



# “Unleashing Each Student’s Potential”

## Yancey Elementary School Home of the Yellow Jackets

### Dreaming, Teaming, Beaming

Yancey Elementary School takes its heritage as a center of the Esmont community very seriously. At Yancey, students are seen through the light of potential, and the school believes that every child who attends deserves a world-class education.



*Principal Craig Dommer*

#### School Highlights

B. F. Yancey Elementary School continues its innovative focus on an interdisciplinary, multi-age model of instruction. At Yancey, all students are assigned to a team of six teachers who are focusing on an approach to learning that emphasizes learning and engagement in their greater community, with their surrounding natural

environment, and with their peers within the school building.

This year Yancey has partnered with the University of Virginia’s McGuffey Reading Center to develop a world-class model for language arts instruction at the elementary school level. Staff from the reading center are a continuing source of support for teacher’s professional development. They provide job-embedded coaching in literacy instruction to every member of the Yancey faculty and they facilitate a tutoring program in reading that is available to all Yancey students.

Yancey is committed to building strong relationships within the Esmont community. Inter-generational partnerships are helping to move this work forward. One that has been particularly successful is a partnership with the Esmont Senior Center which brings their members to the school multiple times each month to provide learning opportunities such as cooking and gardening in the

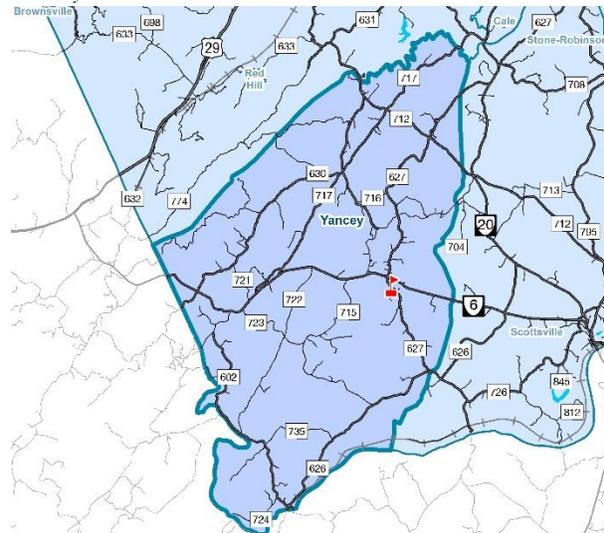
Yancey greenhouse and outdoor gardens. Yancey is also home to the Little Learners of the Tri-Counties preschool and serves students from two to four years old to prepare them for kindergarten.

Beginning last year and continuing today, Yancey’s passion-based community market program is a highlight at



The program allows students to pursue an area of personal interest throughout the year and culminates in the students creating products to sell at a community market expo. Last year over 300 members of the community came to market day to purchase student created items such as bird houses, board games and artwork. The funds raised will help sustain the program in future years while also allowing the school to purchase items such as 3-D printers.

*Yancey Attendance Area*



#### Facility Information

- Built in 1960
- 27,230 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—1990