

**R. C. Longan Elementary School
9200 Mapleview Avenue
Henrico, VA 23294
(phone) 527-4640/527-4639 (fax)**

Name of School: R. C. Longan Elementary

Original establishment/transition: 1965

Date current school was built/opened: 1965

Architectural Firm: Leary & Ciucci

Floor/Area square footage: 55,113

Number of building/stories: 7

Year(s) when remodeled: 1978 - building addition

Program capacity/maximum enrollment: 536

Original enrollment: 310

Number of classrooms: 30

History of the school name and/or community: Named for Robert Coleman Longan member of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors from 1944-1959. Built on land previously owned by Laird's Nursery. School opened with shift classes for grades 1-3 until October 1 due to delay in construction. School also piloted program of ungraded system in grades 1-3.

Site acreage: 14.67

School colors and mascot: Green/Gold/Lions

Original grade levels: Grades 1-6

School notables/awards/traditions:

1986 – USDE Excellence in Education Blue Ribbon Award

1999 – School achieves SOL accreditation; only 6.5% of schools in Virginia achieved this in the first year of SOL implementation.

2008 – Virginia Department of Education Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Award

2009 – Virginia Department of Education Excellence Award

2010 – Virginia Department of Education Excellence Award

Notable graduates:

Dr. Brian Fellows, principal of the Holman Middle School and former principal of Tuckahoe Middle School

Michelle Kitt – one of the largest winners of the TV show “The Weakest Link”, winning \$107,500. She played against Ken Jennings in the semifinals of the Grand Slam, which showcased sixteen of the biggest winners of the show.

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Staff who attended this school/returned:

Cindy Jenkins Mason – KG and 1st grade (attended Longan, married a Longan graduate, student taught at Longan, and is a parent of two former Longan students)

Cheryl Hicks Waite – 1st and 3rd grades

Sara Carr – Exceptional Education

Specialty/ Unique programs:

Quarterly PEP assemblies

AR store at end of the school year was started at Longan and implemented in many other county schools

Tucker Tutors (advanced upper high school students tutor elementary children one or more times weekly)

Longest serving employees currently at the school:

Claudia Perkins – 33 years at Longan (35 total years)

Eva McMillan – 32 years at Longan

All Principals:

J. Thomas Mills Jr. (1965-1968)

Edgar V. Wallin (1968-1974)

D. Marnell Bradley (1974-1990)

Mary J. (Midge) Washburn (1990-1997)

Michael L. Hill (1997-2005)

Wm. Richard Hall Jr. (Current Principal)

Additional notes of interest:

The school currently serves approximately 545 students in programs from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5. Among the student body, more than twenty nationalities are represented, making for a richly diverse community of learners.