



# FANS

## News & Notes

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June 2007

### **PTA Elects New Officers for School Year 2007-08**

We applaud Dana, Kate, Murielle, Michelle, and Amy Jo for their commitment to guiding the Abingdon PTA through the next year!

Co-Presidents: Dana Andy and Kate Maxwell  
First Vice President: OPEN  
Corresponding Secretary: Murielle Laird  
Recording Secretary: Michelle Presson  
Treasurer: Amy Jo Wheeler  
CCPTA Rep: Colleen Weiser  
Advisory Council on Instruction Rep: OPEN

We also extend a huge thank you to former Co-Presidents Tina Masciangioli and Colleen Weiser who put their heart and soul into running the PTA for the past two years, Gemma Phelps who acted as Treasurer last year, and JoLynn Lopez, who helped out as Secretary for the last two years.

The PTA is still looking for people to fill open positions as well as volunteers for a wide variety of school activities (SEE ATTACHED ROSTER). If you can help out in any way, please contact the new PTA Co-Presidents:

Dana Andy ([theandyfamily@comcast.net](mailto:theandyfamily@comcast.net)) 703-671-3460  
Kate Maxwell ([ktimaxwell@yahoo.com](mailto:ktimaxwell@yahoo.com)) 703-845-0859

### **Abingdon Launches New Website**

Check out Abingdon's new colorful and sleek website at <http://www.apsva.us/abingdon/>. While much of it is still a work in progress, you can see the beautiful new look and find the FANS link under the Community tab.

A school-wide listserv is also upcoming. To stay updated on school events in the meantime, go to the new shortened APS web address, <http://www.apsva.us>, and click on "Subscribe to APS School Talk." You can check off Abingdon, as well as other options such as emergency announcements regarding school closings.

### **Architecture Teacher Wins Selective Residency**

Abingdon Architecture teacher David McDavitt was among 12 teachers nationwide chosen to participate in this summer's Teachers Residency at Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Pennsylvania. Participants will study Wright's architecture and then develop lessons based on the Multiple Intelligences theory regarding the relationship between architecture and nature. Fallingwater, a house built over a waterfall and converted into museum, made the news last winter when Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated Pitt's birthday there. For more information about visiting Fallingwater and the Teachers' Residency, see <http://www.paconserve.org/index-fw1.asp>

## **Abingdon to Tighten Security System**

Abingdon, along with all other Arlington public schools, will be outfitted with a modern security system including cameras, buzz-ins, and keyless entries. In addition, Abingdon's doors in their entirety — frames, locks, panic bars — are being examined for safety and strength. The new security systems will be installed next school year (and possibly as early as this summer).

## **Summer Swim Program at Fairlington Pools**

If you have a child age 5 to 14, you may be interested in signing up for the FINS program. Children take lessons at various pools in Fairlington Monday through Thursday afternoons in July, and then participate in a race on Friday evenings. The cost is \$45 and registration for Fairlington members begins May 1; non-resident registration begins June 18. (Children must be 5 by July 2, 2007). For more information, contact Sue Shapiro at [dshap@verizon.net](mailto:dshap@verizon.net).

## **Crowding in NW Elementary Schools Could Have Domino Effect**

The schools in the northwest quadrant of Arlington are experiencing serious overcrowding problems, and the school system has created a task force to deal with the problem. Because moving children out of over-capacity schools will have a domino effect, the administration wants every school to have a representative in this process. Abingdon needs a voice on the Elementary Crowding Committee — if you can help out by attending a few evening meetings, please contact Joanne Uyeda at [juyeda@arlington.k12.va.us](mailto:juyeda@arlington.k12.va.us). (The first meeting is June 4.)

## **All Aboard for Kindergarten!**

Our list continues to grow: if you know anyone who should be on this list, please have them contact us at [fans@fastmail.net](mailto:fans@fastmail.net).

### Kindergarteners Starting in Fall '07

Emily Andrews  
Jacqueline Branch  
Chance Dabbs  
Teresa Felipe  
Elizabeth Francis  
Holly Matthews  
Isaiah Mefford  
Abby Presson  
Julia Sonn  
Sofia Suardi  
Lia Vecchi  
Kendryek Wheeler

If you'd like to meet fellow students and parents, come out to a "Last Sundays" Playdate at the front Abingdon playground. The next playdate is June 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, see our Events page at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/events.html>

## **Abingdon Gets Face Lift over the Summer**

Starting on June 22, the day after school is over, construction crews will descend on Abingdon to begin a major updating. All interior spaces will be painted, new carpeting will be installed, heating and air conditioning units will be replaced, huge glass display cases will be built into the library "windows", and a solar-powered lighted marquee with school announcements will be installed outside the school. So get your fill of the old Abingdon: soon it will be just a memory!