

# FAIRLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# PARENT'S HANDBOOK

AL-2447 Miss Lillian Lambert, Principal

MISS LILLIAN LAMBERT  
IS NEW PRINCIPAL

## FREE SCHOOL BUSES

Our new principal, Miss Lillian Lambert, comes to Fairlington from James Madison School, which by an odd coincidence, also is on Stafford Street, but at the opposite end of the county, toward Chain Bridge.

Miss Lambert has been in Arlington County for the past eight years, having taught at John Marshall, before becoming principal of James Madison.

Before coming to Arlington, she taught in Rockingham County, and in Clarke County.

Miss Lambert is a native Virginian, having been born in Covington. She has spent most of her life in the Shenandoah Valley attending high school at Stephen's City, and college at Madison College in Harrisonburg. She has done graduate work at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, and now is doing graduate work, toward an M.A. in elementary education and supervision, at George Washington University.

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## NEW TEACHERS

Two new teachers will be at Fairlington this year. Both will be teaching third grade pupils.

Mrs. Samuel M. Lyon, who was Miss Bernice Somers until this past summer, received her A.B. degree from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Last year she was teaching third grade pupils in Trenton, N.J.

Mrs. Elizabeth Grisard is a native Washingtonian who received her A.B. degree from George Washington University. For the past four summers she has done recreation work in the D.C. playgrounds, and has done social service work at Friendship House. Mrs. Grisard has two sons.

This year Fairlington children will be riding their own county free school buses.

Two buses will make two trips each every morning, and again in the afternoon. The first, at 8:20, will be to Fort Barnard Heights. There will be two trips to Claremont, at 8:28 and again at 8:45; the earlier bus also will stop at Abingdon School. A North Fairlington trip is scheduled for 8:45. All North side children should take advantage of this safe, free transportation. Shirley Highway is a very dangerous place for children who walk or ride bicycles.

School children, therefore, should be urged to take the bus.

Anyone passing a school bus when loading or unloading will be stringently fined, according to state law, regardless of where their license is from. Anyone can report the violation and a policeman does not have to see them.

Transportation records have been distributed among the children to be taken home for parents' signatures. This information will be kept on file in the office.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1950-1951

Registration	Aug. 29
Classes begin	Sept. 5
District "H" Teachers Meeting	Oct. 5
*Va. Education Assn. Meeting	Nov. 3
Election Day Holiday	Nov. 7
Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 23-24
Christmas Holidays	Dec. 21-Jan. 2
(School closes Dec. 21, end of day)	
*Evaluation	Jan. 29-31
Washington's B'day Holiday	Feb. 22
Easter Holidays	Mar. 23-26
Memorial Day Holiday	May 30
Evaluation	June 13-15

\*Children's holidays, not teachers.

## FAIRLINGTON'S PTA

LUNCH PERIOD TO EXTEND  
FROM NOON UNTIL 12:45

Fairlington's Parent-Teacher Association meets on the second Monday of each month in the school Auditorium. The first meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at which time our new principal will be introduced by William A. Early, superintendent of schools.

Lieut. Frank Palmer, traffic safety officer for the county, will be present to urge the use of the new sidewalk between north and south Fairlington for pedestrians who find it necessary to cross Shirley Highway.

An informal reception for Miss Lambert and new teachers will follow the meeting.

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It is planned to hold an extended visit to the classrooms during the October PTA meeting in order that parents may have a chance to become better acquainted with their children's teachers.

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The Parents Handbook, now in your hands, is an annual venture undertaken by the PTA to acquaint parents with school rules, regulations, activities, etc.

The first issue of the Bulletin, regular monthly PTA news sheet, will appear in October.

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All parents are urged and invited to join the PTA.

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## NEW LIGHTS, NEW COLORS

Next time you visit the school notice the new florescent lights which were installed during the summer. Also the nice paint job, green and cream colored walls for all the classrooms and white for the kitchen. All hallway flooring also has been replaced.

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## ROOM MOTHERS

Each room has a Room Mother who may be calling on you during the course of the year for any number of small but needful activities in connection with your child's class room.

Students remaining for lunch at the school will be allowed to eat in the auditorium this year. Altho cafeteria service will not be available the school board will provide tables and chairs for use of students bringing their own lunch. Two teachers will be on duty during lunch each day. This will provide a respite for the teachers as well as the children.

However, since the auditorium will hold no more than 120 to 130 children for luncheon in comfort, those living in South Fairlington will be encouraged to return home for lunch this year. In order to convenience these children last year's half-hour lunch period has been extended until 12:45 p.m.

