A Community of Learners

Hollymead places a strong emphasis on both academics and the arts. An active Parent-Teacher Organization and a corps of volunteers provide support to the school and organize social activities for the students and faculty. In addition to an academic focus, Hollymead students participate in numerous philanthropic activities, including Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart, UNICEF, and donations supporting local and worldwide communities. Students showcase their talents annually through the fine arts and grade-level music performances.

School Highlights

Each year Hollymead Elementary School focuses the theme of the school on the acronym C.A.R.E.S.—cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control. Adults in the school model these values every day and have diverse ways in which they teach these values to their students. The CARES philosophy can be seen in at least one classroom morning meeting each week, as an area of focus during the morning announcement broadcast, and as a conversation frame if behavior ever needs to be corrected.

The CARES ideals are built from another guiding force at the school—the Responsive Classroom program. RC helps the school to build a sense of community and belonging for all, and is built upon the premise that the social curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum. The school believes strongly that students learn better when they know that they belong in the school and that adults in the school care deeply about them.

The instructional program at Hollymead has a strong focus on the integration of the arts into the academic curriculum. The media specialist, along with the art, music and gifted teachers, form the arts integration team and partner with teachers at all grade levels to broaden the choices students have about how they learn and how they demonstrate their learning.

The school also strives to create opportunities for parents and other community members to be a part of the school. A highlight of these annual events is the Hollymead Heritage Festival during which Hollymead families showcase their heritage through interactive presentations about their cultures including food, dance, and dress.

Facility Information
- Built in 1972
- 66,437 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation 2002