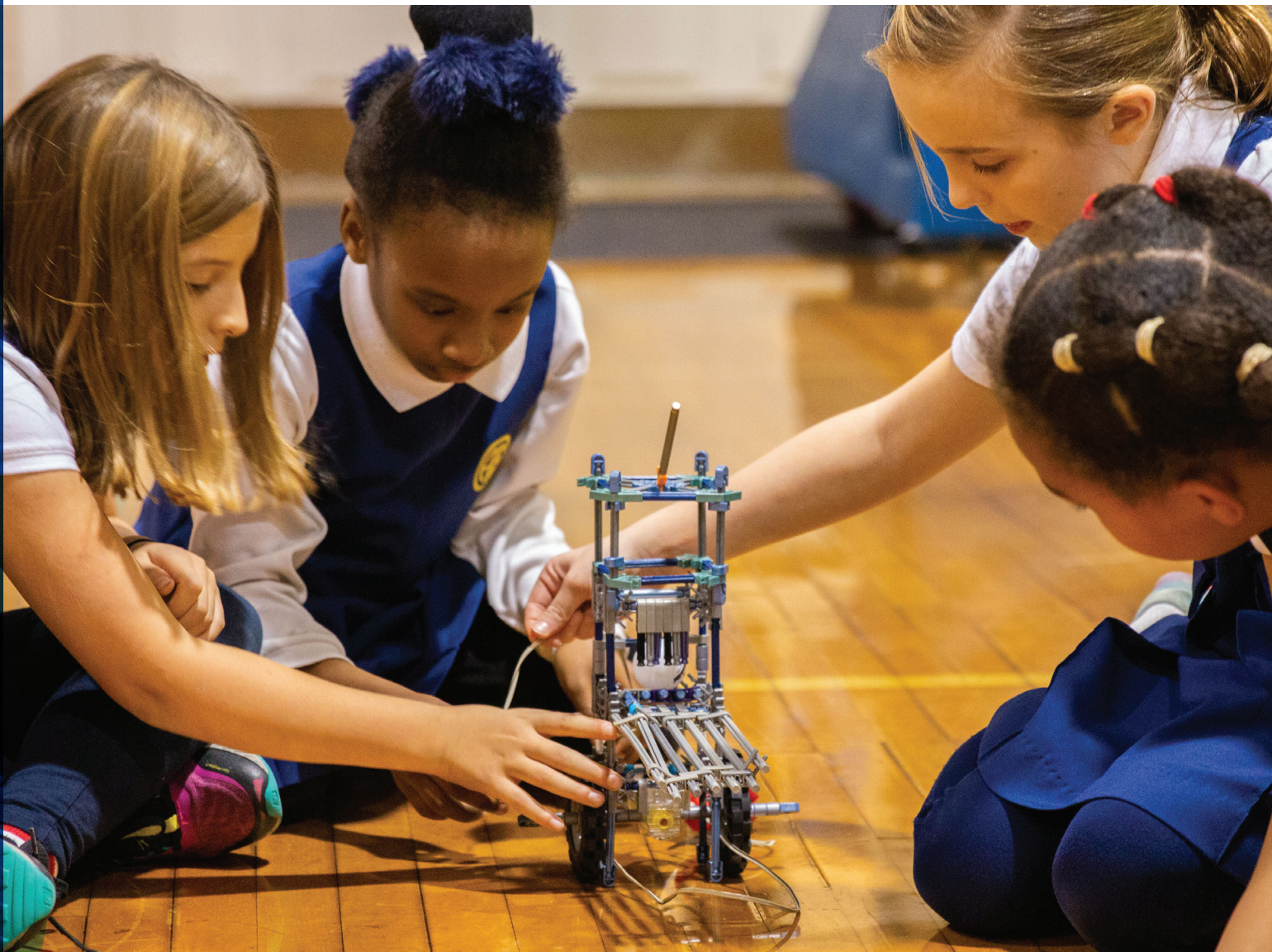


She is filled with

# wonder

**Agnes Irwin's Lower School program provides a joyful, rigorous learning environment, designed just for girls.** Here, we know there is no one right way to learn — and our curriculum is designed to meet the individual needs of each student. We encourage girls to notice what's around them, discover connections, and explore possibilities. When girls leave Lower School, they will be empowered to take risks and ask questions, prepared for the exciting challenges that await them in Middle School.





