



WEST MOUND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MISSION: Empowering students to take ownership of learning and life choices in school, the community, and beyond.

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT: The vision of West Mound Elementary is to focus on the whole child by creating a partnership of valued and respected students, staff, parents, and community to strengthen an efficient and stable learning environment so all students are college and career ready.

READING PROGRAM: Literacy Collaborative is a comprehensive school reform project designed to improve the reading, writing, and language skills of elementary children. The cornerstone of this project is dynamic, long-term professional development. School-based literacy coaches are trained in research-based approaches in their own classrooms; and supported as they provide onsite training for the teacher in their schools. The goal of this comprehensive effort is to significantly raise the level of achievement for all students in grades K-5.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Our parents are very active, and the staff values the dedication of our parents who frequently volunteer in the classrooms, assist in organizing special events, and chaperone field trips. Parent participation is encouraged and appreciated throughout the school year.

DRESS CODE: No uniform requirement. The Columbus City Schools Dress Code Policy is consistently enforced.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Partnerships have been formed with the Boy Scouts of America, Rock City Church, and Community for New Directions. Mentors from the community volunteer on a regular basis to provide additional support for our students. The success of our program is a direct reflection of the dedication of our mentors.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: West Mound has earned a solid reputation of academic excellence. We are housed in a beautiful new facility equipped with state of the art technology and a computer lab which enhances the learning environment. All of our students participate in art, music, and physical education. Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to participate in choir and instrumental music. We are privileged to have exceptional community support. West Mound also offers a pre-K program.

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN: Our outstanding unified arts teachers provide wonderful opportunities for our students to excel. Students create impressive artwork on a regular basis with the assistance of our talented art teacher. Students also showcase their talents in fabulous musicals and plays and cup stacking competitions. Students are able to participate in a variety of activities including, open gym, talent show, Columbus Children's Theater shows, and numerous field trips throughout the year.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: We have a highly qualified and dedicated staff, most of whom have earned master's degrees and continue to expand their knowledge base through ongoing coursework and professional development. Our staff brings a wide variety of experience and expertise to the learning process. All members of the West Mound Staff consistently demonstrate a genuine concern for the welfare of all our students. Our staff does "whatever it takes" to meet the diverse needs of our students.