

Our Opportunities for Student Enrichment, Acceleration, and Support

- ◆ Access to math acceleration in all grades
- ◆ William & Mary, Junior Great Books, Jacob's Ladder, Wilson Reading System, Read Naturally, Quick Reads, Fluency Friends, OASIS Tutors
- ◆ Guided Reading Instruction K-5
- ◆ Writer's Workshop and Six Traits Writing Instruction
- ◆ Geography Bee-4th and 5th Grades
- ◆ 5th Grade Production
- ◆ "Who Fits the Clues?" Contest
- ◆ Newbery Challenge
- ◆ Arts and Science Fair/White Flint All County Art Show
- ◆ Mentoring Club
- ◆ Special Education Resource
- ◆ ESOL for English Language Learners
- ◆ The Home School Inclusion Model
- ◆ Speech/Language Program
- ◆ Academic Intervention Teacher
- ◆ Reading Incentive Program
- ◆ Darcars Young Run
- ◆ Montgomery County Honors Chorus

Our Panther Pledge

As a good citizen of Ritchie Park Elementary School, I will strive to:

1. show **RESPECT** by treating others (and their property) the way I want others to treat me (and my property).
2. show **RESPONSIBILITY** by being prepared, following directions, and doing my best.
3. Show **CARING** by being kind to others.
4. Show **COOPERATION** by working and playing well with others.
5. Show **HONESTY** by telling the truth.
6. Show **MORAL COURAGE** by making good choices no matter what other people say or do.



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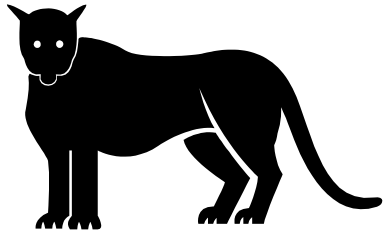


Ritchie Park Elementary School

One School, Many
Cultures, One
Community

Our Vision

- ◆ RPES students, staff, parents, and community members will work together respectfully and cooperatively to create a safe, positive, inclusive, and academically-rich environment.



Our Mission

- ◆ Our students will demonstrate academic excellence, independent thinking, and growth through the arts. Our staff will provide opportunities that challenge students to reach their potential while fostering the enjoyment of learning. Our parents will prepare students for learning and remain active in their children's education. The Ritchie Park community will communicate openly, uphold the PAVE values, and share high expectations for self and others.

Our Focus on the Whole Child

Character Education is a pervasive theme in all aspects of school life at RPES and students have created mottos to accompany our panther mascot:

- ◆ "Panthers Admire Values in Everyone"
- ◆ "PAVE the way to good character"

To further support character education goals, a "class compliment program" and "proud panther awards" were developed to reward students when they exemplify on or several of the six core values of respect, responsibility, caring, cooperation, honesty, and moral courage.

The Ritchie Park Student Service Program (RPSS) provides all students with the opportunity to become contributing members of our school community. With more than 12 different service opportunities, RPES students can be seen helping in the drop-off circle, welcoming new students, interpreting for students with limited English proficiency, reminding classmates to conserve energy, and so much more! All students are encouraged to participate in the RPSS program.

Our Arts Team strives to develop the artistic, musical, and physical skills of each child. In these classes, our students build their confidence, develop their creative and critical thinking skills, and discover talents they never knew they had!

Our Commitment to Continuous Improvement

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- ◆ ensure that all students are instructed on above grade level math content as appropriate.
- ◆ train staff on an inquiry approach to instruction and on building critical thinking skills.
- ◆ explore the impact of poverty, race, ethnicity, and language on learning.

Parent Outreach Nights

In an effort to keep our families involved and to build a better understanding of curriculum as well as social issues, RPES holds two Parent Outreach Nights each year. Past topics have included: a vertical look at writing, how to work with your child in math, and how to recognize and prevent cyber-bullying.

Seven Keys to College Readiness

