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2012 SUMMER SCHOOL DATES

First Day of Summer School: **July 9**



Last Day Elementary/Middle
Summer School: **August 9**

Last Day High School Summer School:
August 17

-  First Day of School, K-12
-  First Day of School, VPI & Pre-K Special Education
-  Holidays
-  Teacher Work Day (No School for Students)
-  Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for Elementary Students)
-  Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for Middle School Students)
-  Make-Up Days, if needed

-  Last Day High School (Full Day)/
High School Graduation/
Elementary Early Release
-  Last Day Middle School (Full Day)/
Middle School Promotion
-  Last Day Elementary School (Early Release)

Professional Learning Days

-  Teachers: Oct. 10, 2011
-  Assistants (A-Scale): Nov. 8, 2011 and
Jan. 23, 2012 (Make-Up Day April 9, 2012)

EARLY RELEASE DATES

Elementary: All elementary students will have early release on Oct. 19, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, March 7, April 18, and June 13, 20 and 22.

In addition, Arlington Science Focus, Arlington Traditional, Long Branch, Nottingham, Oakridge, Taylor and Tuckahoe will have early release every Wednesday, except Sept. 7 and Nov. 9.

Middle School: Oct. 14, Feb. 10

High School: Oct. 14, Dec. 2, Feb. 10

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

See next page.

IMPORTANT DATES: 2011-12

The Barcroft, Campbell, H-B Woodlawn, High School Continuation, Stratford, and Summer School calendars can be found at www.apsva.us.

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 2 Orientation for Second Language Families
New to Arlington, Clarendon Education Center, 7 p.m.
- 20 H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program
Back-to-School Night
- 21 Elementary Back-to-School Night
- 26 High School Back-to-School Night
- 27 Middle School Back-to-School Night

OCTOBER 2011

- 1 Career Center Back-to-School Breakfast
- 12 College Fair at Ballston Common Mall,
7 p.m.
- 17 High School Information Night,
Washington-Lee, 7 p.m.
- 24 Middle School Information Night,
Washington-Lee, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2011

- 7-Jan. 20 **Timeframe for applying to any
secondary school and to apply to H-B Woodlawn

JANUARY 2012

- 20 **Last day to apply to any secondary
school and to apply to H-B Woodlawn
- 30 Kindergarten Information Night,
Washington-Lee, 7 p.m. (Snow Date Feb. 6)

FEBRUARY 2012

- 1-April 16 **Timeframe for applying to the
countywide elementary schools and to any
other elementary school
- 6 Snow Date – Kindergarten Information
Night, Washington-Lee, 7 p.m.
- 8 Montessori Information Night, Drew Model
School, 7 p.m. (Snow Date, Feb. 15)
- 10 Summer Activities Fair, Thomas Jefferson
Gym, 6 - 8 p.m. (Snow Date, Feb. 17)
- 15 Snow Date – Montessori Information Night,
Drew Model School, 7 p.m.
- 17 Snow Date – Summer Activities Fair,
Thomas Jefferson Gym, 6 - 8 p.m.

MARCH 2012

- 1 Summer School registration begins – Check
Summer School Catalog for registration
deadlines for specific programs.

APRIL 2012

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

** Call 703-228-7667 or visit www.apsva.us/schoolchoices for more information about school transfers, admission to countywide and neighborhood schools and programs, and dates for school information sessions.

GRADING PERIODS & REPORT CARD DATES

End of Grading Period	Report Cards Issued	
	Grades 1-5	Grades 6-12
November 7	Nov. 18	Nov. 17
January 20	Feb. 8	Feb. 1
March 30	April 25	April 19
Last Day of School	June 22	June 26

A written progress report is sent to parents of kindergarten students in February and June.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (Pre-K, Grades 1-5 and Middle Schools)

Elementary school parent-teacher conferences will be held on Oct. 6-7 and March 1-2 by appointment, and elementary school students will not attend school on those days. Middle school conferences will be held on Oct. 7 and March 2 by appointment, and middle school students will not attend school on those days. Conferences are a time to share information and plan future learning activities, and may be scheduled at other times as needed. Parents are urged to make and keep conference appointments.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYS & EARLY DISMISSALS

Bad Weather, Emergencies & 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
- Toll-free Hotline, 1-866-322-4277, 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 situations when the school or countywide 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**—When conditions require that schools be closed early, ALL schools will follow their early release schedule. This decision is normally announced by 11:30 a.m. Extended Day will close at 4 p.m. Extra-curricular activities, interscholastic contests, team practices, field trips, adult and community education classes, and recreation programs in schools and on school grounds are canceled.

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.

Announcements about other changes:

Periodically, conditions may require other changes to the schedule or status of operations. Parents should check the website (www.apsva.us), the APS hotline (1-866-322-4277), or watch for APS School Talk announcements via e-mail, text or voicemail.

APS SCHOOL TALK

APS School Talk is a free service offering e-mail, voicemail and/or texts to parents, students and community members interested in receiving information from APS. School Talk is used to communicate emergency announcements (including school closings or delays), as well as news from specific schools, press releases, School Board Updates and information about Adult Education and Summer School. To sign up, go to www.apsva.us/schooltalk, or call 703-228-6005/7667 to register your phone or cell phone for this service.

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools: Abingdon, Campbell, Carlin Springs and Claremont

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

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

<i>Full Day</i>	<i>Early Release</i>
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

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

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

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

High Schools: Wakefield, Washington-Lee and Yorktown

<i>Full Day</i>	<i>Early Release</i>
8:19 a.m.–3:01 p.m.	8:19 a.m.–12:21 p.m.

(12:34 - Oct. 14 & Feb. 10)

H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program

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

Stratford Program

<i>Full Day</i>	<i>Early Release</i>
9:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	9:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

EARLY RELEASE

Elementary School: ALL elementary schools will have early release on eight days: Wednesdays, Oct. 19, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, March 7 and April 18, June 13 and 20 and Fri, June 22. In addition, students at Arlington Science Focus, Arlington Traditional, Long Branch, Nottingham, Oakridge, Taylor and Tuckahoe will have early release every Wednesday, except Sept. 7 and Nov. 9.

Middle School early release days will be Fri, Oct. 14 and Fri, Feb. 10.

High School early release days will be Fri, Oct. 14, Fri, Dec. 2 and Fri, Feb. 10. There will be a revised schedule in May or June for testing. Contact your high school for more details.

(See *School Hours* above for dismissal times.)

PLAN FOR MAKE-UP DAYS

The 2011-12 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 180 days or the number of instructional hours required by the state, make-up days will be scheduled as follows:

Elementary Schools with Early Release Wednesdays

- The first three days lost will not need to be made up.
- The fourth day will be made up using three early release Wednesdays as full days: Feb. 15, March 14 and April 25, 2012.
- A fifth day will be made up using three early release Wednesdays as full days: May 2, 9 and 16, 2012.

Elementary Schools with Limited Early Release, and Middle and High Schools

- The first five days lost will not need to be made up.

Elementary, Middle and High Schools

- If six or more days are lost, instructional hours will be monitored. Should additional instructional hours be needed, the following days will be used as make-up days:
 - Mon, Feb. 20, 2012, Presidents' Day (full day); and
 - Mon, April 9, 2012, Teacher Grade Preparation Day (full day).