



## OAKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*An International Neighborhood School*

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Oakridge Elementary School welcomes everyone to our international neighborhood school! Our children come to us from our lovely Arlington neighborhoods and from all over the world. Our international families are from the embassies, military, Pentagon and DC area graduate schools. The children and staff come from over fifty countries and speak more than thirty different languages. We are an excellent, thriving school for children in pre-kindergarten through grade five. We enjoy tremendous community support and numerous family-centered activities sponsored by our staff and very active PTA.

Our excellent faculty and staff support rigorous and engaging learning experiences that maximize achievement for all students, whatever their needs. Through Mosaic, our Exemplary Project, students enjoy a school-wide program that enhances their experiences with geography and cultures of the world. Our beautiful building and numerous resources make our learning atmosphere positive and bright.

Come visit us. You'll see smiling faces and sparkling eyes everywhere you go. We'd love for you to experience the quality community of learners that is Oakridge Elementary: *An International Neighborhood School*. You'll meet the world and see the future in our children.

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Mosaic Exemplary Project integrates world cultures, appreciation of diversity, geography and literature themes into curriculum, special projects and activities throughout the school day and school year.
- Well-trained community volunteer tutors support learning needs of identified students in reading and math during after-school tutoring program.
- Virginia Pre-School Initiative (VPI) classrooms
- School television studio telecasts daily student-produced morning news show.
- Band, chorus, orchestra and school-wide music programs and concerts during the year
- Participation in the Toward Higher Education Academy
- Student-developed Oakridge Reads book review blog
- Several National Board Certified teachers
- Strong Gifted Services program challenges and extends learning for all students, especially potentially gifted.

### GOALS

- Provide quality instruction that maximizes integration of technology into the learning program.
- Continue focus on advanced scores on SOL's for ALL students.
- Hold all students and staff to high academic standards.
- Provide a wide array of enrichment clubs during and after school to maximize potential and enrich students' learning experiences.
- Expand effective relationships with parents and community through continuous communication and collaboration.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Math Dice Individual and Team County Championships 2010-11
- Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Power of Art Day award winner 2011
- Barnes & Noble "My Favorite Teacher" award 2010-11
- Best Digital Yearbook Cover award 2010-11
- Virginia Board of Education's VIP Excellence Award 2009, 2010
- Virginia Governor's Competence to Excellence Award 2008
- Virginia Distinguished Title 1 School Award 2007
- Annual participation in Geography Bee, Math Dice, and Continental Math League competitions
- Annual recognition of numerous students who receive the President's Academic Excellence Award

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) meetings, events, and fundraising
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Family Literacy nights
- Mosaic Days and Night
- Room parents
- Field trip chaperones
- Family events: School Picnic, Black Top Ball, Family Dance, Science Fair, Spring Fling and Family Ice Skating Night
- Parenting classes
- Curriculum nights and workshops
- Grade-level teacher information breakfast in October and June