

Week of the Young Child School Board Meeting: <u>April 12, 2018</u>

INTRODUCTION:

This evening, we are thrilled to welcome some of our preschoolers, their teachers, and their families as we prepare to celebrate the Week of the Young Child, April 16th – April 20th.

This annual celebration, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers and families.

Alexandria City Public Schools is committed to meeting the needs of the city's preschoolers and their families by collaborating with the city, local businesses, non-profit organizations, and others to offer high-quality early childhood education options.

This year, we have over 530 students receiving quality education in Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) classrooms through ACPS and our partner organizations and in our Early Childhood Special Education classes.

We will now enjoy a Haitian Alphabet Song performed by William Ramsay and Charles Barrett preschool students followed by a slideshow as we celebrate "The Week of the Young Child."

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Please join me in recognizing our amazing teachers and paraprofessionals who work hard every day and are committed to the success of our youngest learners. A special thank you to our teachers who are here this evening with their extra-ordinary students.

Thank you.