

McKinley Elementary School

National PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence 2005
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This school is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Where learning is an art"



McKinley School is a neighborhood school where staff, families and members of our community work collaboratively to provide a rich educational experience for its students. The school's focused approach to instruction,

which incorporates a variety of strategies supported by current research, has produced highly successful learners. We strive to provide each student a nurturing, yet challenging experience that stimulates intellectual curiosity, encourages critical and creative thinking, and culminates in academic achievement.

McKinley students enjoy many activities through curricular and extracurricular activities. Unique initiatives include our Children's Theater, the Peacemakers Program, an extensive offering of after-school enrichment courses, a highly acclaimed science fair, and an exemplary project – *Kaleidoscope* – that focuses on integrating the arts throughout the curriculum.

By fostering a deep respect for achievement and learning, by providing educational opportunities that permit all students to develop to their maximum potential, and by emphasizing the importance of cooperative interpersonal skills and respect for individual differences, **McKinley School** remains committed to providing excellence in learning and preparing students to become tomorrow's global citizens.

Goals

All of our schools set annual goals. Our school's goals are listed here.

- Ensure rising achievement for all students on standardized tests and other measures of performance that go beyond state and federal standards.
- Eliminate gaps in achievement among identifiable groups (Asian, Black, Hispanic, low-income students, students with disabilities, and English language learners).
- Prepare each student to succeed in a diverse, changing world through instruction and other school experiences responsive to each student's talents, interests, and challenges.
- Build effective relationships with parents and the community so that they know about and actively support the education of our students.

Special Activities and Community Service

Our students participate in many activities, clubs and programs that support their academics and challenge them to learn and grow outside the classroom.

- Field Day
- Student Council
- McKinley Peer Mediators
- Media Technicians
- News Anchors
- Support of local shelter
- Annual concert for Powhatan Springs Woman's Club
- Annual Food Drive/Clothes Drive
- Safety Patrols
- Scouting
- Youth Sports Programs
- Extended Day Program
- Annual Book Drive
- Adopt-A-Family
- Girls on the Run
- Back-to-School Barbecue

Awards and Recognition*

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. Here are some of our exceptional achievements

- Academic Awards
- State and Regional Champions in fourth grade Continental Math League Competition
- State Champion in Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge
- McKinley Peacemakers Awards
- McKinley Teacher of the Year Award
- Honors Music Award
- Presidential Academic Awards
- Physical Fitness Awards
- Safety Patrols Awards
- Annual Fine Arts Festival
- Earned full accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- National PTA School of Excellence Award for Parent Involvement
- Principal nominated for Distinguished Educational Leadership Award

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

- Advisory Committee/School Planning
- Reading Volunteers
- Enrichment Class Instructor
- Sensational Science Volunteers
- Computer Assistants
- Instructional Assistants
- Library Assistants
- McKinley PTA Volunteers
- Arlington Council on Instruction Representative
- Chairs, Volunteers, Special Programs and Activities
- Room Parents
- Translators

Instructional Highlights*

All Arlington elementary schools teach the adopted curricula and offer gifted services, special education services, reading support and English language support to those students who qualify. Yet each school's program is a little different. These are some of the instructional features of our school's program.

- Team teaching
- Montessori Preschool Program
- Sensational Science Program
- McKinley Enrichment Program
- McKinley Chorus and Instrumental Music Program
- Treble Clef Singers
- McKinley Children's Theater
- Instructional focus on writing
- Exemplary Project Kaleidoscope - integrating the arts throughout the curriculum
- Continental Mathematics League
- Geography Bee
- Science Fair
- Reading Buddies
- Junior Great Books
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Readers Digest Word Power Challenge
- Dr. Suess Read Across America
- Rock Springs Garden Club Partnership
- Powhatan Springs Woman's Club Partnership
- Educational Theater Company Partnership
- Social Studies Alive Night
- Math Day
- Library nights
- *Cardinal Contemplations* (a literary magazine)
- Grade-level musical performances
- Reflections Contest

Technology*

Student access to technology is an Arlington priority. All of our schools have state-of-the-art computer labs, teacher voice mail, access to the Internet and a school home page. While students have access to some older computers for backup or overflow, the number of new and mid-level stations used for instruction and testing are reported below.

Number of computer stations in labs and classrooms: 125
Student Stations: 90
Teacher Stations: 35
Number of computer labs: 1

School Safety

To effectively promote the learning and teaching needed to achieve our high academic goals, we believe it is important to provide a safe school that is free of disruption.

Fire Drills Per Year: 12
School Bus Drills Per Year: 2
Safety Assemblies: yes
Youth Resource Officer: on call
Student Safety Patrols: yes

Transportation

25% ride the bus and live more than one mile from school
75% live within the one mile walking zone

School Population

Total Student Enrollment, Pre K-5: 414
Students who receive English as a second language support, K-5: 36
Asian/Pacific Islander, K-5: 5.5%
Black, K-5: 4.0%
Hispanic, K-5: 5.7%
White, K-5: 82.4%
Unspecified, K-5: 2.5%
Total Teaching Faculty: 36
Total Administrators: 1.5
Teachers with a master's degree or beyond: 26
Average Years of Teaching Experience in Arlington: 15
Total Average Years of Teaching Experience: 18

2006-07 Test Results

Virginia State Accreditation Status: Fully Accredited
Adequate Yearly Progress (according to federal NCLB guidelines): Yes
More detailed information about testing results is available at:
www2.apsva.us/testscores
Virginia School Report Cards at: www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/src

Each of Arlington's schools is unique and this report is intended to give you a brief description of your child's school and its programs. It also highlights the achievements of the school in a variety of areas that are important to your child's education.
*Indicates 2006-07 data.