



ASHLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home of the Global Citizenship Project
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This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Ashlawn Elementary is a welcoming school that prides itself on community spirit. Staff, students, and parents together create a sense of "Ashlawn Pride."

Ashlawn is a close-knit neighborhood school with a well-deserved reputation as a friendly, caring place where families know each other by name. The diverse student population reflects the demographics in Arlington, representing over 30 different countries and cultures. This fosters an appreciation for world cultures and individual differences.

Ashlawn's staff is professional, talented, caring and dedicated to providing the best education possible for every student in a safe and nurturing environment. We value a strong partnership between home and school to ensure that students' individual needs are met. Support from Ashlawn parents is exceptional.

Ashlawn embraces development of the whole child. Our responsibility is not only developing children intellectually but also socially and emotionally. Upon graduation, students are expected to perform well academically and have an awareness and concern for the people of the world and the planet on which they live. With a focus on the work of the the Earth Charter Initiative, the staff and parents of Ashlawn developed its exemplary project, The Global Citizenship Project (GCP). The GCP provides Ashlawn students with opportunities to succeed in the world through an understanding of global issues and a commitment to local concerns.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Global Citizenship Project
- Foreign language instruction in Spanish (K-5)
- PTA-sponsored science aide to support hands-on science lessons
- Gifted Resource Teacher
- ESOL/HILT program
- Preschool education program
- School-wide and classroom community service
- Outdoor education experiences focused on conservation
- Themed library nights and First Grade Read-a-thon
- Montessori Program (ages 3-5)
- Special Education Inclusion model

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Community service year-long campaign resulted in over 6,000 hours donated by staff, students and parents
- Walk-A-Thon to support the homeless in conjunction with ASPAN
- After-school Homework Club and remediation programs
- Annual Fun Fair
- Student-operated televised morning announcements (W-ASH)
- Extensive after-school enrichment program
- Ashtales (school-wide student literary publication)
- Girls on the Run after-school club
- School-wide Science Fair
- YES Club!
- PE nights, Field Day and fun runs

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Virginia Board of Education Index of Performance (VIP) Excellence Award 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Partnership with Marymount University's Professional Development School
- Partnership with Marymount University's E2E (Educator to Educator) Grant
- Recognized as a Computer Learning Foundation "certified" school
- Special education teacher recognized by the Arc of Northern Virginia

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Daily opportunities to volunteer in classrooms, library, and around the school
- PTA officer or project chairperson
- PTA Grant Writing Committee
- Homeroom Parent representatives
- Grounds Clean-up Day
- Healthy Kids Healthy Families (parent organization to sponsor health and fitness initiatives)