

# Welcome!

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Long Branch's  
Kindergarten  
Information  
Session  
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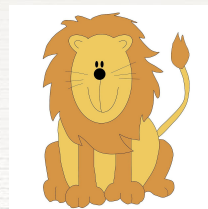
# Kindergarten Crew





# Who are the Long Branch Lions?

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Long Branch has been a neighborhood school since 1973 and its pre-K to grade five students reflect Arlington's diverse and changing population.

Long Branch provides equitable opportunities for all students to expand on strengths and meet their needs, allowing all children to be part of a caring community in which social and academic learning are fully integrated throughout the school day.

Long Branch staff commits to getting to know each student as an individual and strives to provide a positive, engaging, and enriching environment in which all students are active participants and show continuous progress.

Long Branch's achievements are the results of a focused, hard-working staff, a dedicated group of students, and a parent community that values education and supports the school's programs.

The school's fine arts and performing arts programs are among the most dynamic in Arlington, making annual concerts and musicals popular community events.



# APS Focuses on the Whole Child

**WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD**  
*A collaborative approach to learning and health*



What is the best thing about  
Kindergarten?





# What to Expect at Long Branch

- ⌘ A safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.
- ⌘ Focus on literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, health, music, physical education, art, and library.
- ⌘ A balance of whole group, small group, individual instruction, language, and vocabulary development.
- ⌘ Communication between the school, classroom, and home.



# What Does a Typical Day Look Like?

Morning Meeting - Social Emotional Learning Lesson

Block of Literacy Instruction (Phonics, Reading, Writing)

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Lunch

Math Block

Specials (Art, Music, PE, Library)

Science

Social Studies

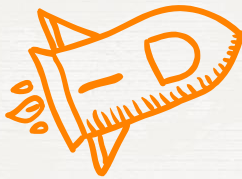




# Approaching the 1st Day

August 25, 2025





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- ⌘ Ensure a healthy routine: sleeping 10 to 12 hours, eating a nutritious breakfast.

- ⌘ Establish a morning and evening routine based on the school start time (7:50 a.m.).

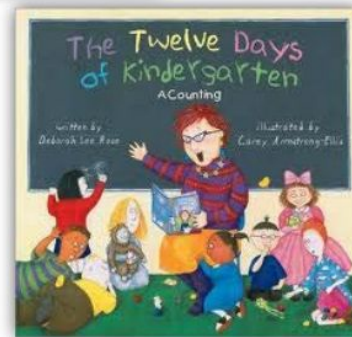
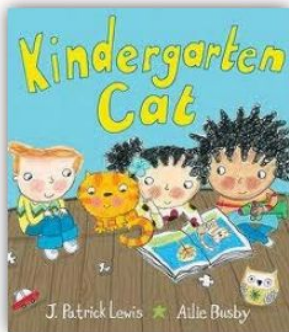
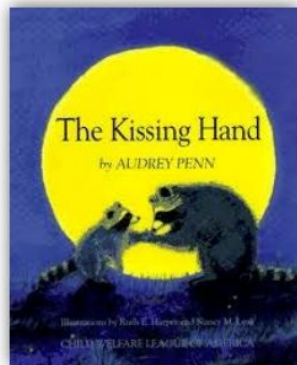
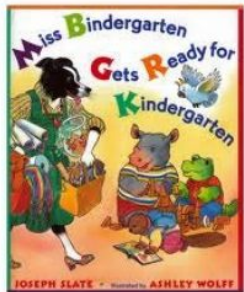
- ⌘ Talk positively to your child about what will happen on the first day of school.

- ⌘ Acknowledge that your child may have a variety of feelings about school.

Watch your emails for a “Popsicles with Principals” event this summer!



# Recommended Kindergarten Reading



# Student Registration

- ⌘ Children who reach their fifth birthday on or before Sept. 30 may enter Kindergarten.
- ⌘ Registration begins February 1 for the 25 - 26 school year.
- ⌘ There is no deadline for registration; however, parents are encourage to **register early**.
- ⌘ All registration and health requirements must be met for a child to be admitted.



# Where to Register

- ⌘ The process of registration is done in person (by the parent or legal guardian).
- ⌘ If your child speaks a language other than English as his/her first language, or has been attending an educational system abroad, register your child by contacting the [Language Services Registration Center](#) at **703-228-7663**.
- ⌘ In all other cases, register at your neighborhood school, through ParentVUE or at the Welcome Center.
  - ⌘ The [searchable boundary locator](#) can be used to determine your child's neighborhood school for this school year.
  - ⌘ There is an [online registration portal](#).



# Ways to Connect with LBES

- ★ ParentVUE
- ★ Weekly Roar (sent through ParentSquare on Fridays)
- ★ PTA (meetings and events)
- ★ X (Twitter)
- ★ Instagram
- ★ Threads
- ★ Facebook
- ★ Weekly Newsletters from your child's teacher
- ★ ParentSquare
- ★ Volunteer



# PTA events

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- ★ PTA Welcome Back  
Coffee
- ★ Book Fair
- ★ PTA Meetings  
(usually 1st Tuesday  
of the month at 6)
- ★ Movie Night
- ★ Reflections
- ★ Book Swap
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Food Truck Picnic
- ★ Spring Fling
- ★ STEM Night





# Thanks!

## Questions

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