

**ANNUAL SCHOOL EVALUATION**  
Abingdon Elementary School  
2011-2012

Abingdon Elementary School goals for 2011-2012 were to increase student achievement in writing, student involvement in activities and improve teacher quality.

Abingdon Elementary School was successful in meeting all of their goals for 2011-2012. Writing scores improved from the previous year from 90% pass rate to 98% pass rate in grade five. It is apparent through the many opportunities for school and community involvement that not only were students more involved with the school but parents and community were more involved through better communication processes and programs offered. Students were given more opportunities for volunteering and participating in more school sponsored functions including new club activities such as the Lego League. Teachers also took part in more Professional Development activities including book reads and discussions during regular faculty meetings. The year's book study was *Choice Words*, by Peter Johnson.

In addition to the successes of their stated goals Abingdon Elementary is to be commended for meeting accreditation standards and FAMO requirements for the year. Their goals for 2012-2013 are to increase student achievement in math, continue to improve opportunities for student activities and to improve teacher quality and teaching techniques.

## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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- Abingdon Elementary is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- The preliminary scores for the 2011-12 school year indicated that Abingdon Elementary will be “Fully Accredited” by the Virginia Department of Education.
- Abingdon Elementary met (FAMO) Federal Annual Measurable Objectives requirements from the federal NCLB Act in **all subjects**.
- Student achievement(s) continued to be a priority, with data from assessments being used to guide instructional decisions.
- All students participated in physical education or outside play. Students in grades K-5 had 45+ minute activity periods for physical education, art and music. Guidance and library rotated each nine weeks. Pre-K students had 20 minute activity periods. Other fine arts activities were offered to students as part of the daily curriculum or after school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the physical education mileage club.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Virginia Wellness-related Fitness Test. Students performed at an overall pass rate of 70%. Students performed strongest in the Aerobic Capacity portion of the test which was a pass rate of 84%. Students performed lowest in the Upper Body Strength and Endurance section which was a pass rate of 50%.
- Core teachers (K-5) had a 40+ minute planning/collaboration period each day.
- Students who did not respond to direct intervention at Abingdon Elementary were referred Child Study. Eight students were referred to Child Study and six students were found eligible for special education services. Learning concerns and speech concerns were the primary needs of the students.
- Every gifted student at Abingdon Elementary had a Gifted Education Plan.
- A 24 computer wireless lab was available for teachers to check out.
- Second Step Character Education program was offered in grades Pre-K through 2.
- For those students needing remediation, such plans were developed.
- CPS (Classroom Performance Systems) to be used with Smart Boards were available for teachers to use.
- Retired teachers were utilized for tutoring.
- After school tutoring was offered to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5.
- Kindergarten Intervention was available for struggling readers in Kindergarten.
- Reading Recovery teachers and a Reading Specialist were available for students.
- Instructional computer programs were used.
- An Instructional Technology Resource Teacher was on staff two days a week.
- Family Preservation Counselors were used for students with special needs.
- Renaissance Enterprise was renewed to increase the number of tests available for thousands of AR books.

- Elmo document cameras were available in most classrooms for teachers to use.
- Keyboarding class was offered to students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- LCD projectors were mounted in most classrooms.
- SMART boards were available in many classrooms for teacher use.

**DATA ASSESSMENT**  
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- A list of At-Risk Students was provided for all faculty members.
- Data assessment at the August faculty meeting resulted in the definition of goals for the 2011-12 school year. The goals were defined in the area of writing instruction.
- Grade level groups met weekly to compile and review student data. Sample data used for instructional planning included:
  - STAR reading test results
  - STAR math test results
  - Accelerated Reader
  - Benchmark test results 2-5
  - PALS scores
  - SOL data
  - Teacher-made assessments
  - Reading Recovery/Reading Specialist tests
  - CPS/Smart Board data
  - Curriculum-based county series weekly tests (Harcourt reading and Pearson math)
  - Physical fitness test scores for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- In-school tutoring was provided to students demonstrating low or failing scores.
- SOL Released Items Tests were administered in each subject and grade levels 3-5 to provide information on specific curricular areas of need.

