

PARENTS' HANDBOOK



1957 - 1958

ARLINGTON

VIRGINIA

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957-1958

First Day of School	Sept. 5
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Oct. 21, 22 Mon. & Tues 28, 29 Mon. & Tues.
V. E. A. Convention - No school	Nov. 1 - Friday
Veterans' Day Holiday	Nov. 11 - Monday
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 28, 29 - Thurs. & Fri.
Christmas Holiday	Dec. 20 Friday (end of day) reopen Jan 2
In-Service - No school for children	Jan. 27, 28, 29 - Mon., Tues., Wed.
Mid-year written Reports	By Jan. 30
Beginning of second semester	Jan. 30 - Thurs.
Parent-Teachers Conferences	Mar. 17, 19 - Mon., Wed. 24, 25 - Mon., Tues.
Spring Vacation	April 3, 4, 7 - Thurs., Fri., Mon.
Memorial Day Holiday	May 30 - Friday
Records Day	June 12 - Thurs.
Last Day of School for Pupils & Final Written Reports	June 13 - Friday
Last Day of School for Teachers	June 14 - Saturday

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Primary I.	Room 2 Mrs. Pauline Martin
	Room 3 Mrs. Gloria Snyder
Primary II.	Room 1 Mrs. Nancy Montgomery
	Room 4 Miss Marilyn Montgomery
Primary III.	Room 5 Mrs. Ann Nordin
	Room 6 Mrs. Dorothy Main
Grade 4	Room 7 Mrs. Ann Daniels
	Room 8 Mrs. Peg Brogan
Grade 5	Room 9 Mr. Edward Ort
	Room 10 Mr. Arthur Kane
Instrumental Music	Mrs. Elizabeth Krebs

ABINGDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3035 S. Abingdon Street

King 9-2159, Office

King 8-7389, Cafeteria

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BEFORE WE BEGIN...

Children who are entering Arlington County Public Schools for the first time must present a birth certificate and a vaccination certificate for small pox. A vaccination scar may be accepted in lieu of the certificate.

Only children who have reached their sixth birthday on or before October 1 of the current year are eligible for admission to the first grade.

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BACKGROUND...

Abingdon elementary school provides a program of education for all children from grades one thru five inclusive.

Children from Park Shirlington, North Fairlington and Claremont Apartments are included in the Abingdon School District. Exceptions to this are the sixth grade children. These children are presently housed in the Fairlington School in South Fairlington. Public school buses transport the sixth grade to the Fairlington School. No bus transportation is provided for children enrolled in Abingdon School.

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THIS YEAR...

School hours:

Primary 1 and 2	9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Primary 3, and	
Grade 4 and 5	9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Parents are requested to see that their children do not arrive at school earlier than 9:15 A.M. Children arriving earlier than the designated time frequently find it difficult to settle down to the class-room program because they are over stimulated, due to extended periods of play before the beginning of the school day.

Children are admitted to the building at 9:25 and school begins at 9:30 A.M. In the event of inclement weather children immediately upon arrival will enter through the front entrances (main hall and exterior doors opposite rooms 8, 9 and 10) and will go directly to their classrooms.

All children are expected to be in school every day, arrive on

time and to remain until the school day is over.

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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM... Cafeteria service begins at 11:40 and continues until all classes have been served. Children desiring to go home for lunch may extend their lunch period 15 minutes beyond the usual half hour allotted for those eating at school.

The first school day of each week (usually Monday) is set aside for the collection of weekly lunch (milk included) or milk money. Children bringing their lunch may purchase milk on a weekly basis.

School lunch (milk included)---	\$1.65 per week
Milk only-----	.20 per week

If a child has been absent the previous week or school is not in session for a full week, please deduct 33¢ a day for lunch or 4¢ a day for milk for the number of days the child has not been in school.

Since some children are likely to lose money on their way to school it might be advisable to put it in a sealed envelope with their name and room number on it.

Any child who plans to go home for lunch on a regular basis must bring in a note from the parents indicating permission. Children will not be permitted to leave the building unless such a dated, written permission is on file with his teacher.

EARLY DISMISSAL...

Every first and third Monday, starting September 16th all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are dismissed at 2:30 P. M. Faculty Curriculum Meetings are held on these afternoons.

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ABSENCES...

When a pupil has been absent from school, he is required on the day he returns, to bring a note giving the date and exact reasons for his absences. These absences are recorded on the child's health record. Daily absences should not be phoned into the office. All cases of communicable disease should be reported to the school so that other parents may be informed of the exposure to the disease.