# We are *intentional* about leadership

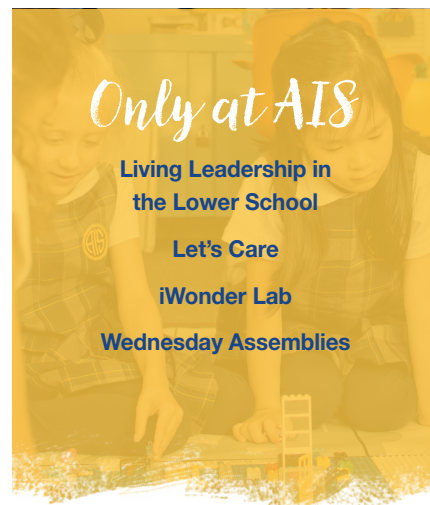
## WE KNOW THAT EVERY GIRL CAN LEAD.

That's why our girls learn to see themselves as leaders from the first day of PreK — and why we created our Living Leadership in the Lower School program, or L3.

Developed by Agnes Irwin faculty, our Center for the Advancement of Girls, and Bryn Mawr College researchers, L3 helps our youngest girls learn to see themselves as leaders. The program, which is integrated at every grade level, gives girls a broad understanding of who a leader is and what a leader does, creating a strong sense of leadership self-efficacy.



Our proprietary **Leadership Toolkit®** is a physical toolbox that focuses on nine key attributes of a 21st-century leader, making those abstract concepts more tangible for young learners.



*Only at AIS*

Living Leadership in  
the Lower School

Let's Care

iWonder Lab

Wednesday Assemblies

## *Living Leadership in the Lower School*

### ATTRIBUTES OF A LOWER SCHOOL LEADER

#### Responsibility

"I know what to do and I do it."

#### Honesty

"I am truthful to myself and others."

#### Communication/Listening

"I listen and speak to others thoughtfully."

#### Reflective Thinking

"I think about what I've done and learn a lesson from it. I think about what I'm going to do and make a good choice."

#### Problem Solving

"When I don't know what to do, I figure it out."

#### Collaboration/Cooperation

"I work well with others to get something done."

#### Kindness

"I care about others."

#### Independent Mindedness

"I think and act for myself. I'm not afraid to be different."

#### Resilience

"When things don't go my way, I bounce back."

### AIS BY THE NUMBERS\*

# 18

years average  
faculty tenure

# 95

faculty members hold master's  
degrees, **5** earned Doctorates,  
and **5** hold J.D.s

# 13

average class size  
in the Lower School

\*As of the 2019-2020 school year



# A day in the life

## of an AIS Lower School student on campus



### DAILY CLASS OFFERINGS

- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Language Arts

### SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

- Homeroom
- Language Arts
- Snack
- World Language
- Physical Education
- Math
- Lunch
- Play
- Science
- Music
- Social Studies
- Art

*Exact times are not listed as they vary from grade to grade. Please expect to receive a copy of a sample schedule during your parent tour at AIS.*

*Dismissal times vary by grade.*

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We understand the unique needs of working families. That's why we have early drop off, starting at 7:30 a.m., and offer After Session and Extra Session in the afternoons. Because even at the end of the day, our girls have the power to do more. Explore more. And learn more.

### AFTER SESSION

After Session is a convenient after-school program that provides an enriching and structured experience for Lower School students, and is available to Lower School girls from 3 to 6 p.m. on any school day, as well as parent conference days. After Session is taught by an experienced teacher of over 20 years, and she leads the students in a variety of planned activities that include arts and crafts, cooking, computer time, and reading. Homework supervision/quiet time, free play and snack are offered daily. Financial assistance is available for students currently receiving financial aid.

