



# FANS

## News & Notes

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April 2007

### **Sunday Playdate Continues through the Spring and Summer**

Abingdon families started a tradition this weekend by welcoming prospective students and their parents at our first playdate. After getting rained out on Saturday, we were rewarded with a gorgeous Sunday, and lots of Abingdon families turned out to enjoy the perfect spring afternoon.

Don't worry if you missed us this time: we'll be holding playdates on the **last Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the Abingdon front playground. Please come and meet people, catch up, and wind down the weekend together. The next playdate will be **Sunday, April 29.**

Check out **pictures** of the March playdate in the Past and Upcoming Events section of our website: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeg42w6/fans/events.html>

### **Have You Registered for Kindergarten Yet?**

Once the hard part is over -- choosing an elementary school for your child -- the rest is cake! To register your child at Abingdon, simply stop by the school office anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no need for an appointment) with the documents listed below. While there is no cutoff, the sooner you register, the better the school can plan for the upcoming school year. (The school is open all summer long.)

#### **Registration Checklist (All documents must be presented at the same time)**

(Downloadable at <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/options/register/index.shtml>)

- 1) Request for Entrance and Health Information Form
- 2) Statement of Affirmation
- 3) School Health Entrance Form (VA state blue form)
- 4) Copy of birth certificate
- 5) Copy of lease or home sale documents, as proof of residence (the school will make a copy of the first and last page)
- 6) Copy of child's social security card (not necessary for registration, but is needed eventually)

After you present your documents, the school nurse will review your child's blue health form to make sure she has all the required check-ups and immunizations. (The back of the form indicates the requirements for school entrance and your pediatrician should be able to tell you what your child needs).

The whole process should take about 15 minutes or less. And you're all set!

### **Summer School and Extended Day Registration**

While there is no official deadline for registering for kindergarten, the **after school care** program fills up, so you should contact the Extended Day office as soon as possible to make arrangements. For more information, see <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/finance/xday/>.

Due to the cosmetic renovations going on at Abingdon this summer, the **pre-K camp** and other summer school programs will be held at Drew Model School. If you are registered at Abingdon, you may attend

these camps and transportation to Drew will be provided.

The Pre-K camp at Abingdon runs from 9-12 a.m. July 9 through August 9 (\$56 for the entire program). According to the course catalog, which can be downloaded at [http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/instruct/summer\\_school/](http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/instruct/summer_school/), this camp is most beneficial to children with limited English or preschool experience. Children will learn about the school setting and supplies, how to work in groups and independently, and how to follow directions while enjoying curricular activities designed for young children. Vocabulary, language development and early literacy will be a focus of the program.

### **Communications and Violins Night: TONIGHT (Thursday) at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Come to Abingdon tonight Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 to hear **Ms. Snyder's** 5th graders play violin music and to check out what kids are producing in Abingdon's unique Communications Course, created and taught by long-time Abingdon 5th grade teacher, **Kerry Abbott**.

- Kindergarteners and 1st graders will dramatize a creative rendition of The Three Little Pigs
- 2nd and 3rd graders will show their Public Service Announcements and CNN Special Features
- 5th graders will present historical fiction claymation movies, as well as play their violins

### **More Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars and stay tuned to the listserv for more info about these upcoming April events:

April 12 – Last Kindergarten Orientation (11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m)

April 17 - Raging Reptiles (during school)

April 17 - Library Night (evening)

April 24 - PTA meeting (evening)

To sign up for the listserv, visit <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/listserv.html>

### **Abingdon is a "Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA)" School**

Did you know that **Abingdon is one of two elementary schools in Arlington chosen to participate** in this successful Kennedy Center arts-integration program? Arts-integrated teaching makes natural and significant connections between subject areas and art forms. Abingdon teachers are trained to integrate dance, drama, music, visual arts, poetry, and storytelling with core academics, such as language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics. Students master learning objectives in both the subject area and the art form.

To find out more, visit <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/ceta.html>