If a child is absent in excess of five consecutive school days a written medical excuse from a licensed practicing physician indicating exact date of illness is required. The exception to this are instances of obvious communicable disease.

INJURIES... Every member of the staff of the Abingdon School has completed the Red Cross First Aid Course. First Aid is given for minor injuries at school. In cases of more serious injury, parents are notified immediately. When parents cannot be located at once your doctor's office is contacted. Make sure the school has your doctor's name and phone number and a neighbor to notify in case of emergency.

INSURANCE... The Arlington County Council of P.T.A.'s sponsors a group insurance plan for Arlington County school children at a cost of \$1.50 per child. The accident insurance policy with Mutual of Omaha may be obtained by contacting the chairman of the Room Mothers Mrs. Maxine Wood - Ki8-1682. The closing date for this insurance coverage is Sept. 13, 1957.

TEXTBOOKS... Free textbooks are provided in all elementary schools. Books are issued in classroom sets in order to provide for individual differences. Reading books are not taken home until they have been completed.

There is a copy of each textbook used in the Abingdon School on display in the office. You are invited to see these books and you may remove them to a place in the building for examination at your leisure.

FIELD TRIPS... Field trips are an important part of the school program. Permission slips are sent home previous to a field trip. These signed permission slips must be returned to the school at least a day before the scheduled trip. The usual cost of a field trip is 25¢. Children who do not have signed permission slips will have to remain at school.

TELEPHONE CALLS... The school telephone number is King 9-2159. Mrs. Johnston, the school secretary is in the building from 9:00 to 2:30 P.M. It

will be greatly appreciated if you will leave messages for teachers during this time.

Teachers and children will not be called to the telephone during school hours except in case of extreme emergency. Staff members will be notified of your call and will return such calls at the first opportunity.

Messages for children will not be delivered to the classroom except in an emergency. Changes in plans during the day cannot be acknowledged as emergencies. This is necessary in order to avoid undue interruptions to the classrooms. Emergency Closing of School Plans should be used for such situations.

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REQUESTS TO LEAVE EARLY...

A child cannot be released from school during the regular school day to anyone except his parents.

Telephone requests for children to come home must be confirmed by a return call to the home before a child is permitted to leave. This arrangement is to be used only in case of emergency. Therefore, we request that if a child must leave school early, a note be sent to school indicating the time, reason and whether the child is to come home.

Dental and/or doctors' appointments should be arranged for after school hours. Any other early dismissal request cannot be considered as a legitimate reason for dismissal from school.

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EMERGENCY DRILLS...

Emergency drills, such as fire drills and civil defense drills, are planned, and regular practice drills are held in accordance with the recommendations of officials of the Civil Defense Program and the Fire Department.

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EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL...

The sudden weather changes during the winter may make it necessary to close schools because of the hazards of transportation. Should this occur on any day prior to the time for opening schools, announcements will be made on all radio networks beginning at 7:00 o'clock in the morning.

In the event weather conditions should force the closing of schools during the middle of the day or in the early afternoon, arrangements should be made now with neighbors in order that someone may be responsible for your child whenever any emergency arises.

The schools will do everything possible to insure the safety of your children, and we urge that you make the necessary arrangements now to meet these emergencies which may occur later. Please notify us about any change in telephone numbers and be sure your child is familiar with the arrangements stated on the Emergency Closing of School Forms.

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SAFETY... The school drive is closed to cars during the following hours:
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A crossing guard officer designated by the Arlington County Police Department or an Arlington County Patrolman will be on duty at the school drive during the above hours. Double parking on or near the school drive to pick up or discharge children from cars is not permitted.

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All children are directed to cross at the crosswalk or corners on which Mother Patrols or student Safety Squads are on duty. These people are on duty 20 minutes before school opens and 20 minutes after school closes.

Any child who does not follow the safety rules and ignores the services of the Mother Patrols and the Student Safety Squads will be reported to the principal, and parents will be notified of the situation.

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BICYCLES... Only children in the 4th and 5th grades may ride bicycles to the school and they must have a bicycle license too. If children do ride bicycles to school, parents must take full responsibility for their safety.

The Safety Division of the Arlington County Police Dept. has made available a booklet on instructions and rules for bicycle owners which will be given to the 4th and 5th grade students.

Parents must send in dated written permission to the class-

room teacher for children who desire to ride bikes to school.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES...

