

Vision:

We are dedicated to our students, their families, and our community by fostering respect, leadership and lifelong learning in an environment that is safe, secure, and incorporates an innovative, hands-on approach to learning.

Mission:

Park Ridge Elementary shall be a community that nourishes academic excellence for all students and demonstrates leadership in character development. The Mission statement is intended to serve as both the blueprint for improvement and the benchmark by which we will evaluate our progress.

I. Climate - Supporting Achievement:

- A. Provides a place where students feel comfortable, safe and accepted.
- B. Acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of students and staff in learning and leadership
 - i. The curriculum promotes intellectual curiosity, creative thinking, and challenges students to reach their full potential.
 - ii. High levels of achievement are accomplished through measurable academic standards aligned with the major instructional goals, State Standards, and STEM Curriculum

II. An Exemplary Staff:

- A. Focuses on increased student achievement with instruction methods that reflect current research and proven effective classroom practices
- B. Models the importance of lifelong learning through their commitment to ongoing professional development
- C. Collaborates to improve student learning (instructional strategies, methods, and assessments)

III. Students in an Exemplary School:

- A. Accept responsibility for their learning and their actions
- B. Set challenging goals and give their best effort to achieve high academic standards
- C. Behave toward other students and teachers in a manner consistent with good character (considerate, responsible, committed, and respectful)
- D. Encourage each other in an atmosphere of support
- E. Become involved in school and community service

IV. Parents and Community Support

- A. Promotes open communication between parents, teachers, students which encourages a sense of teamwork and cooperation
- B. Play an active role in the academic education and character development of the students
- C. Form partnerships with teachers to demonstrate the importance of education
- D. Are involved with the school by volunteering their time and/or service

Core Beliefs:

P- Be proactive with addressing and implementing the 21st Century Learning Strategies and skills that will prepare students to meet the demands of a diverse Global Society. Be Involved- Our staff is involved in our school, in the decision making process, and in their professional development.

R- Respect for self, respect for others and respect of the environment.. Understanding we all play a vital role in improving ourselves and the community.

E- Everyone, all stakeholders all play a vital role in the success of our students and the school.

At Park Ridge Elementary, our Vision, Mission, and Core Beliefs evolve and change as we attempt to meet the needs of our students, staff, and community.