



## TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Home of the Discovery Schoolyard Program*

*Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2009*

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Explore! Discover! Investigate! With a strong inquiry-based approach to learning, Tuckahoe students are taught in an environment that maintains high expectations and standards for all students. The teaching staff uses best instructional practices, higher level thinking skills and problem-solving strategies to ensure academic excellence and achievement. Teachers develop lessons that address a range of learning styles, abilities, interests, and multiple intelligences. Teaching and learning is facilitated with technology and a multisensory program for the delivery of instruction. Academic lessons, activities and projects are further enriched and stimulated by a unifying school theme focused on environmental habitats. In addition, we have created a unique learning environment through our "Discovery Schoolyard" program. It provides a creative and innovative way to meet the needs of the whole child by using our schoolyard as a context for integrating the APS curriculum and providing cross-graded experiences. This educational resource and instructional tool includes an enclosed courtyard, an official National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat site, outdoor amphitheater, ancient plaza, observations gallery, colonial village and multiple theme gardens. Come visit us, "**Experience the World through Tuckahoe!**"

### GOALS

- Connect the Standards of Learning (SOLs) with implementation of Arlington curriculum in math, science, social studies, and language arts.
- Monitor achievement of SOLs.
- Utilize the Discovery Schoolyard exemplary project to increase student learning.
- Provide high quality education program for all students.
- Use technology as an instructional tool.
- Eliminate achievement gaps between all student groups.

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wordmasters
- Book Buddies
- Math Dice Competition
- Tuckahoe Town
- Geography Bee
- Pi Day
- Continental Math League
- Colonial Day
- Discovery Schoolyard Exemplary Project
- First Grade Play

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Aachen, Germany Sister City Exchange
- Rock Spring Garden Club Partnership
- Mini walk for Arlington's Street People's Assistance Network (ASPAN)
- Annual 5K Race
- Color Guard
- Weather Bug Program
- Annual charity basketball game
- Annual AFAC Donations
- Winter/Spring concerts

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2009
- Virginia Board of Education VIP Excellence Award 2008, 2010, 2011
- Take Pride in America School 2007
- Virginia Naturally School 2007, 2008
- Washington Post, Arlington Community Foundation, and Virginia Commission of Arts grant recipients
- Project Fit America grant
- National Gardening Association "Youth Gardening" Award
- National Guard & Reserve Seven Seals Award for Employer Support
- Cultural Competence Level 1 Completion

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- PTA fundraisers
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Family Fitness Day
- Family Sock Hop
- Ice Cream Social
- Expedition days
- Annual Art Show
- Book Swap
- PTA family workdays
- Young Author's Night
- Classroom volunteers
- School committees
- Career Day
- Garden Pals
- Teacher Mini-Grant Program
- Odyssey of the Mind