



DREW MODEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Countywide and Neighborhood 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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Academics, Appreciation, Accountability and Arts are the four A's of the Drew Model Elementary School program. **Academics** reflects strong measurable academic growth and achievement for all. **Appreciation** fosters respect and high expectations for all through strong communication and effective collaboration. **Accountability** honors the shared responsibility of staff, families and students for student learning. The **Arts** recognizes the need for innovative and creative learning opportunities that excite and engage children by using literature, poetry, dance, visual arts, music, art history and writing.

The Four A's are integrated throughout our two instructional programs, Graded and Montessori. Our Graded program incorporates traditional practices serving children age four to grade five. Children of the same age group explore hands-on learning activities through individual, small group and whole class teacher-guided lessons. The Montessori program is based upon Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy of "educating the whole child." Children age three to grade five engage in learning activities of their own choosing in a multi-age, well-ordered physical environment.

We are a neighborhood, countywide elementary school serving our immediate Nauck neighborhood and Arlington residents across the county.

GOALS

- Increase student achievement in reading and mathematics
- Increase parent and community involvement
- Integrate the literary, visual and performing arts with content areas of the curriculum

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Graded Program – same age-grouped classes kindergarten through grade five
- Montessori Program - multi-age program for children ages three through grade five
- Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) program for four-year-old children
- Family literacy, math, science, arts events
- "Changing Education Through the Arts" (CETA) in partnership with the Kennedy Center
- Student drama productions
- Fifth-grade Extended Outdoor Education Experience
- Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) program–Spanish

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Full accreditation
- Honors Chorus
- Jr. Honors Orchestra/Band
- Presidential Physical Fitness recipients
- J. W. Harris III Physical Fitness finalists

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- After-school tutoring
- Family nights
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Orchestra, Band and Chorus
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Hoops for Heart
- Y.E.S. Club (Youth Experiencing Success)
- County Recreation programs
- Business partnerships
- DARE Dance
- Arts Festival
- PTA Enrichment Classes

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Classroom volunteers
- Room Parent representatives
- Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program
- Black History Celebration
- Parent workshops
- Buddy Reading
- Schoolyard Beautification
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Field trips
- Book Fair