



PATRICK HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Foreign Language Elementary School

Henry's Helping Hands: Creating Community Connections

Building the Future - One Student at a Time

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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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At Patrick Henry Elementary School, we are proud to offer a wide variety of opportunities to ensure the social, emotional, physical and academic development of our Pre-K through fifth-grade students. Our program is designed to meet the educational needs of our diverse student population. Henry's exemplary project, *Henry's Helping Hands: Creating Community Connections*, integrates service learning into the curriculum through an engaging and interactive teaching and learning approach. Patrick Henry Elementary offers students in kindergarten through fifth-grade a proficiency-oriented foreign language program focusing on: Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Due to the elimination of early release on Wednesdays, students are able to receive Spanish instruction as part of the academic program and enjoy a full day of school every day of the week. Extracurricular enrichment activities are vast and encompass athletics as well as social and educational clubs.

Patrick Henry possesses an enthusiastic and highly-motivated staff who work together to maintain an environment conducive to academic excellence. Parents are an integral part of the educational process and we are committed to working in partnership with them to provide the best possible education for each child to take into the future.

Every day our staff and students are guided by our school motto, *"Do Your Personal Best All Day Long."* Daily commitment to this principle creates a positive and supportive learning environment.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Phonemic Awareness Literacy Group, K-1
- Literature Circle, grades three-five
- Balanced Language Arts Program, K-5
- Fine arts integration with core subject matter
- Reading Recovery/E.R.S.I.-trained staff
- Technology integration with core subject matter/keyboarding
- Grade level before-/after-school content strategy sessions - SOL preparation classes, grades three, four and five
- History Alive! program
- Math Coach
- Countywide Communication and Deaf / Hearing Impaired Programs

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Virginia Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award, 2010
- Virginia Board of Education Excellence Award 2008, 2009
- Marymount University Professional Development School
- Honor Roll/ B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) Roll recognition
- Presidential/National Fitness Award - grades three-five
- All County Band, Chorus and Orchestra
- Student architecture project
- Continental Math League, Math Dice Competition
- Student Stock Market Game – state winner

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Exemplary Project
- Schoolyard Habitat & Club
- Morning News Team
- Technology Assistants/ Internet Lunch Club
- Publishing Center
- Y.E.S. Club (Youth Experiencing Success)
- Weekly newsletter
- Peer Mediation, Student Hosts, Safety Patrol
- Character Counts Club
- Chorus grades three-five
- Partnerships with Wakefield High School Career Center, Thomas Jefferson Middle School & Washington-Lee High School
- Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)
- Spring and Winter Music Concert
- Enrichment after-school programs, activities and clubs
- Lunch Reading Club
- Civil War Immersion Game
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Field Day
- Walk for the Homeless
- Annual Community Fun Run
- Partnerships with Northern Virginia Tutoring Service (NVTs) and Marymount University

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- PTA
- Parenting groups, classes & workshops
- Family Fun nights, Career Day, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Grade-level and school-wide Family Learning nights
- Schoolyard Habitat
- Classroom volunteers
- Thursday packets