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Dear Teachers and Parents:

The Arlington Public Schools welcomes the active involvement of parents in their children's education. For many children and parents, kindergarten is their first introduction to the elementary schools. The Department of Education Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant has provided Arlington with the opportunity to build partnerships between schools and families that provide a strong community of support.

Establishing a collaborative relationship between teacher and family is important in order to stay informed about students' learning and school expectations. Communication is the basis of a solid collaboration.

While each of our schools is distinct in its culture and climate, all schools are encouraged to include parents, families, and community members. We know that this kind of involvement is an integral part in assisting student learning at all grade levels.

We welcome and encourage parents and community members to volunteer in the schools. Schools and families both benefit from this involvement. Not only do they gain knowledge from their association with each other, but they are able to share knowledge as well. Most importantly, volunteers communicate a value for our children's education and support for the school community.

Thank you all for your support. We hope this is the start (or continuation) of a long and successful partnership in educating your child.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bodie
Interim Superintendent of Schools