



MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE MISSION OF DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS is to enhance each student's abilities by providing a quality education enriched by our diverse community. Our schools and the successes within are part of a distinguished legacy that dates back to 1858. Our innovative and award-winning educational programs provide unmatched opportunities to our students. Every single day we work together to improve student achievement, and our collective efforts are bringing about remarkable results.

We are a learning community comprised of involved parents, agency and business partners, volunteers, and caring citizens who, together with our students and staff, make Davenport Community Schools a district of distinction.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

McKinley Elementary has a tradition of excellence in education which is supported by its strong parent-school partnership. The faculty at McKinley is dedicated to making data-based, collaborative decisions when determining the educational needs for students. They go above and beyond to make sure students acquire the fundamental skills necessary to be productive learners while also providing students with enrichment opportunities that integrate artsBASICS approaches. Students are taught and encouraged to be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn citizens through our PBIS school-wide focus.

Reading about all the exciting activities and student achievement is great, but visiting our school is even better. We encourage the community and our partners in education to come view the work of our teachers and children to learn firsthand why McKinley Elementary continues to be a great place to teach and learn.

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Our Mission:

McKinley Elementary ensures every student will be inspired and successful in lifelong learning.

Our Vision:

Each student is provided engaging and positive learning experiences through collaboration and high expectations.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Bridging Arts Strategies In Community and Schools (BASICS) creates enhanced learning opportunities. The first student written, produced, and performed play was presented through the artsBASICS programming.
- Implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) and Olweus Anti-Bullying initiatives ensures that McKinley is a school with a positive and safe environment for students to learn and grow.
- Our school promotes the love of reading through monthly project-based library book review contests. The Reading Counts program has students reading books at their level and accumulating points by taking quizzes which they can cash in for library incentives.
- Our teachers continue to collaborate on grade level professional learning communities (PLC's), focusing their work on research-based, best practices to increase student achievement.
- In the Iowa Elks Hoop Shoot Competition, McKinley Elementary's Stella Smith won the 8-9 Year-Old Girls District Division, advancing to the State Competition.
- 4th grade students studied the properties of electricity during STEAM time. Through project-based learning, students made an LED light bulb light up with only lemons, pennies, nails, and alligator clips.
- The Farm to School Initiative gives McKinley students the opportunity to connect science curriculum to authentic agricultural experiences in our school garden. During our annual cooking day, students created a "Ratatouille" menu that featured carrots, kale, tomatoes, zucchini, and swiss chard.
- WatchDOGS implemented by Dads of Great Students provides additional safety and support to our children and teachers.
- We held our 9th annual Multicultural day for students, families, and community members (including Mayor Frank Klipsch). Guests enjoyed ethnic foods, exhibits, and performances by visiting artists.
- Our 5th Annual Fine Arts Night featured student artwork, dramatic readings, dancing, and musical performances by our 4th and 5th grade students.
- Students take ownership of their learning. McKinley students keep student data notebooks, which allow them to keep track of their learning targets and reflect on where they are in relationship to their learning goals and priority standards.
- Once or twice a week, National Honor Society students from Central High mentored our 3rd and 4th graders through reading, art, and exercise activities.

DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

McKinley Elementary values the diverse ethnic heritage of our students. To be prepared for today's global society and workforce, we believe students must be able to understand, appreciate, work with, and learn from people with cultures and backgrounds different from their own.