



Out of the classroom

Education section

Immanuel Lutheran School welcomes Aslan

Immanuel Lutheran School was honored and excited to welcome Aslan and other costumed characters from the Academy of Arts Logos Theatre’s “The Horse and His Boy” based on Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis on May 1.

The Theatre brought the giant puppet Aslan, along

with King Edmund, Queen Lucy and the raven Sallowpad, to meet students, share about the performance and give some fun behind the scenes insights to their production.

Immanuel Lutheran School students read the entire Chronicles of Narnia series as their 4th grade literature curriculum, and re-read



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“The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” as part of their literature study on the theme of redemption in their 8th grade year.

Fusion Academy looks to the future

Fusion Academy celebrated College Week. Hosted by the Post-Secondary Team within Fusion Education Group, the week featured a series of events both on- and off-campus examining options for students as they navigate life after high school.

Students and teachers were

encouraged to wear college gear all week and the school was bedecked with flags and banners from various universities. On-campus observations culminated in a tailgating party on campus replete with cornhole and snacks.

Fusion sponsored a series of webinars about life af-

ter high school. These included an alumni panel, discussion of Gap Year options and a session on how to write a college essay. These virtual sessions offered families from across the country the opportunity to interact and to see the impact of a Fusion education on alumni.

BSS goes back in time

For more than 25 years, the 4th grade classes of Blessed Sacrament School have traveled back in time to Colonial Virginia. This year, the 4th grade went on a field trip to Old Town. Students visited the Carlyle House and went on a walking tour of Old Town. They created Colonial personas, chose professions and worked in groups to prepare a presentation that taught other classes about what life was like in Colonial times.

During lunch, the 4th graders joined together to enjoy a colonial feast of chicken, roasted carrots and



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potatoes, mashed potatoes, bread and a dessert of apple pie and apple cider. They ended the day by performing a traditional colonial dance for the entire school and their parents.

Grace gifts poems

Grace Episcopal School’s third grade students celebrated National Poetry Month in April with a poetry tea. Students shared their poetry books with parents and friends.



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School Profile

Douglas MacArthur Elementary School

Children are loved and love learning in Douglas MacArthur Elementary School’s welcoming and joyful learning community. At MacArthur, talented faculty and staff believe that the foundation for a quality education is a safe and inclusive environment for every student.

MacArthur’s reputation for having a strong instructional program is attributed to the staff’s commitment to implementing academic, enrichment and social-emotional curricula with fidelity in support of the whole child. Students enjoy art, vocal music, instrumental music, physical education and family life instruction in addition to their hands-on experience of the core curriculum.

A cornerstone of the Taylor Run neighborhood, MacAr-

thur’s new state of the art facility features multiple extended learning spaces that expand opportunities for one-on-one instruction and self-guided collaboration through designing, tinkering, problem-solving and reflecting.

Enthusiastic family involvement and leadership at MacArthur strengthens the school community through several academic and community-building initiatives including after-school enrichment programs, Reading Is Fundamental, Fun Run, Glow Dance and International Heritage Night.

Douglas MacArthur is excited to celebrate its 80th anniversary in fall 2023.

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AT A GLANCE

- School name:** Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
- Address:** 1101 Janneys Lane, Alexandria 22302
- Originally built:** 1943, New Building Opens: August 2023
- Grades:** PreK - 5
- Number of students:** 561
- Student activities:** Chorus, Band/Orchestra, Girls on the Run, Lego Engineering, Game Coding, Sewing Club, Origami Club
- Mascot:** Star
- Motto:** MacArthur Stars Shine Brightly
- Principal:** Penny Hairston
- Website:** dm.acps.k12.va.us
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