



**MGE School Summary Report**  
**2013-2014**  
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Because McDonald Green Elementary is an Arts and Basic Curriculum school. Students are given many opportunities to integrate the arts. Chorus, Honors Chorus and a Steel Drum Ensemble are offered after school. Students also participate in our new MGE Step Team, and Black Light group.

Our classroom teachers have integrated the arts through the use of project based learning, skits, and music to aid in the retention of information. Also, teachers have used reader's theater and tableaux after attending professional development workshops offered by the Lancaster County Council of Arts in partnership with the Kennedy Center of the Arts. Our regular classroom teachers will be attending arts institutes in the summer of 2014.

McDonald Green's special area teachers are active in the regular classroom through the use of an inclusion model. Where applicable, students are given opportunities to explore dance, theatre, visual arts and music. McDonald Green utilizes every opportunity to expose our students to diverse forms of art to enhance learning.

We have an Art and Science class that meets after school. The Da Vinci class, the name given based on the life and work of Leonardo Da Vinci, incorporates art and science into one. Students who participate in this class have made projects from solar ovens to African rain sticks.



### **Service Learning and Community Projects**

Can Food Drive

Relay For Life

Girls on the Run

March of Dimes

Convalescent Visit

Community Food Drive/Donation

Science Lab donated chicken eggs to MGE staff

Garden Co-Op

Recycling program led by Mini Society

Blood Drive

Jump Rope For Heart

Reading to Pre-K Students

Angel Tree



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## **Artist Vickie McLain**

As part of our school-wide theme, artist Vickie McLain will assist students in painting small canvases. Students will display their works of art at our annual MGE Art Show in May. The painted canvases will be sold with proceeds going to benefit a local charity.

## **Bright Star Theatre**

As a part of Black History Month, our K-2 grade students had a performance by Bright Star Theatre based on the life and work of Jackie Robinson. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders also enjoyed a show about Fredrick Douglas.

## **Activated Story Theatre**

This amazing traveling theatre group worked with all students on the basics of theatre and learned techniques on performing in front of an audience. Our community also was invited in to view the final performance during their week long residency.

## **Learning to Shag**

This May, as a part of our focus on dance and theatre, our third grade students will be working on how to learn to dance the "Shag" with a dance residency by Caroline Hoadley.

*Due to students being in a "technology gaming world" McDonald Green Elementary has a portable iPad Cart that teachers use for rotation stations in Math and Reading. The iPads enable teachers to differentiate learning. In order to assist students with academic deficiencies as well as learning acceleration, MGE implemented several new initiatives. District wide, Fast Forward, a computer based program to assist students with reading skills such as comprehension, phonics and context clues. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were invited to attend Power Up 2 Score Up a one to one tutoring program afterschool for reading and math. In addition, each week during computer lab instructional time students have the opportunity to work in Study Island and Classworks. While teachers and volunteers work with small groups of students to increase academic achievement.*

*Goal: Improve the safety of the afternoon car rider dismissal.*

- *Phone conference with Lancaster County Safety and Transportation Director, Mr. Bryan Vaughn to express traffic concerns.*
- *Collaborated with Lancaster County Sheriff's Department along with DMV to ensure safety of traffic.*
- *Due to collaboration with the DMV speed limit signs with flashing lights have been erected.*



## **MGE School Improvement Council Members**

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