

McDonald Green Elementary

Dragonflies

Our demographics

School principal: Tonya Hunter **Began at school:** 2015 **In district:** 2001 **In education:** 1992

Grades served: K – 5 **Enrollment:** 461 **Economic status:** 70% free & reduced lunch

Diversity: 43.2% White, 40.4% African-American, 8.7% Hispanic, 7.5% Other

Number of teachers: 28 **Classified:** 11 **Administrators:** 2 **Counselor:** 1 **Media specialist:** 1

Other: Nurse

Teachers with advanced degrees: 65.5% **Teacher attendance:** 97% **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:** 285 **Number of classrooms:** 32

Specialty areas: 1 computer lab, 1 science lab, 1 auditorium, 1 gymnasium

Our school programs

- **After-School Childcare** – We offer childcare for students currently enrolled at the school. 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 field experience.
- **Family Literacy Night** – Parents and students read and write in order to strengthen the students reading skills as well as family relations.
- **21st Century After-School Program**
- **Arts in Basic Curriculum Site**
- **Distinguished Arts Program**
- **Family Arts Nights** – To encourage family participation in all areas of the arts

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **Chorus** – Consists of students in grades four and five
- **Percussion 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 and career awareness.
- **iLead**
- **Backpack Buddies**
- **Dragonfly Beta Club**
- **Art Club**
- **Girls on the Run**
- **Robotics**
- **Book Club**
- **Service Learning** – Angel Tree, Donated Books, Winter Clothing Drive, Pennies for Patients, Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life, Local Food Bank and cards to nursing homes
- **Science Field Day**
- **ARTS Field Day**

Our parents/parent support programs

- **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)**
- **Parenting Partners** – Information sessions conducted by school staff on important parenting topics and how to help families ensure student success.
- **Mornings with Mrs. Hunter – Principal’s Round Table**
- **Donuts for Dads**
- **Muffins for Moms**
- **Grandparents’ Celebration**
- **Good News Club**
- **Book Fair**
- **Veterans Day** – Program of activities giving tribute to active and inactive veterans.
- **Science Field Day**
- **Spring Fling**
- **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 and flexible 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, Reading Counts, Book Fair and Book Club.
- **Computer lab & Chromebook Lab** – Students use Study Island, Reading Eggs, Brain Pop, Flocabulary, Reflex Math, Math Sees, Type to Learn and IXL computer programs that develop critical thinking skills in all 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 and integrating the arts into core academic classes.
- **School website** – We will continue our focus using school and teacher web pages to communicate important information to parents and students.
- **Portable iPad Lab** – iPads are used to enhance classroom learning experiences.

Our honors & awards

- **Red Carpet**, 2003 and 2006
- **Palmetto Gold Award** – General Performance (2009-10)
- **Palmetto Silver Award** – General Performance (2010-11) (2011-12) (2012-13)
- **Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap** (2010-11)
- **Title I Reward School (2012-13)**
- **Lancaster County School Board Trustees Awards**
- **Recipient of Arts in Basic Curriculum grant**
- **Recipient of Distinguished Arts Program grant**
- **School Report Absolute Rating:** Good (2010, 2013, 2014)