



## CLAREMONT IMMERSION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Escuela Primaria de Inmersión Claremont*

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Claremont Immersion Elementary School is a learning community where doors are opened and minds are immersed in the richness of learning in two languages, English and Spanish.

In Claremont's kindergarten through grade five dual language immersion program, children learn a second language in a natural way through everyday conversation and content instruction. Students spend half of their day in a Spanish-language classroom learning math, Spanish reading/writing, science and music or art, and the other portion of the day learning reading, writing, social studies, physical education and music or art in English. This learning environment develops fluency in two languages and fosters caring, respectful and supportive cross-cultural relationships.

Our exemplary initiative "Project Spark" ignites student learning through a variety of unique art opportunities that are specific to Spanish language and multicultural experiences. Opportunities are provided through our extensive use of the rich resources in our metropolitan area through the support of the Claremont PTA.

Claremont Immersion Elementary School is a place where every child is given the opportunity to speak, read and write a second language. At Claremont we live our motto everyday: *Strive for the highest and work to create a better world.*

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Fifty/fifty two-way English/Spanish language model which helps develop a bilingual/bi-literate K-5 citizenship
- Strong arts integration curriculum for each grade level
- Collaborative, team-teaching approach
- Pre-K programs – Montessori for three, four and five year olds, VPI for four year olds, and a two-year-old countywide program
- Exemplary project SPARK- igniting student learning through the arts and maintaining partnerships with local museums, businesses and organizations.
- Extended music and art learning opportunities – Spanish Chorus, Orff Group, author visits, museum trips, Art Club
- Claremont Showcase Museum Night & Science Fair
- SIIP (Science Instruction in the Immersion Program)- hands-on, minds-on learning in Spanish
- Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) – year-long professional development

### AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- International Spanish Academy School of the Year, 2010-11
- NFL Play 60 Super School recognition & grant
- Governor's Gold Award for Best Practices in Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Multiple fine arts and academic grants
- Arlington Public Schools' Patrol of the Year 2009, 2010, 2011

- Library has 17,000 books in Spanish and English
- Participation in the countywide Spanish Chorus
- Partnerships with Young Playwright's Theater, Teatro de Luna, WPAS and School Sculpture with Kevin Reese
- Strong parent community support – PTA, AIPN, Adelante, Viva Verde, Parents Helping Parents

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Recognized as an ISA (International Spanish Academy) school by the Embassy of Spain.
- Partnerships with Escuela Bolivia, Wakefield High School, Greenbrier Learning Center and Washington National Opera
- Student Leadership programs: The Morning News Team, Safety Patrols, Worldwide Helpers, Spanish Chorus, Green K, Student Council, Character Ed Club, YES Club, Girls on the Run
- PTA-sponsored after-school enrichment programs: Martial Arts, Orff, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Ballet, Basketball, Soccer, Kids Fitness, Chess, Theater, Computers
- After-school support in reading, math and early literacy
- School-wide literacy events: Dia del Idioma, Read-Across-America, author nights, weekly book talks
- Parent Information Nights: Gifted Services, ESOL/HILT, Math, Science, Reading
- Peace Concert and food collection event
- Spirit events: International Wear, Talent Show, Pajama Day, SOL Pep Rally, Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Fitness opportunities: Play 60, Girls on the Run, Nutrition Council, before-school morning recess
- County/Regional competitions: Geography Bee, Math Dice, Continental Math League, Odyssey of the Mind, Reflections

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- PTA
- Volunteers for classroom, school-wide events, field trips, staff celebrations and Science Fair Night
- Guest speakers to share expertise and cultural experiences
- PESA – six-week parenting program
- Read-Across-America
- Family Fun Events – Fall FunFest, International Dinner, Thankful Luncheon, Silent Auction, Grounds Beautification.
- Adelante – "Moving Forward/To Welcome You" – promotes greater language and cultural experiences
- Viva Verde– Living Green – focuses on environmental needs and education; Outdoor Learning Environment
- AIPN (African International Parent Network) – focuses on academic success and personal empowerment of students