**OPERATIONS & FACILITIES**  
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- A long range facility plan was on file in the AES office.
- The safety committee completed a review and update of the School Crisis Plan and training was provided to the faculty.
- The School Safety Committee conducted a safety audit in accordance with state and county policies.
- Additional LCD projectors, document cameras, and ceiling mounts were installed in rooms.
- Walkie-talkies were in use by all teachers and staff.
- MSDS records are kept on file in the office.
- Teachers and staff are utilizing the new addition.
- Additional remote cameras are utilized around the school.

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT**

## **Abingdon Elementary School**

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- Parents and school community members were contacted using:
  - Monday Message folder
  - Classroom Newsletters
  - PTA Newsletters
  - School Marquee
  - Computerized Report Cards
  - Family Nights
  - PTA meetings
  - PTA programs
  - AES website
  - Parent Advisory Committee meetings
  - Assignment notebooks/agenda
  - Parent-teacher conferences
  - Parent-teacher notes
  - Parent-teacher phone calls
  - Home visits
  - E-Mail
  - County-wide school calendar/handbook
- Non-school community involvement was encouraged through:
  - PTA programs
  - Girl and Boy Scout meetings
  - Washington County Parks and Recreation programs
  - American Education Week Celebration
  - Read Aloud to a Child Week
  - National Volunteer Week
  - Use of facilities for community sporting/service events
  - Trunk or Treat
  - McTeacher's Night at McDonald's
  - Good News Club
  - Veterans' Day program attended by 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 4-H club
  - Eagle Scout project
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade walking tour with community speakers and tour guides
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade attendance at community Revolutionary War reenactment
  - PTA Peanut Fundraisers
  - Parents/Students involvement in community sporting/service events
  - Emory and Henry Service Projects

- The following are examples that increase school communication and public relations:
  - Parent Advisory Committee
  - Fire Department visits
  - School web page contained information about upcoming events and programs
  - Honor Roll sent to local newspaper
  - AES 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in Farm Day at the 4-H Center
  - Santa letters from 3<sup>rd</sup> graders published in the Washington County News
  - Parents' Night for the Book Fair at the library
  - Submissions to the Washington County Schools website
  - Two Family Night events for Title I students and their families
  - Sheriff Dept/ Police Helicopter Visits

**SECURITY & SAFETY**  
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- The school crisis plan was reviewed and updated by the school safety committee. Copies of the updated plan were distributed to all members of faculty and staff.
- Safety drills were held throughout the school year to prepare students and faculty for emergency situations.
- The custodial and maintenance staff provided adequate upkeep of the building, grounds, and campus to ensure a safe and secure atmosphere.
- Two accident reports were filed by faculty and staff, but neither one was sent directly to the doctor.
- Seven student accident reports were filed, three were sent directly to the doctor.
- Showcase windows and glasses are non-shattering safety glass.
- Crisis kits with two-way radios were updated for emergency situations.
- All law and safety enforcement officers are invited to have breakfast or lunch at the school free of charge.
- Visitors to the school are required to sign-in and wear a badge.
- Outside doors remain locked.
- Teachers and faculty are required to wear a badge.
- All teachers have been issued a two-way radio for safety and communication purposes.
- Nine cameras are installed around the perimeter of building.
- Remote entry system is in place at the front entrance door – remote located in the office.



**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**  
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- Student Council
- Morning News program
- Good News Club
- Jump Rope for Heart
- School and County-wide Spelling Bee
- 4-H Club
- GATE program
- National Education Week activities
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade DARE Essay Contest 5<sup>th</sup> Grade participation in DARE
- PTA Reflections contest
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Celebration program
- Hearts for Patients program through the Ronald McDonald House
- Read Across America
- History Bowl for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Washington County Day at the Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Night
- Mileage Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- PTA programs
- Two Book Fairs
- Two Family Nights
- Virginia Diner Peanut Fundraiser
- SOL Celebration for 3-5 students
- Food and supply drive for Washington County Animal Shelter
- Learning Landscapes programs
- FFA PALS Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- AR Celebration
- DARE Contest
- Red Cross Poster Contest
- Special Olympics
- Boxtops for Education
- Glade Spring Tornado Relief
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Black Belt Recorder Ensemble
- Christmas Adopt-a-Child
- Book Fair Activities

- Washington County School Calendar Art Contest
- Read for the Record
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Book Buddies
- Library Helpers
- Catch Me Being Great
- Grade level Field Trips
- Typing Class
- Abingdon Elementary Night at McDonald's
- Campbell's soup label collections
- SCA Bake Sales