

## WE GO FURTHER

Exceptional academic preparation

A robust, values-based curriculum

Inspiring and nurturing teachers

Spanish in every grade

Opportunities for discovery and creativity

Opportunities to advance

A connected approach to a challenging curriculum

A shared and collaborative love of learning

Structured, play-based learning



# Lower School

FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL  
1845

A robust, values-based curriculum is at the heart of Friends' Central's Lower School. Through a foundation rooted in joyful learning, students experience high academic and community standards. The result – high achieving, lifelong learners with a social conscience.

We imbue our students with the confidence to express themselves while listening and respecting others' experiences and viewpoints. Under the guidance of passionate, expert teachers, children are taught to seek individual challenges in an intellectual environment that is collaborative and embraces their natural exuberance.

**“Within our Lower School, we use all that is around us to create an unparalleled experience for our students. By blending our hands-on approach to teaching and learning and utilizing our expansive 18-acre campus alongside our state-of-the art maker space, we cultivate a culture of lifelong learning. There are extraordinary possibilities for our students at Friends' Central.”**

**MELODY ACINAPURA**  
LOWER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

# We grow Stronger

With a purposeful blend of unique opportunities, problem-solving challenges, and rigorous skill building, our Lower School teaches students to be bold learners and creative, critical thinkers. These are essential skills they will carry with them through Middle and Upper School and beyond.

**Students thrive in a hands-on, minds-on curriculum that balances learning in our state-of-the-art facilities and exploring the natural world.**

Four ground-breaking STEAM studios designed exclusively for children in Nursery through grade 5 offer extensive experiential learning opportunities. From computer programming in nursery to real-life challenges and problem solving in grade 5, imaginations are ignited.

Our sprawling 18-acre campus is its own classroom. Children grow vegetables in the organic garden, observe flight patterns in the bird blind, hike along a stream in the woods, learn about amphibian life in our pond, and engage in hours of imaginative play on our playgrounds and fields.

The time and freedom our students have to connect with one another and the natural world are profoundly important to their well-being. As they play and learn outdoors, they are also developing the cognitive, physical, and social gains they will need to succeed in our challenging academic environment.







### **Connected Curriculum**

Weaving a common thread connecting learning and discovery across disciplines opens the way for deeper understanding and a shared sense of discovery, sparking students' excitement and engagement.

The Lower-School-wide fall theme draws students into this interconnected approach. Themes such as Journeys, Cities, and Water – each interpreted differently by teachers – capture imaginations and ignite creativity.

### **Inspiring, Expert Teachers**

Our teachers inspire our students to reach and exceed benchmark skills, guiding them to explore their individual interests and follow their curiosity.

Lifelong learners themselves, Friends' Central teachers motivate and engage students by bringing their own passion and expertise to their classrooms.

### **Meeting for Worship**

Quiet reflection and truth seeking are an essential part of life at the Lower School. Children get ready for Meeting during Devotions, a daily classroom activity where their teacher may pose a reflective question, practice a mindfulness technique, or read a story that illustrates the Quaker-focused query of the month.



**“When it’s quiet in Meeting for Worship, I can believe and imagine things that are normally impossible.”**

**FOURTH GRADE STUDENT**



Founded in 1845, Friends' Central School is a Quaker, co-educational, college preparatory school for students in Nursery to grade 12. Our easily accessible Lower School campus (N-5) is on 18 idyllic acres on Old Gulph Road in Wynnewood. Students in grades 6-12 are on our 28-acre campus on City Avenue in Wynnewood.



#### CURRICULUM

Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Social Studies  
Science  
Technology  
Physical Education  
Spanish  
The Arts  
Library  
Academic Evaluation

#### LOWER SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

15	Average Class size
72	Students from 72 different Zip Codes
4	Dedicated STEAM studios
2	Art Rooms
1	Solarium
2	Music Rooms
1	Gym
18	Acres

#### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

#### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

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