



VALLEY FORGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL VISION: For all students to meet their goals in a scholarly environment that supports their individuality, and social-emotional well-being.

SCHOOL MISSION: To foster a scholarly environment that embraces a growth mindset, promotes mutual respect, and supports all students in attaining their goals.

CORE VALUES: Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Your Best.

SCHOOL MOTTO: I am a Leader. I use the 7 Habits. I love, lead, learn, read. WE ARE THE FORGE!

DRESS CODE: All clothing shall be within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for school. Clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.

Please adhere to Columbus City Schools' Dress Code in the Guide to Student Success and the following:

- Hats, durags, or any head coverings that are not required by religion are not permitted to be worn inside the building.
- Sensible shoes are suggested. Athletic shoes are required on gym days and may be worn every day. **For safety, flip flops, slides, sandals, and open toe shoes should not be worn to school.**

Students should be dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Children will be required to go outside for recess providing that the wind chill and temperature is at or above 22 degrees

WHAT MAKES THIS SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:

Leadership Building at Valley Forge Elementary involves our students and staff practicing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Each week our students review the habits that will ensure success in school and our community.

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| • Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge) | • Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before Your Talk) |
| • Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Plan) | • Habit 6: Synergize (Together is Better) |
| • Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, The Play) | • Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance is Best) |
| • Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win) | |

SPECIALTY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/CURRICULUM:

Reading, language arts, writing, math, science, social studies, health are the core academic areas of Valley Forge. Art, music, and physical education are integrated with core subject areas and are required for all students.

READING PROGRAM: We utilize HMH Into Reading for our reading and language arts instruction. We have a Guided Reading book room with over 50,000 books. Valley Forge students have a 120-minute uninterrupted block for reading and writing.



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Andrew J. Smith, III
Principal

FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES:

Family Ambassador: Margaret Howell

Our school benefits from active family involvement encouraged at all times. Opportunities for family involvement include activities that are planned throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Karl Road Block Watch Association and Karl Road Baptist Church