



CARLIN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

National Award-Winning Community School

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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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Carlin Springs Elementary is a fully accredited elementary school that serves an international community of children in grades Pre-K through five. Our primary goal is to educate our children to become caring, responsible individuals who are literate, informed and productive members of the community. As a Community School, we provide students and their families with connections to a host of community organizations and volunteers. We are very proud of the array of enrichment and club activities reinforcing the instructional program offered to students through this model. We also offer parent workshops, family library nights and weekly developmental playgroups for toddlers and their parents.

Carlin Springs' program is both challenging and enriching. Differentiated instruction allows teachers to meet individual student needs. We offer a strong technology program, including opportunities for students such as the morning news and interactive Smart Boards in most classrooms.

Not only is our building a wonderful place to work and learn, it sends a clear message that Carlin Springs continually strives for excellence and making a difference in every child's life.

GOALS

- Raise student academic performance on all measures of achievement.
- Provide a rich and challenging curriculum through differentiated instruction and the integration of technology.
- Promote and increase active participation of the broader community in the school and in the lives of our students.
- Ensure that staff and parents understand each student's academic strengths, needs and progress.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Mathematics instructional resource teacher provides curriculum support to staff and students
- Summer school and summer camp
- Implementation of Spanish Instruction, K-5
- Science enrichment classes, K-5
- School-wide Title I and Reading is Fundamental (R.I.F.)
- Full implementation of Reading Recovery
- Federally- and state-funded class size reduction program
- Virginia Preschool Initiative Program (VPI) for four-year-olds
- Outdoor learning area for science and history
- Implementation of My Reading Coach and Earobics
- Collaboration with local artist for curriculum-based projects

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Community School National Award for Excellence 2007
- Educational Theatre Company Partner of the Year 2009
- Thirty-one business and community partnerships support students, staff and families.
- Community School under Partnership for Children, Youth and Families
- VPI program is a 4-Star Program in the Virginia Quality Initiative.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Project Family – early childhood classes and playgroups for toddlers and their parents or caregivers
- Lunch Buddy Program – More than 50 community volunteers mentor individual students each week.
- Reading Buddy Program – supports literacy in primary grades
- Family library nights and enrichment activities for children
- Harvey Hall after-school program for students in grades three to five
- Arlington Virginia Federal Credit Union student branch
- Y.E.S. (Youth Experiencing Success) clubs for students in grades three to five
- Greenbrier Learning Center for students in grades three to five
- Thirty different after-school enrichment opportunities throughout the school year

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Organization of Parents, Teachers and Students (OPTS)
- Building Advisory Committee
- Classroom volunteers
- Family curriculum and activity nights
- Friday Morning Coffee with Principal
- Parent workshops and field trips
- Career Fair
- Fall Festival