



FANS

News & Notes

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FANS Newsletter Goes Bi-Monthly

FANS has been very successful in drawing positive attention to Abingdon Elementary and bringing neighborhood kids back to the school. Now that the FANS newsletter producer, Amy Suardi, is also the editor of the school newsletter, FANS News & Notes will be published every two months.

To see a color copy of the October/November issue of the Abingdon PTA school newsletter, The Little Bird, visit <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/ptanewsletter.html>.

Don't Miss out on School News, Events, and Announcements

Now that the Abingdon PTA has its own email listserv group, information about school and PTA happenings will no longer be posted on the FANS listserv. To sign up for the PTA listserv, simply send a blank e-mail to Abingdon-PTA-Subscribe-Request@netpals.1soft.com or visit the PTA page of the FANS website: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/pta.html>.

PTA Launches New Website

The Abingdon PTA has been busy this summer and the first few months of the year: check out their new website at <http://www.abingdonpta.org/>. On the website you can find a calendar of PTA and school events, sign up for the PTA listserv, or see an ever-growing list of dedicated volunteers in the PTA Officers & Committee Chairs page.

Pictures of FANS Back-to-School Potluck Picnic

FANS members and new kindergarteners celebrated the end of summer and the start of the new school year at a picnic on the rear Abingdon playground. To see pictures, visit [September 2, 2007](#)

Learn about Arts Integration at Abingdon

Communications Teacher Kerry Abbott will be speaking at the October 23 PTA meeting about Abingdon's involvement in CETA, Changing Education Through the Arts, sponsored by the Kennedy Center. Thanks to CETA, Abingdon teachers are using many techniques to integrate the arts into their classrooms. The meeting on Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is open to all. FREE childcare is offered.

To find out more about CETA, see the Top 10 Reasons to Love Abingdon Elementary School on the FANS website: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/abingdon.html>. (CETA is #8.)

Abingdon to Receive New Playground Equipment

The large playground behind the school was recently evaluated for safety and wear and tear. New equipment will be installed (and some old equipment removed) that will be more appropriate for kindergarteners and first graders.

In the next year or two, the entire playground is slated to be replaced with brand new equipment for grades K through 5. (Preschool-appropriate play structures are in the small playground in the front school grounds.)

Fall Festival – Friday, October 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to visit the school and meet Abingdon families. All are welcome!

At the Abingdon Fall Festival, which will be held at the school, kids of all ages enjoy a moon bounce, cake walk, games, pictures, tattoos, face painting, raffles, food, and prizes. There will also be plenty of food for sale, including pizza, hot dogs, grilled brats, popcorn, chips, sodas, and more.

Game and food tickets can be bought at the door. Tickets are 50¢ each, or 12 for \$5.00 (2 free tickets) or 25 for \$10 (5 free tickets). Hope to see you there!

You can also find this information on the FANS website events page:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeq42w6/fans/events.html>.