All 4th and 5th grade children are requested to obtain a loose leaf notebook, preferably 2 rings, a set of dividers and 5th graders should have a ballpoint pen. Other instructional supplies such as crayons, paints, paste etc. are supplied by the school.

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DISCIPLINE...

All teachers are responsible for all pupils of Abingdon who need them whether they are on duty and whether the child is in his or her class. Each child is responsible to each teacher, whether his own or not. School privileges are given to children according to their ability to use them for good. The child who abuses privileges to the detriment of the group may be denied these privileges. High standards of good behavior will be established and will be maintained in all parts of the school at all times.

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EXEMPTION FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION PERIODS...

An excuse from a doctor or the family requesting exemption from all or a part of the physical education program should be sent to the school nurse for review, before the excuse is honored. Limited participation in the physical education program may be provided for those who are recovering from a serious illness.

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES...

The Arlington County Department of Recreation and Parks offers classes for adults and children in areas of dance, music, self-improvement, art, crafts, language, etc. Notification of these classes and schedules usually are sent home with the children. Additional information concerning these classes may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at JA 7-8888. All arrangements for attendance of these classes must be made with the Recreation Department.

GETTING THE FULL VALUE...

A good school program includes making the most of your opportunity by visiting the school and classrooms frequently. Parents are cordially invited to visit the school and the classes and to confer with the teacher about their children.

Parents are requested to contact the teacher at least a day in advance of the visit in order that the visit will not interfere with scheduled activities such as tests, etc. If you are particularly anxious to see one activity or a certain period of the day, consulting with the teacher in advance will mean that she can help you plan for the best time to visit.

In order that every possible precaution may be taken to safeguard the children of our school, parents are requested to stop by the office before visiting any of the classrooms to notify us of your presence in the building.

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TIPS TO VISITORS...

Enter the room without knocking. Sometimes a child host or hostess will greet you and find you a seat. Other times the teacher will be free to welcome you. Most of the time being unobtrusive and inconspicuous will pay off to your advantage. Life will go on around you, oblivious to your presence and you will see your child in a normal group setting (almost, anyway).

Visiting time is not the time for talking with the teacher.
Make a special conference date if you want to talk things over with her.

Remember, much has gone on before and much will come after the segment of the day which you have seen. Please come again and often. By working closely together and by understanding one another, all of us can do a better job for your children.

In the case of special conferences parents are requested to contact teachers in advance so that mutually satisfactory appointments may be made that will assure the parents and the teachers of time and privacy which are so vital to the success of any conference.

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EVALUATION OF THE CHILD'S WORK...

Evaluation is an ongoing process. It begins with the planning of the work and continues daily as certain areas of learning are developed.

We know that each child is an individual and that he grows at his own rate. For some children this rate is more rapid than for

others. The growth of each child is constantly being evaluated throughout the school year and parents are kept informed by means of scheduled conferences and written reports.

Placement of the children in a classroom is made on the basis of the individual child's total development which would include physical, social, emotional and mental growth. The child's growth is also measured in line with grade standards and objectives which are contained in the Virginia Courses of Study and the Arlington County Teachers Guides.

Tests both standardized and teacher-made objective tests are also used in evaluating the child's progress. The primary objective of standardized tests is to assist the teacher to gain a better understanding of individual children. This is one means of appraising a pupil's achievement in basic skills, of analyzing specific needs and abilities and of discovering potential levels of achievement.

Results of achievement and aptitude tests are interpreted to parents through a parent-teacher conference. In discussing the results of the tests teachers use the profile to show the pupil's strengths and weaknesses and his achievement in relationship to the national norm. Actual scores on mental maturity or IQ tests are not given to parents but an interpretation of the pupil's abilities in terms of average, below average, above average and superior abilities are given.

The testing program for 1957-58 for Abingdon School is as follows: Primary, 3rd Year - California Test of Mental Maturity - Sept. 23-27

Primary, 3rd Year - California Achievement Tests - Oct. 1-14

5th Grade - California Achievement Tests - Oct. 1-15

5th Grade - California Test of Mental Maturity - Nov. 4-15

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REPORTING... Elementary reports are made to parents four times during the year. Two of these are parent-teacher conferences and the other two are written reports.

School is dismissed for Parent-teacher conferences on the afternoons of the following days: October 21, 22, 28, 29, 1957 and March 17, 19, 24, 25, 1958.

A period of approximately one-half hour will be allowed for each conference. During the conference specific information will be

given to the parent showing the progress of the child. This will include information regarding achievement tests, samples of work and other specific information.

