



RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Primary Years Program International Baccalaureate 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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Randolph Elementary School is a neighborhood school and our students represent 40 countries and 20 languages. Randolph is a fully authorized Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate (PYP IB) school. We teach Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOLs) through interdisciplinary units. Our program emphasizes critical thinking skills, taught through inquiry. We also include foreign language instruction in Spanish during the school day. The PYP IB teaches our students a global perspective and emphasizes respect for others, independent study/research skills and critical thinking. We are fully accredited by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The strong sense of community at Randolph is nurtured by the involvement of our PTA, business partners, neighbors and also by the community service our children provide to others. Randolph was awarded a 21st Century Learning Community Grant which supports after-school programs.

Randolph is also a Professional Development School of George Mason University (GMU). We participate with GMU in the Holmes Partnership of universities that prepare future teachers who spend one year as teaching interns at Randolph.

Randolph is an official Schoolyard Habitat Site of the National Wildlife Federation. The PTA and the Randolph school community come together twice a year to beautify our school grounds.

Randolph and Marymount University participate in a work-study partnership. Marymount students work with Randolph staff and students throughout the school year on activities that include tutoring students and supporting classroom teachers.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Primary Years Program of International Baccalaureate
- Small instructional groups in reading and mathematics
- Spanish as a foreign language instruction, K-5, FLES
- Additional reading specialists/ math coaches
- George Mason University interns and faculty support
- Reading Recovery
- Kindergarten rotations for direct reading instruction
- Outstanding instruction in the fine arts/monthly grade level music programs
- Tutoring/mentoring programs
- Lunch Buddies
- Book Buddies

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- APS Teacher of the Year 2008 and 2011
- APS Resource Teacher of the Gifted, Teacher of the Year 2011
- Virginia Region IV Resource Teacher of the Gifted, Teacher of the Year 2011
- Educator of the Year, American Association of University Women 2011
- National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Frontline Communications of the Year 2008 Award
- Official Schoolyard Habitat Site of the National Wildlife Federation
- Twenty-first Century Learning Community Grant
- Washington Forrest Foundation Grant
- Recognized exemplary service project/ASPAN
- Students selected for Honors Chorus and Band
- CNN news segment spotlighted Randolph's parent/community involvement, May 2009
- Secretary of the Army Award for Civilian Service awarded to principal, May 2009

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Family Learning Saturdays
- Family Literacy Nights
- Family Curriculum Nights
- Classes for parents
- Volunteering in classrooms
- Chaperoning field trips
- PTA activities, Advisory Committee
- Support for PYP IB
- Fall and Spring schoolyard clean up, Book Fair
- Tutoring/mentoring
- Social events: Sock Hop, Silent Auction, Spaghetti Night, ASPAN Walk for the Homeless
- Quarterly school/community events: Bedtime Story Night, Young Authors and Illustrators Conference, Dancing Under the Stars