



WATKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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VISION STATEMENT: The vision of Watkins Elementary School is to build and foster a strong foundation for the children of our community to become life-long learners.

MISSION STATEMENT: Watkins staff will provide a challenging, student-centered curriculum with effective instructional strategies in a safe and stimulating learning environment.

PROGRAMMING: As a Balanced Literacy School, and our adoption of the Daily Five and Daily Café, our literacy program offers Watkins children an opportunity to learn how to read and write utilizing a strong blend of literacy and phonics with an emphasis on fluency and comprehension through exposure to quality literature. In addition to an emphasis on reading and writing, Watkins offers a strong common core curriculum that includes math, science, social studies, health, art, music (vocal and instrumental) and physical education. Our curriculum is aligned with common core learning competencies. Students have the opportunity to use Google Chromebooks in their classrooms as part of their daily learning and instruction. Through the daily use of technology, students are becoming prepared for success now and in the future.

OUR STUDENTS: Recognition of student achievement, attendance and special accomplishments are celebrated through monthly and quarterly award assemblies.

Watkins students are offered an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including: safety patrol, student council, and primary tutoring and district-wide academic competitions.

Watkins enjoys a diverse student population. Our school family includes students with special-needs and those who qualify for gifted and talented services.

WHAT WE DO: Our school benefits from a Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) with family involvement encouraged at all times and with meetings each month. Yearly opportunities for family involvement include: Fall festival, annual November Community Feast, math and reading family nights, ice cream socials, skating parties, math and science extravaganza, our annual Black History program and The Spring Arts Festival. Parents provide academic support through tutoring and assisting in classrooms.

PARTNERSHIPS: Through the Cap City Kids Program at Marion Franklin Recreation Center, Watkins offers after school child care and tutoring for its students. As part of Communities in Schools, Watkins has formed a partnership with community agencies and businesses. Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Boy Scouts of America support counseling, mentoring and tutoring programs with Watkins elementary school. We receive support from the Marion Franklin Area Civic Association and the Alum Crest Acres Civic Association.

DRESS CODE: Watkins dress code includes solid colored (no print or graphics) collared shirts and navy blue, tan or black pants, jumpers and skirts. Please see our Facebook and/or District Webpage for more details.