Written reports are to be issued on or before January 30, 1958 and on June 12, 1958. Two different kinds of written reports are used. For children in the primary department (first, second and third grades) the written report is in narrative form. This is an informally written summary of the child's growth and performance covering the academic subjects and all other significant aspects of his school life. For children in the intermediate department (fourth and fifth grades), the written report is a combination type. It includes a list of the academic subjects studied. The teacher checks whether the child's achievement in each academic subject is above, at, or below the level normally expected in that grade. The rest of the report is written in narrative form.

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PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS...

P.T.A. meetings provide opportunity for the school and community to meet on common basis and share ideas and information which can strengthen not only the school program but the educational program for all children including those enrolled in Abingdon School. Children appreciate and frequently discuss parent participation in and attendance at the P.T.A. meetings. Attendance at these meetings seems to increase the confidence of the child, parent and teacher in the endeavor that is before us.

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MAKING THE MOST OF OUR RESOURCES

SCHOOL COMMITTEES...

For the past several years Abingdon School has provided additional opportunities for children who have special talents or interests. Each staff member sponsors a committee in which he or she has had additional experience. Every child is encouraged by his teacher to join a committee which will extend his abilities.

These committees meet for 30 minutes once a week at which time every child reports to his or her committee. The committees are as follows:

- Individual Interests (Grades 1-5)
- Library (Grades 2-5)
- Science (Grades 1 & 2; 3, 4, & 5)
- Drama and oral expression (Grade 1-5)
- Creative writing (Grades 3, 4, 5)
- Arts (Grades 1-5)
- Music (Grades 1 & 2; 3, 4 & 5)
- Foreign language (Grades 1-5)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC...

The Arlington County Public Schools offer instruction this year for Grades 4, 5, and 6, on the following orchestral instruments: Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, and Trombone. Free class lessons for beginners and advanced players will be given once each week during school hours. Each student is responsible for securing his own instrument with the necessary equipment such as rosin, strings, reeds, and the instruction book. Mrs. Elizabeth Krebs will offer instruction at Abingdon on Wednesday afternoons.

HELPING TEACHERS AND SERVICES...

Arlington County classroom teachers have the major responsibility for planning and carrying out an adequate program in all instructional areas. Consultative personnel are available in the following areas: elementary education, teaching materials, music, speech, health education, visiting teacher services, art, psychological case study and research. "Helping teachers" who have additional training in art, music, physical education, reading, speech and hearing, or general education, are available to all classroom teachers as resource personnel to supplement and enrich the classroom program. An effective program requires that the classroom teacher take the initiative in requesting the services of helping teachers. Abingdon School "helping teachers" are as follows:

General

Mrs. Ruth Graff

Art

Mrs. Nancy McDonald

Classroom Music

Mrs. Elizabeth Short

Physical Education

Mr. James Motts

Reading

Mrs. Zella Fize

Speech

Mrs. Billie Aldridge

Visiting Teacher

Mrs. Cora Fisher

STUDENT SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS...

Abingdon School recognizes the importance of leadership roles in the school program. These service organizations are set up to give children leadership opportunities along with responsibility for service to fellow classmates.

1. **Safety Patrols - Mr. Ort**

Children are elected for these jobs from Grades 4 & 5

2. **Student Council - Mrs. Peg Brogan**

Children from all grades are elected for this total school program.

3. Service Squad - Mrs. Daniels

Children from fourth and fifth grades are selected by staff members and classmates for this squad.

4. School Store - Mr. Kane

Mr. Kane's room sponsors a School Store again this year. Such articles as pencils, paper, paste, notebooks, erasers, 3 x 5 file cards, dividers and crayons will be sold on Mon., Wed., and Fri.

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SCHOOL HEALTH...

Mrs. Arnott, a public health nurse, works at Abingdon School every Friday. The school nurses are interested in the development of the health program as a part of the total school program.

Mrs. Arnott cooperates with staff members in maintaining and improving the health status of each child.

Measurements of height and weight, and vision tests are taken annually. Routine hearing tests are given by a technician in grades one and four. Individual hearing tests are given in any grade to children with a known hearing loss or who indicate symptoms of a hearing loss, or in some cases of speech difficulty.

Booster doses of diphtheria toxoid will be offered to children under eight years of age who have not been immunized within the past two years. Toxoid is administered when parents have given written permission by signing the form letter provided by the school nurse.

