



“Unleashing Each Student’s Potential”

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School Home of the Bluebirds

Explore. Play. Learn.

The mission of Meriwether Lewis Elementary School is to inspire and develop a community of critical and creative thinkers, responsible global citizens, and lifelong learners.



Principal Mike Irani

School Highlights

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School puts its focus on the development of the whole child through their motto “Explore. Play. Learn.” All children are given the opportunity to pursue their passions, develop their interests and apply their learning in new and innovative ways.

Beginning this year, Meriwether Lewis is implementing a world language program designed to develop students’ fluency in a second language from an early age. The program is beginning with students in Kindergarten and first grade and will add an additional grade level each year until it is implemented school-wide. MLES is using the Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) model of instruction in which students receive 90 to 120 minutes of instruction per week in French. This includes instruction in their morning meetings, during a project hour and also incorporates some dedicated language instruction.

Community building is another important element of culture at MLES. All students and teachers incorporate the values of the Responsive Classroom program. This includes such team building activities as daily morning meetings with their homeroom class, monthly school-wide morning meetings, and a focus on valuing each student as a unique individual.

Facility Information

- Built in 1988
- 56,540 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—None

Movement and developing a healthy, physically active lifestyle is encouraged for every student. This can be seen in the school’s PE program that focuses on the theme of “Healthy bodies, healthy minds,” which incorporates non-traditional activities such as dance into students’ PE routine. Another example of this work is



the “Morning Movers” program in which students produce their own dances that are broadcast to the school in the mornings for other students to get up and follow along.

The school has recently focused on developing learning spaces that provide students a learning environment that is more student focused by incorporating the idea of choice and comfort in which classrooms are more flexible spaces that can be transformed to meet the needs of individual students through such things as soft seating and variable height desks.

Meriwether Lewis Attendance Area



