



BRIGHT STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Why Bright Star Elementary?

"I believe Bright Star Elementary is special because it is a place where I know my child is expected to learn and meet all requirements. The administrators and teachers are committed to student excellence, and this is shown in the goals and high expectations that are set for all students. My child really enjoys Bright Star Elementary School and is excited every day for a new learning experience."

—Bright Star Parent

Achievements

- ◇ 21st Century Grant recipient
- ◇ Georgia Gravity Games participant
- ◇ County math competition winner for three consecutive years
- ◇ 3rd and 4th place winners in county Stock Market Game competition
- ◇ Joseph Bogozan, 2017 Douglas County Teacher of the Year finalist



Inside the Classroom

When entering the classroom at Bright Star Elementary, visitors will find students who are actively engaged in rigorous instructional activities which are relevant to their everyday experiences. The goal of teachers and staff is to ensure that students are able to make lifelong connections that they can apply to every aspect of their daily lives. At Bright Star, students are exposed to a wide variety of instructional strategies that promote critical thinking. Students are involved in various lessons that expose them to complex problems and situations, where they have to make decisions that require providing evidence based on logic and reason.

It is vital to understand that socialization and developing proper social skills is just as important as the academics. Therefore, in addition to the curriculum, Bright Star students are exposed to social skills lessons. The faculty and staff understand that teaching and modeling appropriate social skills helps to ensure that the needs of the whole child are being met. By providing students with social skill practice and social stories, teachers are working to ensure that students are able to demonstrate positive behaviors and strong peer relationships with all of their peers.

Shooting Towards Excellence

Our Mission

The mission at Bright Star Elementary is to build a community of lifelong learners that become responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens.



Beyond the Classroom

When students are provided activities beyond the academics, they have the ability to reach a deeper understanding of themselves and the things that they enjoy. Since Bright Star students have insatiable interests in so many diverse areas, we offer a wealth of clubs each year.

Through the 21st Century Grant, Bright Star offers after school tutorial know as Comet Club, where students and their families learn new skills. The students who qualify for this program are provided academic enrichment activities to help ensure that they meet local and state standards in reading and math. This program also offers students homework assistance and remediation.

Additional activities that Bright Star offers ensure that students have the opportunity to be creative and learn leadership skills. Students may join after school activities including Boys to Men, Chess Club, Art Club, Chorus, Drama Club, and Step Up Girls.

Students are also afforded the opportunity to participate in interscholastic competition for all students through programs such as the Math Competition Team and the Road Runner Program. The Math Competition Team is a math enrichment group that helps to foster a love for critical thinking through mathematics. The Road Runner program is a running enrichment program that offers students the ability to improve their running knowledge and skills, to participate in running events, and to meet students in the school and the community.



Principal: Heather Stewart

Student Enrollment: 477

Black 65%; White 14%; Hispanic 14%; Two or more races 4%; Asian 2%; American Indian and Pacific Islander less than 1%

Total Staff: 57

Certified Staff: 36

Cert. Staff with Adv. Degrees: 26

2017 CCRPI: 62.2

2017 GMAS Scores (% of students scoring at Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished Learner levels)

3rd Grade: ELA 55.3%; Math 72.6%

4th Grade: ELA 69.3%; Math 64.8%

5th Grade: ELA 85.7%; Math 75.7%;

Science 55.7%; Social Studies 68.6%

School Climate Star Rating: 3 (out of 5)

Numbers for enrollment and staffing were current as of 10/17. CCRPI score includes Exceeding the Bar (ETB) points. Go to www.gadoe.org for additional information on CCRPI and GMAS.

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