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SCHOOL - COMMUNITY COOPERATION..**CARE OF SCHOOL, EQUIPMENT, GROUNDS, etc. ...**

Abingdon is a new, attractive, modern elementary school with latest features such as, light furniture, glass brick and pastel colored walls.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of teachers, parents, custodians, cafeteria personnel and principal to impress on children and adults alike the necessity for protecting the school and grounds against abnormally hard or careless usage, or vandalism of any type. The names of children or adults abusing the school or grounds should be immediately reported to the principal. In cases of Abingdon school children, the principal will contact the parents in order to arrange compensation for damage done.

It is the duty of each teacher, child, parent and community

member to protect Abingdon School from abuse during and after school hours. This school is our community investment!

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CLOTHING -

LOST ARTICLES...

Parents are requested to label coats, jackets, sweaters, galoshes, and the like. A lost and found box is kept in the office for the purpose of helping children reclaim lost articles. Articles of clothing still unclaimed at the end of the year are turned over to the Police Department for disposal.

Abingdon school has radiant heat. Therefore, the wearing apparel for inside the building should be light.

Most clean clothes are appropriate for school. Parents are requested to see that boys do not wear the type jeans that feature rivets on pockets and seams. The rivets mar the school furniture and make it unattractive for pupil use.

Desirable and appropriate wearing apparel for girls does not include such items as shorts, halters, sunsuits or jeans.

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PARTIES...

School parties are an interesting and important educational experience. Children learn by planning, purchasing, hostessing, etc., and therefore children, in cooperation with Room Mothers, have the responsibility of their own parties. These parties are limited to three each year for all classes and are scheduled for the last hour in the school day.

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ILLNESS...

Any child who does not appear to feel well will be sent home after the parents have been notified and proper arrangements have been made for someone to pick up the child.

Any child who has been sent home from school because of illness should remain at home until he has been symptom free and fever free for forty-eight hours. This also applies to children who have been ill at home the night before or absent one day due to illness.

All cases of communicable diseases should be reported to the school at once for the protection of the other children. Notices of common communicable diseases will be sent out by the PTA Health Committee. Please refer to the chart on the next page for incubation periods, contacts and exclusion from school.

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<u>DISEASES AND INCUBATION</u>	<u>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CHART</u>	<u>EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL</u>
<u>EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	
<u>Chickenpox</u> 14-16 days	Rash of small blisters developing from small pimples and terminating in crusts, fever with beginning of eruption	6 days from appearance of first crop of vesicles, if no complications occur
<u>Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)</u> 36 to 48 hours	Redness of one or both eyes, with or without discharge	Until redness and/or discharge has disappeared
<u>German Measles (3 day measles)</u> 10-21 days Usually 18	Slight fever, enlarged neck and head glands, small spotted rash	7 days from onset of illness
<u>Measles</u> 10-21 days	Fever, symptoms of a head cold, inflamed and watery eyes, rash usually on 3rd or 4th day	7 days from appearance of rash providing no complications are present
<u>Mumps</u> 12-26 days Usually 18	Swelling of side of neck below and in front of ear, fever and headache usually present	Until swelling of glands disappears
<u>Meningitis</u> 2-10 days Usually 7	Fever, headache, vomiting, and stiffness of neck	Until recovery
<u>Whooping Cough</u> 7-21 days Usually 7	Mild bronchial cough, gradually increasing to paroxysms and characteristic "whoop" in two weeks	4 weeks from onset of disease, 2 weeks after characteristic cough
<u>Scarlet Fever and other Respiratory Streptococcal Infections</u> 2-5 days	Fever, nausea, vomiting, sore throat, and fine pin point rash. Onset usually sudden	7 days from onset of illness or until complications have disappeared
		Contacts of these acute diseases are not excluded from school. Contacts who have not had the disease should be inspected daily during the incubation period by parents and teachers. They must be kept at home or excluded promptly on the appearance of the first symptoms
		Exclusion or daily inspection for 5 days from date of last exposure, if under antibiotic treatment may remain in school

DISEASES AND INCUBATION

EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

DURATION

EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL

Poliomyelitis
7-14 days

Headache, moderate fever, vomiting, associated with stiffness of neck and spine. Weakness or paralysis may develop later

During clinical course of disease, probably not longer than 14 days

7 days from date of onset

Diphtheria
2-5 days

Sore throat, cough, difficulty in breathing or croup, white patches on throat, tonsils or palate

Until certification from County Health Department

Until certification from County Health Department

Impetigo
2-5 days

Blisters which become purulent. This dries and forms a yellowish crusted scab on skin or mucous membrane

Until pustules are healed

None
Observe carefully

Trench Mouth
(incubation period variable)

Soreness on swallowing, foul breath, soreness and swelling of cervical lymph nodes, fever, pain, swollen darkened gums, etc.

