

JACKSON PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL www.ucityschools.org/JP

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Welcome to Jackson Park Elementary School, serving students in kindergarten through the fifth grade in the School District of University City.

SCHOOL MISSION

Jackson Park's mission is "At JP...We Put Our Heart Into All We Do."

HISTORY

Sharing Italian Romanesque details with University City High School, Jackson Park Elementary School was designed by architects Hugo K. of Washington University and Wilber Tyson Trueblood. The school was named for the nearby park and opened in 1933 with small additions by architect William Ittner in 1952. In 2009, the voters in University City approved a \$53 million bond issue that included interior renovations and a new cafeteria, kitchen and gymnasium completed in 2011.

ADDRESSING NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

Students have access to support services from the school nurse, guidance counselor and social worker. Academics are supported by an instructional support team who work with small groups of students to meet their individual academic goals. Each school has a Talented and Gifted Development (TAGD) program. The Special School District has teachers assigned to each building for students with disabilities. Personalized support for English language learners is also provided.

WELL-BEING AND JOY

Students learn better when they feel loved, safe, included and challenged. District teachers are expected to teach with the head and heart with the understanding positive relationships are the foundation of learning. Teachers and staff are trained to be trauma-informed and culturally responsive. All schools participate in restorative practices to build community and relationships and repair harm when a wrong has been done. A multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) that includes Positive Behavioral and Intervention Systems (PBIS) is employed for students facing academic or social-emotional challenges. The social-emotional climate in all District schools is measured twice a year through a Panorama survey system. Students and staff participate in mindfulness activities and WE Schools social service projects to build self-awareness, empathy and student voice. Jackson Park School earned the PBIS Bronze Award in 2006, 2007, 2014 and 2015.

SCHOOL MOTTO

High Five Expectations:

Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Cooperative, Be Peaceful



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
UNIVERSITY CITY

Join us on our journey of **Learning Reimagined**, a path to Humanize, Personalize and Problematize student education through modern, rigorous and relevant learning experiences.



CHALLENGING, RIGOROUS CURRICULUM

- **English Language Arts and Social Studies:** Instruction is offered in a balanced literacy model; students practice reading, writing, listening and speaking for a variety of authentic purposes and with varied media. Strategies for reading and writing informational texts receive strong emphasis. Students will access social studies content and themes while practicing the technical aspects of communication.
- **Mathematics:** Students pursue conceptual understanding while also mastering procedural skills and fluency. Fewer topics are taught and the objective is to achieve deep understanding. Goals for student outcomes include efficient problem-solving and critical thinking.
- **Science/Technology/Engineering:** Integrated units allow students to actively engage in scientific and engineering practices while building deep understanding of the core ideas in physical, life, earth and space sciences, as well as engineering, technology and applications. Hands-on learning is supported by science labs and docents in each school.
- **Visual Arts:** All creators learn about art through historical and cultural contexts that are age appropriate. Using the elements and principals of art, media and process, artists at all grade levels will design and create one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork.
- **Performing Arts:** All performers receive instruction in music K-5, while fourth and fifth grade students have an additional opportunity to play a stringed instrument. Center of Creative Arts (COCA)/Interchange partners with The Kennedy Center to provide professional learning in the arts for teachers. Teaching artists collaborate with classroom teachers to develop and implement standards-based arts integration units during six- to eight-week residencies.
- **Physical Education:** Students at all grade levels focus on physical fitness by practicing motor movements, nutritional awareness and sportsmanship through games and team play.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Students participate in

- Black History Month Program
- Field Trips
- Musical Performances
- OASIS tutoring
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- Spring Musical
- Student Council

Afterschool activities include

- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Garden Club
- Girls on the Run
- Scouting
- Soccer
- Unleashing Potential (child care)

Families share in

- Curriculum Nights
- Arts Nights
- Literacy Nights
- Math and Science Nights
- Science Fair Workshops and Activity Nights

The active PTO coordinates special events such as

- Donut Date
- Fall Festival
- Holiday Parties
- JamBEARee
- Movie Night
- Passport Night
- Special Person Breakfasts
- Trunk or Treat
- Book Fairs
- and more

One U City: In 2019, the PTOs from all four University City elementary schools formed **One U City**, an initiative to build equity and community by jointly producing four district-wide PTO community events to be hosted at each elementary school.

All schools in The School District of University City are designated as Title I. Each school receives federal funding to provide extra services to students, coaching and professional development for teachers and parent involvement activities.