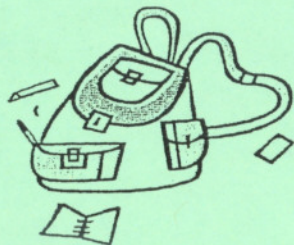


**Instructional and Other Activities at:**

*Ford Elementary for 2010-11: (Examples)*

- Academy/GT
- Class Behavior Awards
- DARE for Fifth Graders
- ESOL Services
- Faculty Birthday Celebrations (Monthly)
- Field Days
- Fifth Grade Graduation
- Fifth Grade Helpers
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Guidance Lessons
- 5K Graduation
- Individual Behavior Drawings
- Literacy and Math/Science Coaches
- Montessori Bridging
- National Park Service Ranger Assembly
- Parent Volunteers
- Parenting - Special Events Planned for Families
- PTO and SIC
- Pastries with Principals
- Reading Recovery
- Resource
- Special Speakers and Programs
- Speech Services
- Student and Faculty Attendance Awards
- Staff Development Sessions
- Summer Tutor Sessions



**Parent Choice - Montessori or Creative Curriculum:**

**What is Creative Curriculum?**

Creative Curriculum classrooms:

- are part of our 4K and 5K single-aged programs.
- are divided into interest areas ;  
  
such as: blocks, dramatic play, math,  
  
art, literacy, discovery science, music, movement and computers.
- use a wide variety of instructional strategies and materials.
- use whole group, small group, and individual instruction.

**What is Montessori?**

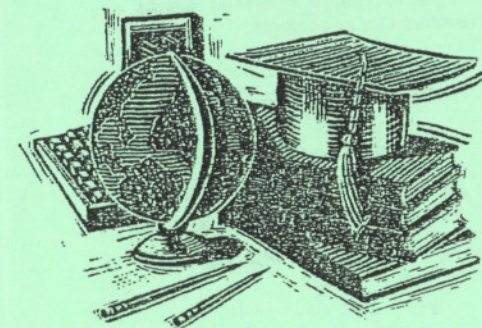
The Montessori Philosophy includes the beliefs that children:

- learn through discovery.
- construct knowledge using concrete material before moving to the abstract.
- are natural learners.
- need practical life skills, cultural studies and sensorial awareness.



**SIC Members-**

- Gerri McConnell (Teacher)
- Kris Krystyniak (Teacher)
- Jamie Anderson (Teacher)
- Laura Abercrombie (Parent)
- Brandy Crocker (Parent)
- Daisy Villa (Parent)
- Dianne Simmons (Principal)
- Crystal Bailey (PTO Pres.)
- Sheila Dotson (Community Member)
- Keith Taylor (Community Member)
- Joe Kirby (Community Member)
- Kim Penland (Asst. Principal)
- Kim Workman (Teacher of the Year)





### Mission Statement

The mission of Ford Elementary School is to create a community of learners who are *Respectful, Responsible, Proud* and *Productive* citizens.

La misión de la Escuela Elemental Ford es crear una comunidad de participantes que son *Respetuosos, Responsables, Orgullosos* and *Productivos*.

### GOALS

#### **School Climate (Character Education/Parent Involvement):**

We will provide a safe environment that promotes positive character development and parental involvement in the education of all students.

#### **Teacher/Administrator Quality**

We will maintain highly qualified and instructionally effective teachers and administrators.

#### **Student Achievement**

We will provide standards-based lessons and effective instructional strategies to promote increased student achievement for all students.



### Vision

Ford Elementary will be a school of excellence through engaging and appropriately challenging educational practices for all learners.

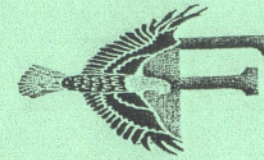
La visión de la Escuela Elemental Ford es ser una escuela de excelencia a través del compromiso y apropiada estimulación educativa para todos los participantes.

We believe that...

- All people can learn and be successful.
- All people have value and deserve to be treated with respect, dignity and fairness.
- Excellence is achievable through high expectations.
- All people have a right to learn in a safe, clean and comfortable learning environment.
- Family and community involvement are important to the success of a child's total education.
- Learning is a life-long journey.
- All students deserve a relevant and challenging education that prepares them for the future; while meeting their individual needs today.

Nosotros creemos que.....

- Toda persona puede aprender y ser exitosa.
- Toda persona tiene valor y merece ser tratado con respeto, dignidad y justicia.
- La excelencia es alcanzable a través de altas expectativas.
- Toda persona tiene el derecho de aprender en seguridad, limpieza y un ambiente de enseñanza confortable.
- La participación de la familia y la comunidad es muy importante para el éxito total en la educación de su hijo/a.
- El aprendizaje es un viaje de toda la vida.
- Todo estudiante merece una educación estimulante y pertinente que los prepare para el futuro; mientras satisfacen sus necesidades individuales.



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