



## FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ “ESCUELA KEY”

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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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- *An International Spanish Academy*
- *A Team School with Arlington Science Focus, Jamestown and Taylor*

Key School ~ Escuela Key is proud to celebrate 25 years of Two-Way Spanish Immersion. We strive for academic excellence while developing a lifelong love of learning. We celebrate bilingualism, biliteracy and our diversity. We support children as they learn to respect themselves and others as they attain a sense of self and an appreciation for the global community while providing rich academic and social experiences that emphasize cooperation, personal integrity, creativity and community in order to help our students reach their full potential.

Every student at Key School ~ Escuela Key participates fully in Two-Way Spanish-English Immersion. This internationally recognized program is designed to teach children a world language in a natural way through everyday conversation and content instruction. The students use each other as language models, and, by the fifth grade, are able to communicate effectively in two languages. We further believe in the benefits of learning two languages in the context of their diverse cultures, as our students become citizens of the world, using technology as a tool for responding to the challenges of our ever-changing world.

Key School ~ Escuela Key is a good place for all children to learn and grow.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Principal earned Doctorate in Education from The George Washington University and received “Outstanding Student in Bilingual Special Education” award 2009
- Principal published article in ACIE Newsletter, Vol. 14, No.2, May 2011
- Kerensa McConnell nominated Key School “Teacher of the Year” 2011
- Elwood “Jay” Jenkins – APS Custodian of the Year 2011
- Kevin Reeves School Sculpture, 2nd and 5th grade, funded by Arlington Community Foundation grant and PTA
- AMEN Community Service Award for Helping to Prevent Homelessness in Arlington
- Thirty-nine years of continuous accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Students participate in countywide Honors Orchestra, Band and Chorus.

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Key School signed agreement with Ministry of Education in Spain along with Claremont, Gunston, and Wakefield to be an International Spanish Academy (ISA), December 12, 2008 in Valencia, Spain.
- Caitlin Fine selected NOAA Teacher at Sea, summer 2011.
- SIIP – Science Instruction in Immersion Program – three teachers dedicated to teaching Science in Spanish to all students at Key
- Exemplary Project - Science Technology and Engineering, grades two and three
- All teachers are trained in SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol).
- Everybody Wins - National Read to Children program during lunch and recess in partnership with the Pentagon
- Fifth grade student exchange (10-12 students) with Escuela Americana in El Salvador
- All teachers trained in Sally Ride Science Academy
- Schoolyard Habitat, Gardening Environment/Energy, Arbor Day, Earth Day Celebration
- Teacher training for outdoor curriculum – School Yard Habitat, Project Wild, National Wildlife Federation, Learning Tree w/ ACE
- Padres Unidos - Workshops for Hispanic Parents - one of the first ongoing parent education programs for non-native English speaking parents in APS

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Bilingual meetings, orientations and programs
- Bilingual and English-speaking room parents
- Character is Key Committee
- English and Spanish book fairs
- Field Day & Character Ed Day
- Hispanic Heritage celebrations
- Silent Auction fundraiser
- Fall Fiesta, Spring Arts Festival, Reflections contest
- Spanish Language Day, Math 100 Days Open House
- Classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones
- Clothing Exchange, EduKits
- Workshops presented by resource teacher for the gifted
- Padres Unidos workshops