

McDonald Green Elementary

Dragonflies

Our demographics

School principal: Michelle Crosby **Years at school:** 5 **In district:** 1996 **In education:** 1996
Grades served: K – 5 **Enrollment:** 490 **Economic status:** 60% free & reduced lunch
Diversity: 48.1% White, 39.2% African-American, 9% Hispanic, 3.5% Other
Number of teachers: 27 **Classified:** 9 **Administrators:** 2 **Counselor:** 1 **Media specialist:** 1
Other: Nurse
Teachers with advanced degrees: 70% **Teacher attendance:** 95.1% **Student attendance:** 96%

Our mission

The mission of McDonald Green Elementary School is the development of responsible, independent learners who value diversity and the arts.

Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1949 **Date of renovations:** 2001
Square feet: 56,914 **Number of computers:** 154 **Number of classrooms:** 34
Specialty areas: 1 computer lab 1 science lab 1 Netbook computer lab

Our school programs

- **After-School Childcare** – We offer childcare for students currently enrolled at the school as well as those who attended in previous years. Hours of operation are 2:15 until 6:00.
- **Summer Day Camp** – We offer this childcare program during the summer to any child in Lancaster County ages 5 to 12. The program offers children the time to learn, play and explore new horizons.
- **Reading Counts** – To encourage students to read for pleasure. Different goals are planned throughout the year including a year-end picnic for top readers. Students earn RC hats and t-shirts.
- **Family Literacy Night** – Parents and students read and write in order to strengthen the students reading skills as well as family relations.
- **Arts in Basic Curriculum Site**
- **Third through Fifth Grade Math and Reading Labs** – McDonald Green offers special math and reading labs based on MAP scores.
- **Homework Center**

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **Chorus** – Consists of students in grade five

- **Steel Drums Ensemble** – Consists of students in grade five
- **Ensemble** – Consists of students in grade five
- **Mini-Society Jobs** – Open to students in third through fifth grades. This program is designed to increase student knowledge of service learning
- **Dragonfly Student Council**
- **Dragonfly Beta Club**
- **Academic Challenge Team** – A group of students who compete in the district level competition
- **Service Learning** – Angel Tree, Donated Books, Jump Rope for Heart American Heart Association, Winter Clothing Drive, Clothes Closet, Soup Kitchen, Volunteer at local nursing home, Make a Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life, Local Food Bank and Toys for Tots

Our parents/parent support programs

- **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)**
- **Parent Information Nights** – Information sessions conducted by school staff on curriculum, eChalk, reading, and other important topics.
- **Star Gazer Night** – A night set aside for hand-on, standard-based activities for students and their parents.
- **Hop on Pop Day**
- **Donuts for Deserving Men**
- **Sweet Treats for Sweet Ladies**
- **Grits for Grands**
- **Veterans Day** – Program of activities giving tribute to active and inactive veterans. The program is followed by a full-breakfast for honored guests.
- **Fantastic Friday** – Breakfast gathering to honor community members who make a difference in the lives of students at McDonald Green.
- **Math & Science Nights**
- **Volunteer Appreciation Day**
- **Volunteer Program**
- **Parent Coordinator** – Liaison between school and parents ensuring all parents are aware and participate in school events.

Our school strengths

- **Media Center** – The Media Center at McDonald Green offers extended hours for student research and family literacy. Our Media Specialist goes above and beyond to implement programs and activities that involve the students in increased literacy time such as The Living Museum, Black History Parade and Reading Counts.
- **Computer lab & Net Book Lab** – McDonald Green has a full time teacher who serves as the instructor of our computer lab. The students use Study Island, Class Works and IXL computer programs that develop critical thinking skills in all 4 academic content areas.
- **Science Lab** – McDonald Green has a full time science lab that offers hands on instruction and experiences that enhance regular classroom science lessons.
- **Arts-ABC Site School** – Infusing the arts into core academic classes.
- **Media Center** – The character education program supports academic achievement, improved discipline, and workforce readiness.
- **MGE’S Shining Stars** – Students are recognized each month for exhibiting great character traits.
- **eChalk** – We will continue our focus using eChalk web pages to communicate important information to parents and students.
- **Study Island** – Computer program designed to assist students in math and reading. The program can be accessed at home.

Our honors & awards

- **Red Carpet**, 2003 and 2006
- **Academic Challenge Champions**, 2002 and 2005
- **eChalk Recognition** – 1 of 3 schools recognized for the design and structure of our eChalk page, 2005 – 2006
- **Palmetto Gold Award** – General Performance (2009-2010)
- **Palmetto Silver Award** – General Performance (2010-2011)
- **Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap** (2010-2011)
- **Lancaster County School Board Trustees Awards**
- Over \$35,000 in **grants** during the past five years
- **Met AYP** 2003 - present
- **School Report Absolute Rating:** Good (2001-2008), Excellent (2009), Good (2010)