

PHILLIS WHEATLEY History

Phillis Wheatley Elementary has been educating Kansas City students for more than 60 years, first opening its doors in 1955. The school has gone through several transformations since then, including new laboratory facilities, an expansive library and more.

Our school is named after the first published African American poet, Phillis Wheatley. Wheatley wrote her first published poem at around age 13. In 1773, Wheatley gained considerable stature when her first book of verse, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, was published. We honor her legacy by ensuring well-rounded literacy is the focal point of all classroom instruction.



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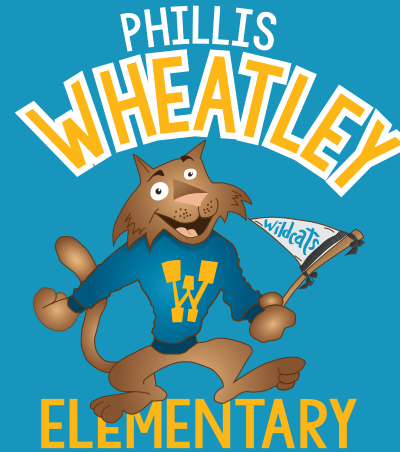
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HOME OF THE WILDCATS



Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

Serving kindergarten through sixth grade



OUR MISSION:

By working collaboratively, we will cultivate global citizens that are college and career ready. We will provide a safe environment and tools for academic and character success by fostering a community of excellence.



ABOUT WHEATLEY

Phillis Wheatley Elementary is a comprehensive community elementary school serving students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Our goal is simple: Meet students where they are. With a full spectrum of special education programs and services for English Language Learners, Wheatley Elementary provides interventions and supports to help students to find success every day and master their grad level.

In addition to serving students within a defined geographic area, Wheatley also serves as a site for special needs students throughout their elementary career.

Meeting the needs of all learners...

Special Education

Wheatley has five self-contained classrooms from kindergarten through sixth grade for a wide spectrum of disabilities. There is a full time nurse on site, and we provide speech, occupational therapy services and interpreters for hearing impaired students. These classrooms integrate with the rest of the school population during support classes and other all-school activities.

English Language Learners

The English as a Second Language program is designed to teach students who speak languages other than English how to understand, speak, read and write in English and to support students' culture and language whenever possible.

Serving students

Kindergarten thru Sixth grade

Bell Times:

9:15 am – 4:15 pm

Your Neighborhood Schools:

- Central Middle
- East High

WILDCAT LIFE

Community Partnerships

Our shared vision for the community is that we build on its strengths to provide meaningful opportunities for our students. Partners like the Church of the Resurrection provide essential services to our school such as free school supplies, Friday snack packs, uniforms and more.

Community Learning

It is the belief of the Phillis Wheatley Learning Community that school is a place where everyone comes together to promote learning. Teachers work as a team, they serve as instructional mentors to the students. Parents are our partners. A vital partnership is created between the home and school that is strengthened by active participation.

Before & After School Care

Local Investment Commission (LINC) provides affordable high-quality before and after school care for elementary-age students in a safe, fun and caring environment that supports children's social, emotional and physical development.

The program encourages children's growth through recreational and academic activities including homework help and a healthy snack. All LINC staff at school sites pass health and annual legal background checks and are trained in CPR.

Free Before & After School Care (K-6)

Free Breakfast & Lunch

After-School Sports Programs

Exceptional Education

Gardening Club

KC Harmony Project

Mentoring

Tutoring

English Language Learners Support

Church of the Resurrection

Junior Achievement

