



CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An Expeditionary Learning School

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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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"A natural place to learn"

At Campbell Elementary our mission is to provide a safe and caring community where all children are challenged and celebrated. As the only Expeditionary Learning School in Arlington, Campbell offers a unique program serving children Pre-K through fifth grade. Campbell students demonstrate high achievement through quality work achieved through active engagement, challenging academics and a supportive school culture. Character development, teamwork, social responsibility, and a value for the natural world are embedded in school practices and integrated into the academic program. Continuous learning is promoted as students stay with the same teacher for two years. An alternative report card system provides parents a clear picture of what their child knows and is able to do.

Campbell students engage in interdisciplinary units aligned with the state standards called "Learning Expeditions." During these "real world" investigations, students work with experts, complete field work and strive to become experts. Students showcase their learning through presentations and performances to parents and the community. Campbell students begin each day with a morning meeting to establish a climate where children feel safe to take risks. Collaboration and cooperation are valued and the varied cultures of Campbell families enrich everyone's learning experience.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Program is grounded by the design principles and core practices of Expeditionary Learning, a nationally recognized school reform model.
- Students stay with the same teacher for two years, K-fifth grade
- Developmentally appropriate instruction promotes hand-on learning, problem solving, discovery, choice and in-depth understanding.
- Strong Community Partnerships with AFAC, Greenbrier Learning Center, Pentagon City Residence Inn & Long Branch Nature Center enhance students' learning experiences.
- An alternative report card system uses The Work Sampling System with specific information about each child's progress and includes three parent conferences.
- The Outdoor/Schoolyard Classroom is made up of extensive gardens and habitats.
- Traditions and rituals such as Morning Meeting and annual Tea Parties build community.
- A school-wide Title I Program offers resources to support all learners.
- After-school All Star Tutoring Program, grades 1-5

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Recipient of 2011 VDOE Competence to Excellence Award
- Recipient of 2011 VDOE Distinguished Title I School Award
- APS Support Employee of the Year from Campbell
- All staff completed Year 1 Cultural Competence Training
- Six National Board Certified teachers
- All teachers have technology certification.
- Students participate in countywide Honors Chorus, Orchestra, Math Dice, Geography Bee
- YES (Youth Experiencing Success) Club for fourth- and fifth-grade students
- Local grants provide computers for children to check out to use at home; Washington Forest Foundation Grant Award supports community gardens, walking and tricycle path.
- All teachers and assistants are "highly qualified" under No Child Left Behind.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Students eat meals in their classrooms or in a "café" atmosphere.
- Extended Day Program offers year-round options.
- Family Activity Nights promote curriculum understanding and fitness.
- Field placement site for Marymount University student teachers
- Participation in AFAC's Plant-A-Row Program
- PTA-sponsored Project Discovery enrichment program, family night activities and informational sessions
- After-school sports program
- Evening PESA classes support parents as they work with their children.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- PTA
- Advisory Committee
- Classroom volunteers
- Library assistants
- Tutoring
- Homework Helpers
- Book Fair, Photo Day
- Literacy events
- Monthly Garden Days
- Habitat studies
- Reading Buddies
- Translation