



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
- Increase student use of technology—"One to One" Pilot Program

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
- Fifth-grade Extended Outdoor Education Experience
- Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) program–Spanish
- ESOL/HILT (English as a Second Language program)
- Minority Achievement
- Gifted Services

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Full accreditation
- Presidential Physical Fitness recipients
- J. W. Harris III Physical Fitness finalists
- American Montessori Member School
- Busch Gardens Esprit de Corps Award
- Elementary School Mixed Choir Award

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- After-school tutoring and PTA Enrichment classes
- Family nights
- Mt. Olive's Girls' Character Club
- Math Dice
- Orchestra, Band and Chorus
- Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart
- Jireh's Place Girls' Club
- Y.E.S. Club (Youth Experiencing Success)
- Partnerships: Arlington Federal Credit Union, Arlington Parks & Recreation, AFAC, Arlington Montessori Action Committee, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Nauck Civic Association, NOBLE, NOVA Urban League's Young Professionals Network
- DEA Dance Group
- Arts Festival
- Macedonia Baptist Church Tutoring
- Loaner computer program

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Room Parent representatives and classroom volunteers
- Buddy Reading programs
- Schoolyard Beautification
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Field trips
- Book Fair
- International Day
- Evening school events and parent workshops
- Academic Nights