Stone-Robinson is committed to providing students with rich learning opportunities that will prepare them as lifelong learners. The 80-member staff is committed to focusing on the whole child—nurturing their development both socially and academically.

School Highlights

Stone Robinson Elementary School prides itself on creating a positive, engaging and enriching community both within the school itself and with its many stakeholders.

Community building is a cornerstone of everything that happens within the school. 100% of staff members are trained in Responsive Classroom, and all students participate in daily morning meetings designed to build a strong community of learners. In addition, the school adopted CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self Control) as their character education initiative.

The school also serves as a hub for the local community. Each year there are multiple events in which the school opens its doors to parents and community members. A highlight of these events is the “Design Challenge” night in the spring. Parents and their children come to the school that evening to get a hands-on look at the design and problem-solving work that their children experience by participating in such challenges as creating tin foil boats that can float with the largest number of pennies and using software to design 3D objects to be created using the school’s 3D printer. In addition to this, the school supports parent and community participation with events such as outdoor movie nights, school beautification projects, a fall festival and many more.

A hallmark of the student experience at the school is a focus on p-based learning that incorporates authentic problem solving and allows students to pursue their personal passions. An example of this from the current school year is a plan to develop highly engaging, interdisciplinary lessons involving the creation of outdoor learning spaces that will allow everyone to make use of the school’s vast outdoor spaces, trails and access to the Rivanna River. Students are completing this work in multi-age teams and will be engaging community members/services for support.

Another academic focus of the school is on implementing a literacy program built around the tenets of the Daily Five, an instructional methodology that is focused on building students’ independence, allowing them to be assertive about their learning, and providing them choice in their work while building their literacy skills. There will be a strong focus on metacognition and comprehension strategy instruction.

Facility Information

- Built in 1961
- 71,100 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—1999