Those remaining at the school will have a half-hour period for eating in the auditorium, followed by a fifteen-minute free period for rest and quiet reading in the classrooms, during which the patrols will be on duty outside for those returning from home, and a service group will be on duty in the auditorium, removing tables,

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## MILK

Buttermilk and white milk (no chocolate milk!) will be available at the school for pupils this year. Milk money will be collected weekly. Mothers will be asked to volunteer to aid in counting the milk money.

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## ICE CREAM

The PTA again will sell ice cream to the pupils daily during luncheon beginning Sept. 11. Mothers also will be asked to volunteer for this task.

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## TELEPHONE

There is a public telephone in the school hallway available for use of the pupils at any time.

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WANTED -- Donation of a large water cooler for primary room so sticky fingers can be washed.

## THE PRIMARY UNIT PLAN

## SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS

Many questions are being asked about the ungraded or primary unit plan which is being inaugurated in Arlington County this year.

While this plan will affect beginning groups only, other parents may be interested in the following information.

1. The program will be inaugurated with beginning groups only, for 1950-51.

2. Entries will be placed according to chronological ages (older ones together, etc.)

3. Entries will be classified as "beginning groups" of the primary unit.

4. There will be a program for informing parents of beginners of the purposes and mechanics of the "Primary Unit".

It must be remembered that we are not trying to effect a radical change in thinking or in organization, but that we are attempting to extend the flexibility of the present program by removing grade limits at the primary level, which should release both children and teachers from pressure, and insure a better program for meeting individual needs.

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## SPEECH EDUCATION

A speech teacher will assist the classroom teacher with speech education activities at least once a week in the Fairlington School. The speech activities include: oral interpretation, daily speech skills, voice and diction, public speaking, group discussion, dramatics and radio, and speech correction.

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## MUSIC

Group piano classes will be held once each week following the plan used last year. Children beginning with second grade may take advantage of this program. Mrs. Irma R. Master will teach these classes. Miss Lucille Mitchell will assist with the vocal music, rhythm and Glee Club.

Sixth grade boys and girls will serve as school safety patrols again this year. Patrolmen must wear their belts while on duty, except when wearing a raincoat. They instruct, direct and control the pupils who cross the street. They NEVER DIRECT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

There are two reasons for having our patrol court: 1. To promote safe practices. 2. To give an adult rather than a child the responsibility of deciding whether a rule was violated. Pupils are told the rule they violate and are taken to patrol court where the mistake is pointed out.

Patrols will be on duty from 8:30 until 9 a.m.; at noon and from 12:30 to 12:45; and from 2:55 to 3:15 in the afternoon.

Teachers will take care of the primary groups leaving at 2 p.m., so that children who are patrols will not have to leave class.

Two patrols will ride on each school bus. Teachers also will ride the buses for the first few days.

We are always glad to receive suggestions or answer questions concerning our patrols. Call or write Miss Lambert, principal, or Miss Jessie Carpenter, director of Safety Patrols, at the school.

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## TIME CHANGES

All pupils this year will be due at school at 8:50. First and second graders will be released for the day at 2 p.m., and the rest of the school promptly at 3.

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## WHEN YOU VISIT THE SCHOOL

This year be sure and sign your name in the new Visitors' Guestbook in the office each time you visit the school. To make sure that the teacher you wish to visit is available it is best to arrange in advance by note or phone. Each teacher will have special conference hours.

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OFFICE SECRETARY --Mrs. Janabelle Reed is office secretary.

TEACHERS, CLASSROOMS, GROUPS

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Mrs. Chase	Room 10	Primary
Mrs. Harvey	1	Primary
Mrs. Whitham	7	Primary
Mrs. Miller	8	1B-2A
Mrs. Britt	5	2nd
Miss Pence	6	2nd
Mrs. Lyon	2	2B-3A
Mrs. Brown	4	3rd
Miss Fink	3	3rd
Mrs. Grisard	18	3B-4A
Mrs. Hancy	19	4th
Miss Mauzy	14	4th
Mrs. Blakemore	15	5th
Mrs. Beck	9	5th
Mrs. May	16	5th
Mrs. Smith	12	5B-6A
Miss Carpenter	11	6th
Mrs. Workman	13	6th

It will not be necessary to use the auditorium for a classroom this year. Room 11 also will become available for the school library and a full-time librarian will be appointed by the school board.

Books, which last year were stacked, for lack of space, in a "cubby-hole" off the principal's office, were moved during the summer and, for six weeks, the PTA sponsored a summer library program at the school. Mothers who helped, with the assistance of Miss Evelyn Thorton, Arlington county supervisor of school libraries, on Thursday mornings were: Mrs. Arthur McClinton, Mrs. Sam Riley, Mrs. Richard Park, Mrs. Charles Strain, Mrs. Charles J. Corcoran, Mrs. James R. Lee and Mrs. J. Alm.

It is hoped that the summer library program can be expanded next year.

