

## About Our School

Together everyone achieves more at Eastern Elementary School. Built in 1969 and expanded in 2010, Eastern serves students in grades K-5 with a vision of leading them to graduation as learners who think critically, creatively, and possess an attitude of self-worth and an internal drive to contribute positively to



society.

From the first bell to the final bus

taking off, you don't have to look far to find children who are excited about their educational experience at Eastern. The staff at Eastern also recognizes that students possess different backgrounds and abilities and learn in a variety of ways, so they provide an adapted educational program and ensure that every child recognizes his or her importance through the schoolwide "You Matter" initiative.



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*You Matter!*



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Coming in 2017...

STEM—Focused Education

## Together Everyone Achieves More

Eastern Elementary School maintains a purpose of providing a curriculum and environment that gives students the opportunity to experience continued progress, develop communication and computational skills, demonstrate emotional stability, develop a realistic and positive self-image, establish awareness of personal values, and think logically, critically, and creatively. Additionally, students are taught to show respect, maintain discipline and appreciate the benefits of the arts and physical fitness.



Eastern also benefits from an active Parent-Teacher Organization that supports the school through initiatives such as car washes, a school beautification day, a talent show, pizza bingo, spirit nights, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, and mini-grants for teachers. Other initiatives at the school include a Book Swap and the Student Safety Patrol that allows students to assume leadership roles by assisting with morning drop-off and supervision in the halls, cafeteria, and bus area.

All students are also rewarded regularly through the SOAR positive behavioral interventions and support matrix.

## You Matter!

Students and staff at Eastern recognize the role they play in the success of the school thanks to a schoolwide “You Matter” initiative. In an effort to put into words the efforts of everyone at the school and bring to light the impact that each person can have on the school’s culture and performance, the administration launched the initiative in 2015.

Principal Cathy Kirkland meets with each student individually and talks with them about having confidence in themselves, staying optimistic, and reaching their potential in all they do. Additionally, the school has adopted a motto for students: “I matter. Every day, in every way, in all that I do, nothing less than my best.” Students are often called upon to recite the motto, and it can be found on the back of T-shirts provided to everyone during a schoolwide assembly each year.

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Than My BEST!

## STEM Education

Beginning in 2017, Eastern will become a STEM-focused school. STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than



teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications.



Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are an important part of education in a competitive global marketplace. The STEM workforce is ex-

ploding and expected to continue to grow well into the future. That is why STEM education is vital to the careers of the future and what better way to encourage student participation than by putting before them teachers who have a passion and experience within STEM fields.

All students benefit from the STEM program because it teaches independent innovation and allows students to explore greater depths of all of the subjects by utilizing the skills learned; these skills are going to be required in order for today’s students to be tomorrow’s global leaders. All jobs are requiring workers to have a greater ability to think critically, work as a member of a team and independently, and close the performance gap between American students and those being produced in other countries.