

ALGONKIAN ELEMENTARY



Common Acronyms and Terms

ACRONYM	FULL NAME	DEFINITION
@ALG_LCPS		Algonkian's Twitter handle
@AlgonkianPTA		PTA's Twitter handle
4 R's	Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, and Ready	Cornerstone elements of Algonkian's PBIS program
ASAP	After School Activity Program	6 week program run 2X per year by parents & volunteers. Features a wide range of activities & interests for students Tue, Wed or Thur afternoons
Basketball League		Basketball League for 4th and 5th graders run by our PE Teacher, Mr. Terango
Bingo		Fun PTA Fundraiser that happens twice a year
Bobcat Buddies	Algonkian's version of Best Buddies	Special education inclusion program featuring students from Potomac Falls, River Bend and Algonkian students
BYOT	Bring Your Own Technology	Technology initiative starting with 5th graders, lower grades to follow. Students use own devices as an additional teaching tool in classroom
Chat 'N Chew		2-5th grade optional book club that meets one time a month during students' lunchtime to discuss book of the month
Chess Club		For students with basic skills, this after school club meets on the last Tuesday of every month
Chorus		5th Graders who have a particular interest in singing may audition for All-County Chorus. Selected students rehearse with Miss Smith for two months, then participate in an exciting two-day chorus event in the spring with the top singers from every elementary school in the county. Audition information will go home in November.
CogAT	Cognitive Abilities Test	The CogAT measures general and specific cognitive skills that allow a student to learn new tasks or solve problems. Taken in 2nd grade
ConnectEd		Phone or Email communication directly from Algonkian or LCPS to parents
Donuts with Dad		This free event allows students to share time and a sweet treat with a special adult like a dad, guardian, uncle, etc.
DRA	Developmental Reading Assessment	Administered in Grades 1-5 to identify the student's independent reading level, their reading fluency, and comprehension of what was read
ELL	English Language Learners	Students receive ELL support until able to demonstrate English proficiency to work in the regular classroom
Facebook Algonkian PTA		Algonkian's PTA Facebook page
Futura	Facilitating Understanding Through Utilizing Real life Application	Gifted & Talented program for grades 4-5. Qualifying students are ID'd in 3rd grade and spend one day per week in specialized learning centers

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Golden Ticket		When a staff member, student patrol or student mentor catches a student doing an exceptional job he/she receives a "Golden Ticket." There are weekly recognition drawings.
Green Team		5th grade small group tasked with supporting green efforts at Algonkian
Invention Expo		An opportunity for our students to showcase their creative and critical thinking skills by developing an idea for a new product that solves a real world problem.
International Night		A celebration of our diverse community. Staff, Students and their families share their heritage and culture through food, dress, performance, and artifacts at our (free) annual event.
LCPS	Loudoun County Public Schools	
LCPS App		The app includes access to supply list, school phone numbers, address, school webpage items, school menus, the lunch account software system, the student information management system, the online learning platform, payment portal, sports information, calendars and social media feeds.
LEAP	Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents	LEAP is a network connecting parents, teachers, School Board and members of the Loudoun County Public Schools Administrative Team
LEF	Loudoun Education Foundation	LEF provides private funding and resources to strengthen the quality of the Loudoun County Public School System
LINK Food Recovery	LINK Against Hunger	Algonkian Students rescue unwanted, unopened food from the trash and Algonkian parent volunteers deliver it to the LINK food pantry
Mentors		5th grade peer mentors work with younger students in classrooms to assist with academics and emotional connection.
Monster Mash		A spooky fun night for students featuring games, a cake walk, a dance and much more!
Movie Night		Free, family fun night with snacks to purchase
Muffins with Mom		This free event allows students to share time and a sweet treat with a special adult like a mom, guardian, grandma, etc.
MSAAC	Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee	A cooperative group at the county level that strives to ensure that the LCPS community is culturally competent and provides fair and equitable instruction to all
NNAT	Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test	NNAT is a nonverbal test of general ability commonly used to identify gifted children
OM	Odyssey of the Mind	A creative problem-solving competition involving students K-5. Practice & competition time occurs outside of the school day
OTTW	One To The World	OTTW is a County supported program highlighting how technology can connect students in global learning initiatives

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PALS	Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening	K-3 reading assessment usually administered at the beginning and end of the school year
ParentVUE		LCPS's online based communication system where parents can check grades and other necessary information
PBIS	Positive Behavior Intervention and Support	A research and evidenced-based practice for creating behavioral expectations through consistent language and practices among staff and students.
PFHS	Potmac Falls High School	Algonkian feeds into this High School
PTA	Parent Teacher Association	The PTA mission is to positively impact the lives of the children and families by strengthening, enhancing and encouraging educational and social experiences
RAMP	Recognized ASCA Model Program	Special recognition from the American School Counselor Association
RBMS	River Bend Middle School	Algonkian feeds into this Middle School
Reading Under the Stars		Teachers and staff share special books with students
Reflex, iReady, Reading Eggs		Examples of some of the online technology resources students may use in the classroom and/or be assigned for home based learning
RI	Responsive Instruction	Research based reading program used at Algonkian for grades 1-5 which tiers reading instruction by level
RWTS	Running with the Stars	Co-Ed after school program for grades 1-5. RWTS meets two times a week with a parent coach to prepare for a 5K run/jog
Safety Patrol		Promotes safe and acceptable conduct of the student body. This is done through monitoring hallway traffic and outside arrival and dismissal of students on a daily basis, as well as performing other duties in the school throughout the school year.
SAW	Staff Appreciation Week	As part of this National PTA Initiative, we celebrate Algonkian's staff during a designated week every spring
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee	SEAC is composed of parents, educators, administrators, business representatives focused on education of students with disabilities.
SEARCH	Seeking Educational Alternatives to Reach and Challenge Higher-Level thinking skills	K-3 enrichment program focused on creative learning and discovery opportunities
SIP	School Improvement Plan	The SIP, developed by the leadership team, is reviewed annually and available on our website
SOL	Standards of Learning	Public school standardized testing program in Virginia. Standards are evolving, but recently only included students 3-5th grade
Spirit Nights		PTA fundraiser where restaurants promise a percentage of sales on a specific night

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Spirit Wear		At the start of each school year the Spirit Store opens to sell Algonkian branded clothing. Profits benefit the PTA
Staff Luncheons		Parents host luncheons for staff on teacher work days.
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math	These academic principles are featured in quarterly STEM lab activities
Strings		An instructional strings program for 4th and 5th grade students to learn a string instrument of their choice.
Student To Student		Mentoring program where RBMS & PFHS students read with lower grade students one morning a week
TTF	Technology Task Force	5th grade students and key technology staff members that produce WALG, work on yearbook and other multimedia projects
Talent Show		A talent showcase for Algonkian Students, featuring dance, piano, comedy or anything students choose to share.
WALG	W-ALG radio show	Our a.m. announcements broadcast by the 5th grade Tech Task Force. Parents can view it on the TV in the lobby at 7:50 a.m.
WAT	Walk-a-Thon	The PTA funds most of our activities with this one super fun fundraiser that occurs every September.
WATCH D.O.G.S.	Dads Of Great Students	Our program for Dads (or other male family members/guests) where they can be a visible presence in the school through volunteering