### EXTRA SESSION

Extra Session is an optional after-school enrichment program for Agnes Irwin students in our Lower School. Through constructive activities supervised by Agnes Irwin faculty and local instructors, students can learn new skills, exercise athletic abilities and discover their creativity.

These enrichment activities change throughout the year and may include theater, engineering, "seed-to-snack" food education, and fitness. Classes are held select Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and carry registration fees. Supervision is provided between the end of the school day and the beginning of Extra Session.

### SPECIAL CLASSES (number of classes per week and length of each class)

	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>Physical Education</b>	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	3x/week 30 Minutes	3x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes
<b>Wellness</b>			1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes
<b>Music</b>	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes
<b>Library</b>	1x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 45 Minutes	1x/week 60 Minutes	1x/week 60 Minutes	1x/week 45 Minutes
<b>World Language</b>	3x/week 20 Minutes	3x/week 30 Minutes	3x/week 30 Minutes	3x/week 30 Minutes	3x/week 40 Minutes	3x/week 40 Minutes
<b>Art</b>	In Classroom	2x/week One 30 Minutes One 45 Minutes	1x/week 45 Minutes	1x/week 60 Minutes	1x/week 60 Minutes	1x/week 60 Minutes
<b>Let's Care**</b>		1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes
<b>Science</b>	1x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 30 Minutes	2x/week 45 Minutes	3x/week 45 Minutes	3x/week 45 Minutes
<b>iWonder</b>	1x/week 20 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 30 Minutes	1x/week 40 Minutes	1x/week 40 Minutes

**\*\*Our Let's Care program promotes the "4 Cs" of social intelligence: communicating, caring, coping, and character building. Our girls learn an array of skills from mindfulness and self-care to friendship making strategies.**

## The iWonder Lab

In the iWonder lab, led by our Director of Technology Integration and Innovation, you will find students engaged in design thinking, making, tinkering, and engineering — with circuitry kits, K'nex, codeable robots, electronics, and loose parts.

Our second graders use robots to design a parade route throughout the Lower School; PreK girls prototype inventions that solve problems for nursery rhyme characters; and first graders take part in "Genius Hour." And every Monday, all students can attend "Maker Mondays," hosted in the iWonder Lab.

It's where discoveries are made and new solutions to real-world problems are found. Learn more at [agnesirwin.org/innovation](http://agnesirwin.org/innovation).



## Meet the Director of the Lower School



### Lower School Director Elizabeth Elizardi

Elizabeth Elizardi has more than two decades of experience in public, charter, and independent schools across the country. She began her career as a fourth grade teacher in Arizona public schools and continued teaching in lower schools for nine years before becoming an administrator. In 2009, Elizabeth moved to New Orleans and served as a founding leadership coach for Leading Educators, a national nonprofit with a mission of elevating teaching, igniting potential, and promoting teacher leadership. Following her work with Leading Educators, Elizabeth served as the founding Head of Early Childhood Education at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans. Together with a team of talented educators, she built a new division from the ground up within a storied 115 year-old institution, merging traditional and progressive approaches to learning. Elizabeth holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from American University, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University, a Master of Applied Positive Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and is currently a doctoral student in Curriculum and Instruction at Louisiana State University.

## Our Core Values

We accomplish our mission of empowering girls to learn, to lead, and to live a legacy by embodying these four core values of The Agnes Irwin School:

### Excellence



We **provide** an exceptional education that develops each girl's highest potential and produces passionate, resilient, and empowered learners and leaders.

### Character



We **expect** honesty, kindness, and personal integrity in all that we do and say.

### Community



We **foster** an inclusive environment where individuals are valued, contributions are celebrated, deep connections are formed, and traditions are cherished.

### Respect



We **treat** all with dignity and understanding, welcoming differences in backgrounds, perspectives, and cultures.

## The Agnes Irwin School

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