

**You are invited to the  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Pierson Elementary School, Pierson FL & American University/  
School of Education, Training, and Health (SETH) Alliance  
ESL-Parental Involvement & Professional  
Development Evening  
Long Branch Elementary School  
33 Fillmore St., Arlington, VA 22201**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

In addition to the *Preview-Opening Event of The Larissa Gerstel Critical Literacy Collection within the Curriculum Materials Center (CMC)*, you are invited to join **American University and Pierson Elementary School colleagues** as they observe experienced Arlington County ESL teachers working with local parents and students utilizing the *Reach for Reading* approach they designed and presented at four Arlington County teacher in-service sessions and at the Virginia VESOL conference.



*Reach for Reading* is a parent mentoring and community involvement program for primary-aged ESL students and their families. The group meets approximately twice a month, and is open to the public. Two ESL teachers, the family liaison/Spanish interpreter, and the school librarian all participate. During each session, parents help their children complete reading or writing tasks that support literacy. In addition, the group often has members of the community (such as representatives from the recreation dept., public health nurses, park rangers, public librarians, etc.) visit and personally invite the families to use the community services they represent.

**Long Branch Elementary School** is located 1/3 block north of the intersection of Fillmore and Route 50.

For those interested, please also join us for a **Working Dinner from 5:00-6:30 at Ireland Four Courts at 2051 Wilson Blvd., Arlington Va. 22201**

Anne Malleck and co-worker Nancy Belcher will present and discuss their PowerPoint document about their *Reach for Reading* technique.