Until certification from dentist or doctor stating condition is no longer contagious

None
Observe carefully for early symptoms

Pediculosis
7-14 days

Itching scalp, presence of nits and lice in hair

Until live lice are destroyed (determined by nurse) continuous treatment until nits are removed

None
Contacts in family and class are inspected carefully

Ringworm of Scalp

Localized round scaly patches with short broken hairs - diagnosis must be confirmed by inspection of scalp under Wood's Light

None, if under treatment and stocking cap is worn until condition is declared cured by school physician

None
Contacts in family and class are inspected under Wood's Light

<u>DISEASES AND INCUBATION</u>	<u>EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL</u>
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Ringworm of
Skin

Scaly, red,
circular or
oval patches
on skin

If lesions are
treated and
covered, pupil
may attend
school - If
impractical
to cover
lesions, ex-
cuse pupil
until skin
is clear

None
Observe
carefully

Scabies (Itch)
24-48 hours

Whitish, super-
ficial, thread
like elevations
of skin between
fingers, at
wrists, under
arms and on
abdomen and
buttocks
scratch marks
on same areas

Until ade-
quately
treated by
an effective
miticide

None
inspect
daily for
one week

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SUBURBAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS: These tickets are distributed free through the music departments of schools and are held at different suburban localities but there is no definite schedule for their distribution.

TINY TOTS CONCERTS (ages 3 to 6) : The format of the Tiny Tots concert includes an invitation to the children to walk through the orchestra and talk to the musicians and acquaint themselves with the instruments of an orchestra. Dr. Mitchell talks to the young listeners about the program and he usually includes a session of instrument demonstration in which he introduces the various instrument groups.

These concerts are held under various auspices, and dates and details are obtained from publicity sources.

In order to arrange any of the above-mentioned concerts we must have several interested parents who will plan the transportation and handle the purchase of tickets. Please contact Mrs. Beatrice Frank at KI 9-6762 for particulars.

PTA

ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 1957-58 school year at Abingdon. Your officers and committee chairmen have spent long hours on the preliminaries for what is hoped will be a most successful year.

Your teachers, of course, have also spent many hours in preparation for this school year.

The parents of Abingdon students have been outstanding in their constructive interest in the educational program and general welfare of Abingdon school. The PTA has been a major vehicle of the conversion of this interest into concrete results.

It cannot be over emphasized that the success of the PTA in making and carrying out worthwhile plans is directly dependent upon the cooperation and support of each family.

The goal of the PTA is one hundred per cent membership and full participation. As "Smokey Bear" says about forest fires, only you can prevent the achievement of that goal. So join NOW if you haven't already done so and give the PTA the benefit of your suggestions and help.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

OFFICERS

Pres.	Harland Leathers
1st. V. Pres.	Arthur Wesp
2nd. V. Pres.	Corinne Jeffries
Rec. Sec.	Bertha Shostak
Cor. Sec.	Geneva Liebesny
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TE6-6856
OV3-4559
CL6-1476
TE6-0306
TE6-5930

Treas.	Brice Rhyne	KI8-6744
Historian		
Parlementarian	Olga Brown	KI8-3167

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Budget & Finance	Henry Wood	TE6-1501
Bldg. & Grounds	Charles McDowell	TE6-4626
Bulletin	Katherine Shemeld	OV3-1650
Civil Defense & Mother Patrol	Shirlee Arnold	KI8-2289
Curriculum	Henry Dearborn	KI8-6323
Art	Ruth Buhrman	KI9-6294
Speech	Mary V. Scholin	KI9-4587
	Thelma Surkin	OV3-0516
Music	Beatrice Frank	KI9-6762 TE6-5515
Dad's Committee	Clyde Wetherington	TE6-5433
Health	Mary Leith	KI8-7208
Hospitality	Lydia Dyer	KI9-7459
Human Resources	Helen Conway	KI9-6087
Legislation	Margaret Killingsworth	KI9-4509
Library	Louise Elankenship	OV3-5502
Membership	Evelyn Jones	KI8-9376
Program	Raphael Brown	KI8-3167
Publicity	Allan Scholin	KI9-4587
Room Mothers	Maxine Wood	KI8-1682
Ways & Means	Virginia Wesp	OV3-4559

