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First Day of School

Holidays

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences - Early Release for Students

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School for Elementary Students

Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School for Middle School Students

Teacher Work Day - No School for Students

Make-up Days, if needed

Last Day of School/Full Day for Students

High School Graduation

First Day of Summer School

Last Day of Elementary/Middle Summer School

Last Day of High School Summer School

OTHER EARLY RELEASE DATES

Elementary: ALL elementary students will have early release on five Wednesdays: Oct. 15, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, March 11 and April 29. In addition, Arlington Science Focus, Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Campbell, Carlin Springs, Drew, Hoffman-Boston, Long Branch, Nottingham, Oakridge, Randolph, Taylor and Tuckahoe will have early release every Wednesday, except for June 17.

Middle: Oct. 17, Feb. 5 **High:** Oct. 17, Dec. 4, Feb. 5

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION
See the next page.

Important Dates: 2008–09

The Barcroft Modified School Year Calendar, the Campbell School Calendar and the High School Continuation Calendar can be found on the Web site: www.apsva.us

September 2008

- Orientation for Second Language Families
New to Arlington, Clarendon Education Center, second floor, 7 p.m.
- Elementary Back-to-School Night
- H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program Back-to-School Night
- High School Back-to-School Night
- Middle School Back-to-School Night
- Career Center Back-to-School Breakfast

October 2008

- College Fair at Ballston Common Mall, 7 p.m.
- High School Information Night, Wakefield, 7 p.m.
- Middle School Information Night, Wakefield, 7 p.m.

November 2008

- 3 – Jan. 16 **Timeframe for applying to any secondary school and to apply to H-B Woodlawn

January 2009

- ** Last day to apply to any secondary school and to apply to H-B Woodlawn
- Kindergarten Information Night, Kenmore, 7 p.m. (Snow Date, Feb. 2)

February 2009

- 1 – April 15 **Timeframe for applying to the countywide elementary schools and to any other elementary schools
- Snow Date – Kindergarten Information Night, Kenmore, 7 p.m.
 - Montessori Information Night, Drew Model School, 7 p.m. (Snow Date, Feb. 11)
 - Snow Date – Montessori Information Night, Drew Model School, 7 p.m.
 - Summer Activities Fair, Thomas Jefferson Gym, 6 – 8 p.m. (Snow Date, Feb. 27)
 - Snow Date – Summer Activities Fair, Thomas Jefferson Gym, 6 – 8 p.m.

March 2009

- Summer School Registration Begins – Check the Summer School Catalogue for registration deadlines for specific programs.

April 2009

- ** Last day to apply to countywide elementary schools and to any other elementary schools

** Call 703-228-7660 or visit the Web site (www.apsva.us) for more information about school transfers, admission to countywide and neighborhood schools and programs, and this year's transfer orientation dates.

School Closings, Delays & Early Dismissals

Bad Weather, Emergencies and Other Conditions

In case of snow, ice or other unusual conditions such as power outages and excessive heat, or in the event of a local or national emergency, school officials may decide to close school, delay school opening, shelter-in-place or send students home early. News about these decisions is communicated as soon as the decision is made.

Methods of communication include:

- www.apsva.us home page
- E-mails and/or text messages sent to APS School Talk subscribers who elect to receive emergency announcements
- Toll-free Hotline, **1-866-322-4277**, message in English and Spanish
- Message on Comcast Cable Channel 70 and Verizon FiOS Channel 41
- Message sent to local radio stations and TV channels 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9

Here is what happens in each situation when the school schedule changes:

- Schools Closed** – All school building are closed. The decision is usually announced by 6 a.m. on all information outlets. Extended Day and Check-in are also closed. All school activities are canceled unless otherwise announced. Administrative offices usually remain open.
- Delayed Opening** – School will open two hours later than usual. This decision is usually announced by 6 a.m. The morning bus route schedule is delayed by two hours. Field trips are canceled. Breakfast is not served. The Extended Day program will also open two hours late. On any early release day, the early release is canceled and students remain until the regular daily dismissal time.
- Early Dismissal** – Schools will dismiss two hours early if conditions require. This decision is normally announced by 11:30 a.m. Extended Day will close at 4 p.m. Extracurricular activities, interscholastic contests, team practices, field trips, adult and community education classes, and recreation programs in schools and on school grounds are canceled unless otherwise announced. If it is Wednesday, elementary students will be released at the usual early release time.

