



## BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Home of the Leonardo da Vinci Project*

*A Modified School Year Calendar, August–June*

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Barcroft's unique exemplary school project, the Leonardo da Vinci Project, is modeled after Leonardo da Vinci's thinking habits. Like Leonardo, Barcroft students combine creative and scientific thought throughout their learning experiences and are challenged with focused thinking and problem-solving activities. This highly regarded exemplary school project provides students with explorations of their academic studies through interdisciplinary thematic units. The arts and writing become 'real events' for sharing and publication.

Barcroft also offers students in kindergarten through fifth grade a proficiency-oriented Spanish language program. Students receive a minimum of 90 minutes of Spanish instruction per week and enjoy a full day of school every day of the week.

Barcroft Elementary School is the only Arlington school that follows a modified school year calendar. This calendar balances the school year and provides continuous learning opportunities for all. Summer learning losses are reduced due to the shorter summer break. Each quarter is followed by either a two-week Intersession or break during the school year to provide continuous learning cycles.

### GOALS

- Ensure rising achievement for all students on standardized tests and other measures of performance that go beyond state and federal standards.
- Eliminate gaps in achievement among identified groups.
- Prepare each student to succeed in a diverse, changing world through instruction and other school experiences responsive to each student's talents, interests, and challenges.
- Build effective relationships with parents and the community so that they know about and actively support our students.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Academic Honor Roll
- Barcroft Teacher of the Year
- Bravo/Citizenship awards
- Math Dice competitions
- National Board Certified teachers
- Perfect Attendance awards
- Physical Fitness awards
- Presidential Achievement Awards for fifth grade students
- PTA Student Reflections awards
- Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Recognition
- Safety Patrols Award
- Junior National Honor Society

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ESOL/FLS/FLES Program
- Even Start for Preschoolers
- Extended Day Program
- Gifted Education Services
- Green Week
- Leonardo da Vinci fairs
- Leonardo da Vinci Project thematic units
- Leonardo Learning days
- Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
- Reading Recovery
- School Project Including Musical Garden
- School-wide Positive Behavior System
- School-wide Title I Project
- Science Lab
- Spanish Language Instruction
- Special Education Services
- The Leonardo da Vinci Exemplary Project
- Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) classes

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Adopt-A-Learner Tutoring
- Cultural heritage celebrations
- Even Start Literacy Night
- Family academic nights
- Field trips
- First Language Support parent workshops
- Intersession classes
- Parent volunteers
- PTA events
- READ Across America
- Room Parents
- Title I Reading/Math nights

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Author Visits
- Barcroft Closed-Circuit News
- Family Academic Nights
- Field Day
- Girls on the Run
- Boys on Bikes
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Marine Buddies Partnership
- Monday Morning Movers Walk/Jog Program
- PNC & Bank of America Partnerships
- Project B.A.S.E. (Barcroft After School Extension with PTA Enrichment Classes)
- Project Y.E.S.
- PTA Enrichment classes
- Safety Patrols
- School/Countywide HonorsChorus/Instrumental Music
- School-Based/Student-Run Credit Union Branch
- SOL Soccer Program