



“I think the most important thing that our middle schoolers should take with them moving forward is confidence in their abilities, to know that they belong, that this is their home, they have agency here, and to not be afraid to share their gifts with the world.”

KEINO TERRELL
Director of Middle School



MIDDLE SCHOOL AT GERMANTOWN FRIENDS

is a magical, memorable place, with developmentally designed programs to meet the needs of 11-14 year olds. That includes finding joy in learning, and also finding joy in the discovery of who each young person is as an individual. Students engage through academics, clubs, affinity group spaces, athletics, and service in ways that help them to discover their true selves. And, as Keino Terrell says, “that’s pretty cool.”

KEY FOCUS AREAS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Study skills, note-making
- Communication and conflict resolution
- Self-advocacy and self-awareness
- Time management, planning, and organization
- Social skills and collaboration
- Empathy
- Health and wellness
- Learning through success and challenge
- Exploration of emerging identities



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



6TH-GRADE SIGNATURE SKILLS PROGRAM

Intentional and measurable instruction focusing on academic, organizational, and social emotional skills.

GOALS

- Learn how to be a student
- Build a foundation for Middle School and beyond
- Gain confidence in academic, organizational, and social-emotional skills



7TH-GRADE SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MODEL

Full year exploration of service learning that includes students navigating curricula modulars that focus on food insecurity, homelessness, and environmental stewardship.

GOALS

- Ignite the natural and necessary extension of our Quaker ethos
- Harness the energy and curiosity of 7th graders
- Capitalize on students' desires to be active citizens capable of changing their world
- Inculcate in our students the importance of mutual learning and abandoning the notion of service learning as operating from a deficit model



8TH-GRADE CAPSTONE

Guided by a question, students explore passion projects that allow them to position learning in ways authentic to themselves.

GOALS

- Offer a new element of student choice
- Give students a positive and self-directed way to embrace learning through doing
- Create a place where all students can share something that matters to them
- Open students' hearts and minds to myriad opportunities for curiosity and avenues to success



OTHER SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI-COURSES: Week-long interdisciplinary deep dives that center joy, curiosity, and rigor as students experience uninterrupted learning around a single topic. Teachers partner to design mixed-grade courses and students chose from a menu of options.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAKERNOOK: Innovative learning space to be constructed that focuses on maker education and that supports students from imagination through conception.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY/MUSICAL: Now as part of a year long Theatre Movement Arts program, the winter will feature a middle school play with participants across grades.



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