Other emergencies may keep students in their classrooms or school:

- Shelter-In-Place** – If an event occurs that involves a chemical, biological or radiological contaminant, public safety officials may direct us to “shelter-in-place.” If that occurs, the school will be locked and secured. Signs will be posted stating that no one is to enter or leave the site and students and staff will move to identified safe locations in the building.
- Secure the Building** – In a situation where the police or other officials determine we need to keep students in the building and lock the outside doors because of a concern in the community, we will follow their directions until directed otherwise.
- Lock-Down** – A lock-down may occur when police or other safety officials determine it is necessary to contain students and staff in their classrooms with doors locked and building access limited to specific identified staff and safety officials.

Plan for Make-Up Days

The 2008-09 calendar includes 182 instructional days for elementary students, 183 for middle school students, and 184 for high school students. If inclement weather or unforeseeable circumstances prevent students from being in school for the 180 days required by the state, make-up days will be scheduled as follows:

Elementary Schools

- The first two days would not need to be made up.
- The third, fourth and fifth days would be made up on Mon, Feb. 16 (Presidents Day), Mon, April 13 (teacher workday), Mon, May 25 (Memorial Day), and/or Thu, June 18.
- For the sixth through ninth days missed, make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.

Middle and High Schools

- The first six days lost would not need to be made up.
- The seventh day lost would be made up on Mon, Feb. 16 (Presidents Day).
- The eighth day lost would not be made up.
- The ninth day lost would be made up Mon, April 13 (teacher workday), which will become an early release day.

APS School Talk

APS School Talk is a free e-mail service available to parents, students and community members interested in receiving timely and emergency information from the school system via e-mail. Subscribers can request emergency messages, news from specific schools, press releases, School Board Updates and information about Adult Education and Summer School.

To sign up for APS School Talk, go to www.apsva.us, and click on the “School Talk” logo.

School Hours

Elementary Schools: Abingdon, Campbell, Carlin Springs and Clarendon

<u>Full Day</u>	<u>Early Release</u>
8:00 a.m. – 2:41 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 12:26 p.m.

Elementary Schools: Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Long Branch and Randolph

<u>Full Day</u>	<u>Early Release</u>
8:25 a.m. – 3:06 p.m.	8:25 a.m. – 12:51 p.m.

Elementary Schools: Arlington Science Focus, Ashlawn, Barcroft, Drew, Glebe, Henry, Hoffman-Boston, Jamestown, Key, McKinley, Nottingham, Oakridge, Taylor and Tuckahoe

<u>Full Day</u>	<u>Early Release</u>
9:00 a.m. – 3:41 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 1:26 p.m.

Middle Schools: Gunston, Jefferson, Kenmore, Swanson and Williamsburg

<u>Full Day</u>	<u>Early Release</u>
7:50 a.m. – 2:24 p.m.	7:50 a.m. – 11:54 a.m.

High Schools: Wakefield, Washington-Lee and Yorktown

<u>Full Day</u>	<u>Early Release</u>
8:19 a.m. – 3:01 p.m.	8:19 a.m. – 12:21 p.m. (12:34 p.m. – Oct. 17 & Feb. 5)

H-B Woodlawn Secondary and Stratford Program

<u>Full Day</u>	<u>Early Release</u>
9:24 a.m. – 4:06 p.m.	9:24 a.m. – 1:36 p.m.

Early Release Days

Elementary School: ALL elementary schools will have early release on five Wednesdays: Oct. 15, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, March 11 and April 29. In addition, students at Arlington Science Focus, Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Campbell, Carlin Springs, Drew, Hoffman-Boston, Long Branch, Nottingham, Oakridge, Randolph, Taylor and Tuckahoe will have early release every Wednesday, except for June 17.

Middle School early release days will be Fri, Oct. 17 and Thu, Feb. 5

High School early release days will be Fri, Oct. 17, Thu, Dec. 4 and Thu, Feb. 5. There will be a revised schedule in May or June for testing. Contact your high school for more details.

See School Hours above for specific early release dismissal times for all schools.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

(Pre-K, K-5 and Middle Schools)

Elementary School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled on Oct. 2 & 3 and March 5 & 6 by appointment. Elementary students will be released early on Oct. 2 and will not attend school on Oct. 3. Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled on Oct. 3, and middle school students will not attend school on that day. Conferences are a time to share information and plan future learning activities. Conferences may also be scheduled at other times as needed. Because parent involvement is vital to each child's education, parents are urged to make and keep conference appointments.

Grading Periods & Report Card Dates

Period Ends	Reports Issued	
	Grades 6-12	Grades 1-5
November 3	November 13	November 21
January 16	January 28	February 5
April 3	April 21	April 29
Last Day of School	June 22 (6-8)	June 17
	June 23 (9-12)	

A written kindergarten progress report is sent to parents of kindergarten students two times during the school year - in February and the end of the year.