ROOM MOTHERS

First Grade	Room 2	Sylvia Miller	KI8-4749
	Room 3	Margaret Harris	KI8-4233
Second Grade	Room 1	Thelma Rhyne	KI8-6744
	Room 4	Elizabeth Rothenburger	TE6-0029
Third Grade	Room 5	Maxine Marshall	OV3-4215
	Room 6	Lucille Darrow	KI8-3814
Fourth Grade	Room 7	Mary Murphy	TE6-0212
	Room 8	Marty Whitley	TE6-0808
Fifth Grade	Room 9	Bunny Wood	TE6-1501
	Room 10	Norma Jones	KI8-1523
		Marion Savige	KI8-3016

PTA COMMITTEES

The following is a list of the various PTA Committees and their duties. Many provide direct service to the school, others operate on a county level, and still others are necessary for the efficient function of the PTA. It is hoped that you will choose to serve on one or more of these committees.

Budget & Finance - Prepare yearly budget on basis of committee needs, and recommend means of meeting the financial requirements.

Building & Grounds - Survey needs and make recommendations regarding playground equipment, landscaping and inside equipment.

Bulletin - Prepare handbook and monthly newsletter and notices for other PTA sponsored events; provide channel of communication for information to parent from school.

Civil Defense & Safety - Until school patrol is organized, organize a Mother Patrol for safety of children at street crossings. Participate in County and School Civil Defense Program.

Curriculum - Members serve as representatives to Community Council on Instruction; arrange for procurement and circulation of appropriate literature; and arrange for group meetings on subject matter areas of special interest. Some of the subject matter specialities are:

Art
Music
Speech

Dad's Committee - Cooperate with other committees in planning and construction (for special events and equipment).

Health - Assist with routine examinations and inoculations; assist in pre-school conference in spring.

Hospitality - Serve as reception committee for teachers, and provide refreshments at general membership meetings and special occasions.

Human Resources - Collect and record for the use of the officers and other committees information concerning the talents and hobbies of members.

Legislation - Observe, study, and disseminate information to local PTA members about existing and new legislation concerning our schools and children.

Library - Catalog and repair books, and arrange for book acquisitions.

Membership - Recruit members for the PTA.

Program - Submit plans for programs to the Executive Committee and carry out the plans for programs approved by that Committee.

Publicity - Send notice of PTA meetings to newspaper; maintain contact with other community organizations as necessary.

Room Mothers - Organize the mothers of the room into working committees and to assist teachers where needed, i.e. in planning the Christmas party, field trips and other activities.

Ways & Means - Plan money raising affairs.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE The legal responsibility for the educational policy in the public schools of Arlington County lies with the school board and the superintendent of schools. The educational program maintained by the community, however, is the concern of all its citizens and their participation in educational planning should be kept as direct and informal as possible.

Advisory committees for each school are appointed by the board accordance with Section 22-79 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. These committees provide one means by which the people in the community may express their opinions and wishes to the school board. Although the school board has the authority and responsibility in making final decisions, citizen participation in educational planning is essential at all times.

The function of these advisory committees is to serve as liaison between the school community, and the superintendent and the school board.

Our Advisory Committee is as follows:

Mr. Richard Franz	OV3-0643
Mr. Raphael Brown	KI8-3167
Mr. Maurice Arnold	KI8-2289
Mrs. Armando Pacheco	KI9-5248

COUNTY COUNCIL...

The County Council is the central organization of all the Arlington County PTA's. Delegates and alternates are appointed by the President of the PTA to represent their school at the County level. The president of the PTA and the school principal are also members of the County Council. This years delegates are:

President	Mr. Harland Leathers
Principal	Mrs. Corinne Jeffries
Delegate #1	Mr. Raphael Brown
Delegate #2	Mr. Maurice Arnold
Alternates	Mrs. Evelyn Jones
	Mr. Brice Rhyne

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CIVIC NOTICES

Cub Scouts

Arlington Cub Pack 120, sponsored by the Fairlington Civic Assn., will hold its first meeting at 7:30 P.M., Friday, October 4th, at Abingdon School. Subsequent meetings will be held the last Friday of every month. Membership is limited to boys who are eight, and not more than eleven years old. The membership fee is two dollars. Get your application from Membership and Organization Chairman, Sherwood Jones, 4872 S. 28th St., telephone KI 8-9376 or Pack Committee Chairman, Donald Dere, 2968 S. Columbus St., telephone OV 3-2715. Application form and membership fee should be turned in to Mr. Jones by September 25th for initiation at the first meeting.

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ATTENTION NEW VOTERS!

