



McKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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"Where Learning is an Art"

McKinley Elementary School is a neighborhood school where staff, families and members of our community work collaboratively to provide a rich educational experience for our 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 learn Spanish through the APS Foreign Language Elementary School Program (FLES). Other initiatives include our Children's Theater, 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

- Ensure that every student is challenged and engaged.
- Eliminate achievement gaps.
- Recruit, retain and develop high quality staff.
- Provide optimal learning environments.
- Meet the needs of the whole child.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) Program
- Science Fair
- After-school Enrichment Program
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Chorus and Instrumental Music

- Exemplary Project *Kaleidoscope* arts and theater program
- Continental Mathematics League; Math Day
- Geography Bee
- Library Nights; Read Across America
- *The McKinley Times* (school newspaper)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Past recognition by *The Washington Post* as the number one elementary school in the region
- President's Academic Achievement Awards
- Local, state and regional champions in fourth and fifth grade Continental Math League Competitions
- McKinley Teacher of the Year Award
- Honors Music Award
- Safety Patrol Awards
- Annual Fine Arts Festival

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Student Council
- Peer Mediators
- WMCK News
- Multiple Community Service Projects
- Safety Patrols
- Chess Club
- Girls on the Run
- Book Fair
- Light Up the Holidays
- Back-to-School Barbecue
- Walk for the Homeless
- Ambassadors

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Advisory Committee/School Planning
- Reading volunteers
- Science Fair volunteers
- Computer assistants, library volunteers
- PTA volunteers
- Arlington Council on Instruction (ACI) representative
- Odyssey of the Mind and enrichment class instructors
- Supporting Educational Theater Company (ETC) performances
- Chairs for special programs and activities