

# McDonald Green Elementary

*Dragonflies*

## Our demographics

**School principal:** Melanie Hollis      **Began at school:** 2022      **In district:** 1998      **In education:** 1998

**Grades served:** K – 5      **Enrollment:** 345      **Economic status:** 60% free & reduced lunch

**Diversity:** 49.27% White, 36.36% African-American, 5.28% Hispanic, 9% Other

**Number of teachers:** 23      **Classified:** 10      **Administrators:** 2      **Counselor:** 1      **Media specialist:** 1

**Other:** Nurse, Reading Coach, Math/Technology Coach

**Teachers with advanced degrees:** 78%      **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:** 701      **Number of classrooms:** 32

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

## Our school programs

- **Family Literacy Nights** – Parents and students read and write in order to strengthen the students reading skills as well as family relations.
- **Family Math Night**
- **Arts in Basic Curriculum Site**
- **Distinguished Arts Program**
- **Family Arts Nights** – To encourage family participation in all areas of the arts
- **EEAP Grant Recipient**

## Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **Chorus** – Consists of students in grades four and five
- **Percussion Ensemble** – Consists of students in grade five
- **iLead**
- **Backpack Buddies**
- **Dragonfly Beta Club**
- **Art Club**
- **Girls on the Run**

- **Book Clubs**
- **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, Giving Trees for the Animal Shelter and Residential Care Facilities.
- **Science Field Day**
- **ARTS Field Day**
- **Puppy Foster Program through STEAM Lab**
- **High Dragonflyer Monthly Citizenship Awards**
- **Daily Citizenship Recognition**

### Our parents/parent support programs

- **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)**
- **Color Run**
- **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, Book Fair, and Book Clubs.
- **Computer lab & Chromebook Lab** – Students use Study Island, Reading Eggs, Brain Pop, Flocabulary, DreamBox, Lexia 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.
- **DAP (Distinguished Arts Program) School**
- **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.
- **Chromebooks** – 1 to 1 in grades K-5. Two portable carts for grades K-1.
- **EEAP Grant Recipient**

### Our honors & awards

- **Lancaster County School Board Trustees Awards**
- **Recipient of Arts in Basic Curriculum grant**
- **Recipient of Distinguished Arts Program grant**
- **School Report Absolute Rating:** Excellent (2019)