In order to vote in this coming election, new voters must have registered on or before October 5, 1957. You may register at the County Court House, or by making an appointment with your Precinct Registrar. Abingdon Precinct's Registrar is Mrs. Louise Gabel, who may be reached at OV 3-1770.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS
given by the NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS at Constitution Hall at 2:00 P.M.

Series of 3 concerts:

Tuesdays (Contact Mrs. Frank at KI 9-6762
or Thursdays for dates)

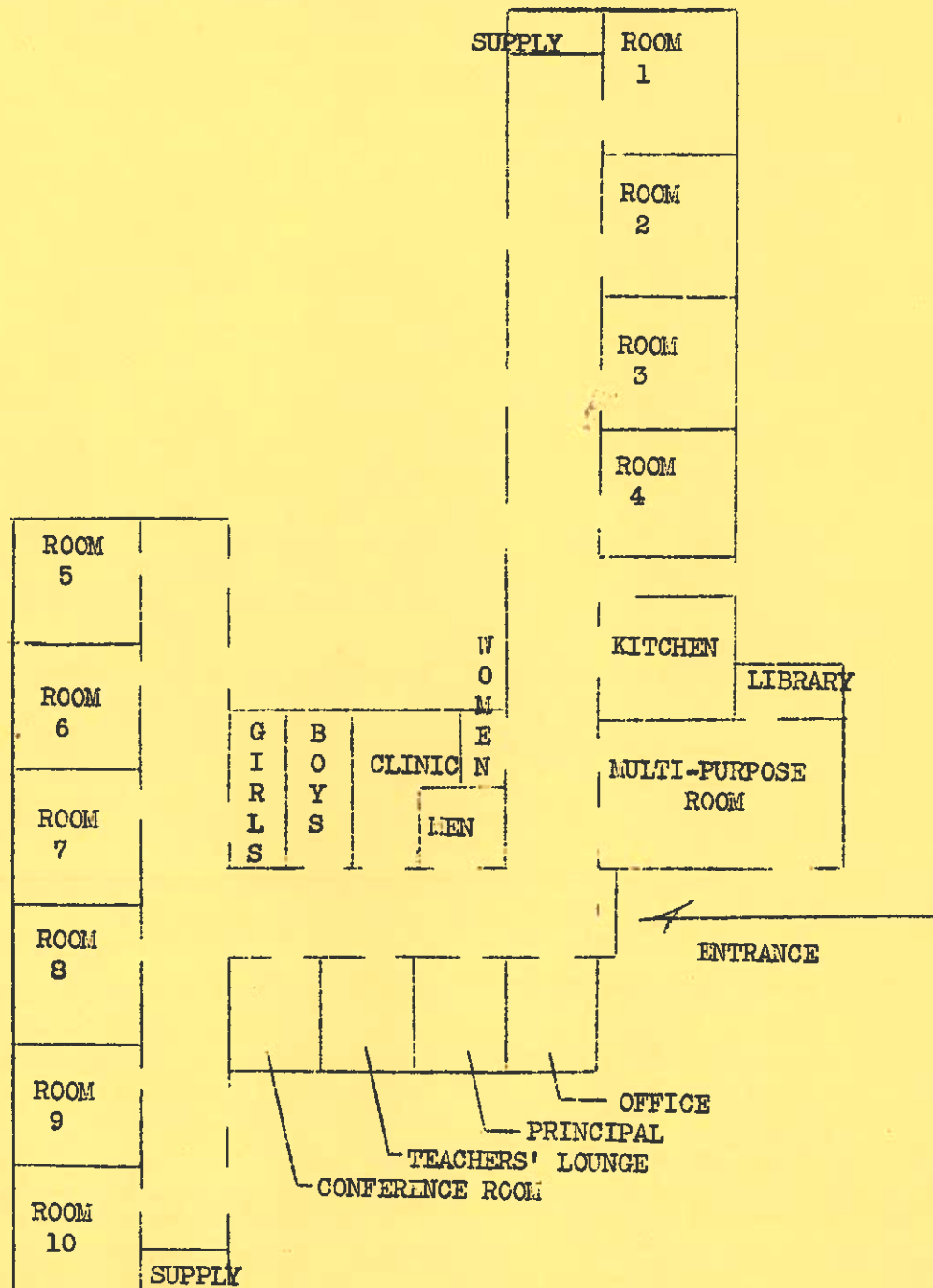
COST: Series (3 concerts) \$3.20, \$2.40, \$1.60, and \$1.00

THESE TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED DURING SEPT. ON A SERIES BASIS.

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