



LONG BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, 2009

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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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Long Branch Elementary, home of the lions, is a great place for children to learn! Long Branch is a neighborhood school serving the Lyon Park, Ashton Heights, Fort Myer Military Base, Arlington View, Penrose and Woodbury Towers communities. Long Branch students hail from more than twenty different countries, reflecting the diversity and demographic of Arlington County.

The Long Branch staff and community are proud of the rich academic and cultural heritage of the school. Our focus is on responsive education, an instructional approach that is responsive to students' talents, interests and challenges in an effort to enhance student achievement. The foundation of Long Branch instruction is based on teaching for meaning that in turn provides a well-rounded, rigorous education without compromising high academic standards and prepares students to become productive, responsible citizens ready to meet the challenges of a changing and exciting future. Long Branch continues to be a school where students are eager to enter the building each morning and former students and staff proudly return to visit. The warm and welcoming atmosphere at Long Branch Elementary School greets visitors and encourages parent and community participation in all aspects of the school.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Exemplary Project "MAGIC" - Multicultural and Global Interdisciplinary Connections thematic units of study with an emphasis on diversity, writing and mathematics
- Partnership with Fort Myer Military Community
- School Musical each year
- Leadership Club - community service projects
- After-school enrichment programs sponsored by the PTA (karate, hands-on science, sign language, Spanish, drawing, sports, and theater)
- Guest authors
- Yearbook, student-produced
- Girls on the Run
- Homework Club
- Parent reading volunteers
- Math Dice Team
- Recycling Rangers
- Artist-in-Residence Program
- Triathlon Club

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, 2009
- Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Excellence Award, 2008
- Participation in Honors Chorus & Orchestra
- Honor Roll
- Presidential Academic Awards and Presidential Fitness Awards
- Perfect Attendance
- Physical Fitness Finals
- Patrol of the Year

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Extended Day Program
- Student Council
- Canned food drive
- Book Swap
- Monthly service projects
- Spirit days
- Animal Shelter donations drive
- Partnership with Fort Myer Military Community
- Field trips and tours of historical landmarks on Fort Myer Military Base
- School supplies for needy children
- Cultural activities from base available to Long Branch community

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- PTA activities & meetings
- Building Advisory Committee
- Room coordinators
- Classroom volunteers
- Parents as Readers
- Schoolyard Garden
- Bingo Night
- Helping Hands
- Ice Cream Social
- Teacher Appreciation
- Spring Fair/Auction
- Book Fair
- Reach for Reading parent workshops
- Adopt-A-Family Program