingdon orientation, so we hope people considering the school will come to mingle and ask questions. If your child is currently at the school, the playdate is a great opportunity to bond with other Abingdon families and to welcome new families to the school.

Snacks will be sponsored by the Abingdon PTA. (Rain date: Sunday, March 25 from 3 to 5 pm.)

Stay tuned for more playdates throughout the spring and summer!

Join the FANS Email Group

If you haven't subscribed to the FANS listserv, you probably missed the emails exchanged among current and future Abingdon families inspired by the recent kindergarten orientations. The **testimonials for Abingdon were so positive**, we have collected them in the attached document and can be read on the Testimonials page of the FANS website at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/testimonials.html>

The email group is a great way to stay on top of Abingdon events, to exchange information, and to communicate with Abingdon families. **To subscribe**, simply visit the Getting Involved page at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/id21.html>

One More Orientation Left

If you missed the first two kindergarten orientations, it's not too late. Abingdon's last orientation will be held on **Thursday, April 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Orientations are held in the school library and begin with a slide show presentation by Principal Joanne Uyeda about the school and its special programs, followed by a question and answer session. Information about how to register and registration packets will be provided. Parents will also hear from a member of the **Abingdon PTA** as well as **kindergarten teachers**, who will wrap the sessions up by leading **tours** of the school, including the kindergarten classrooms.

To set up a private appointment with Ms. Uyeda, parents may call the school office at 703-228-6650.

Movie Night – Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Come see the animated PG movie **Flushed Away** (http://www.flushedaway.com/flash/fa_home.html) at Abingdon next Friday night. The event, which benefits the 4th graders' trip to Williamsburg, features door prizes and a raffle. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be on sale.

Doors open at 6:30 and the movie starts at 7:00. (\$1 donation)

Book Fair to Benefit Abingdon

The following is from Dana Andy, PTA member and Abingdon parent:

"Please stop by Abingdon's Scholastic Book Fair next week and support the Abingdon PTA and Library!

Monday - Friday, March 19-23 in the Abingdon Library
(Students browse March 19 & 20; students buy March 21 - 23)

Parent Night is Tuesday, March 20 from 5-8 p.m.
Extended Hours on Thursday, March 22 from 2:45-6 p.m.

Even if your child is not currently an Abingdon student, this is a GREAT opportunity to meet some of the wonderful Abingdon teachers and staff -- as well as some current Abingdon parents and students. (Oh, and there will be tons of books -- for all reading levels -- available to purchase!) This is an important fundraiser for the Abingdon PTA and Library; we appreciate your support!

Note to prospective Abingdon parents/students: Last year my daughter (now an Abingdon Kindergartener) and I visited the Book Sale on "Parent Night." At that time, we were in the middle of attending various orientations all over the county to select the best school for her. I had already been to Abingdon's orientation, but it was my daughter's first time inside the school. We both enjoyed meeting the principal and other staff/faculty members. It was also great for her to be able to identify with Abingdon when we talked about "starting Kindergarten" at the end of the summer!"