

# Vista View Elementary School

## Each Student. Future ready. Community strong.

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 is a future-forward school district creating barrier-free pathways for learning for everyone in our community. We believe learning is a lifelong pursuit, and create programs, services and opportunities that inspire this belief.



I am privileged to be a part of our Vista View Elementary community as principal. We have wonderful students, families, and staff and I'm excited to partner with everyone in our community to support the learning and development of our students.

I am dedicated to our One91 mission of Each Student. Future Ready. Community Strong. To me this means working together with our staff and families to create a safe, welcoming learning community in which each and every one of our students grows and develops academically, socially, and emotionally. It means sparking wonder for our elementary students, helping them develop curiosity and a love of learning and building a strong foundation to set them on their path to future success. We want them to start to see the world of opportunities open to them in their future and ensure we are building the skills, abilities, and beliefs to prepare them to take advantage of those opportunities.

Angie Pohl, Principal

## ACADEMICS



### Pathways

At the elementary level, our unique Pathways approach to learning excites students and gives them a glimpse into their future by embedding rich experiences in areas including arts, engineering, entrepreneurship, and health and wellness. Pathways allow students to wonder and reflect on what's next in their educational journey.

Learn more at [pathways.isd191.org](https://pathways.isd191.org).



### Gifted and Talented

Advanced Learning is a valued part of the One91 learning experience, and is guided by our commitment to equity, access and academic rigor. Our inclusive identification system ensures that these opportunities are available to every student in grades 2-5 across all our elementary schools.

Advanced Learning instruction focuses on helping our students to be future ready by embedding into our instruction the 4 Cs of 21st Century Learning: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Research projects focus on inquiry and creating solutions to real-world problems.

### Core Areas of Learning

Students receive a well-rounded learning experience that includes rigorous literacy, math, social studies and science instruction, as well as time set aside to meet individual student needs called What I Need (WIN) time. All students also participate in specialist classes including music, art, digital learning and physical education.



# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

## PBIS

All District 191 schools use Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as a way to teach schoolwide expectations and to let students know when they have met those expectations.

We understand that students learn best when they are in a safe and supportive environment. Through our ROAR (Respectful, On Task, Achieving, Responsible) program, we are ensuring students understand the high expectations we have for them both in their studies and in their social interactions. Being clear and consistent about these expectations, with students and families, along with encouraging positive behavior, has a tremendous benefit for our entire school community.



## School Activities

At Vista View, we spark curiosity and wonder in each student through engaging learning experiences, caring staff, and a supportive environment. We believe students can explore their passion and purpose by participating in activities outside of the general education curriculum. Students can get a glimpse of their futures and discover a world of possibilities.

Some of the activities offered at VV are Safety Patrols, Peer Helpers, Science Fair, Chess Club, Girls on the Run, Computer Club, and Student Council. Each of these clubs or organizations provides our youth the opportunity to expand their social network, develop leadership and collaboration skills, improve their health and so much more.

## Focus on social emotional growth

At Vista View, we are dedicated to teaching the whole child. This means that not only do we focus on academic growth, we also focus on our scholars' social emotional growth and development. We do this by implementing Second Step lessons and MoveMindfully practices. Second Step is a research-based program that helps children learn social-emotional skills such as responsible decision making, working together to solve problems, managing strong emotions, and getting along with others. MoveMindfully utilizes mindfulness, movement, and social emotional learning techniques to promote student self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and decision making.



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