



## Dunbar Elementary School

*From where you are  
to where you want to be*



**EXPECT BETTER**

No matter what your child dreams for in life, the path to success starts with a good education and a supportive environment.

Dunbar Elementary School gives children the education base and encouragement they need to succeed no matter which path they choose in life. We start with personalized plans for students that mark where they are today and outline how they can grow. The plan notes strengths; areas for improvement; and an action plan for the student, teacher and parents. But that's just the beginning. Children have the chance to discover their talents, receive one-on-one attention from our teachers and earn rewards for their progress.

Join the Dunbar family of students, teachers, administrators, alumni and corporate sponsors. We know that when your child succeeds, your family and the entire community succeed.



### *Teaming up for fun*

Coached by Kevin Hamilton and cheered on by the whole school, our nationally recognized chess club gives children a chance to excel outside the classroom.



## Starting early

Dunbar provides an education-driven preschool for three- to five-year-old children to get them ready for school. And we make it fun. Your child will learn basic skills through interactive play and how to resolve conflicts in a respectful way. Specialized classes are also available for developmentally delayed children.

## Watching them grow

Once children are ready for kindergarten, they'll be set on a path to reach their education goals – and have plenty of support along the way. We will create a plan, track your child's progress and keep you informed. Tutoring support ensures our children have the extra attention they need so they don't fall behind.

Our teachers are committed to helping your child succeed. They will get to know your child, establish high expectations and provide needed resources. We know that not all children learn at the same pace or in the same way. That's why our teachers are trained to match their teaching to each student's learning style and to group students to better meet learning needs through small-group instruction.

## Providing extra help

We understand the challenges you face raising a child, and we're here to help:

- **Before-school program** lets families drop children off early and gives them the right start with a good breakfast.
- **After-school program** offers a safe, supportive environment for children who have working parents. Professional tutoring through the Millennial program gives students help in reading and math twice a week and provides parents a monthly progress report.
- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters program** connects children with mentors to give them extra attention and augments learning through educational games.
- **Tutors** from Wells Fargo Advisors and Americorp visit daily to help students with reading and math.

*Families matter at Dunbar.* We recognize the importance of parents and work to strengthen the connection between home and school for all students:

- As a **Home Visit School** we make sure we're connected to our students and families.
- Our **parent specialist** holds monthly meetings, and a **behavior specialist** is on staff to help work through discipline problems or other family issues.
- **Family Nights** at school help you stay engaged and involved in your child's education.
- **The school's library** has a section of books just for parents.



*Wells Fargo Advisors is investing in your child's success.*

### Partnering for success

Dunbar has extended its family to include Wells Fargo Advisors, a financial services company in our neighborhood, and the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation, to help our students succeed. Together we're making a long-term commitment to help each child live the life they want by forming a step-by-step program that encourages learning and rewards efforts through:

- Tutoring in reading and math
- Financial literacy program
- Workshops for parents and teachers
- Rewards programs to mark progress

## **Building on a tradition**

Opened in 1912, Dunbar remains an anchor for the community and the foundation for the education corridor in the JeffVanderLou neighborhood. Our students come from our neighborhood, and the ties we build bind our alumni long after they've graduated.

We work in partnership with L'Ouverture Middle School and Vashon High School, which sits just across the street, to ensure consistency in our approach to education and the environment of excellence that surrounds students every day.

## **Expanding our mission**

We are committed to improving the lives of neighborhood families. We expect all students to achieve academic excellence. We provide students meaningful opportunities to be responsible, respectful and ready to learn. We want each student to grow academically, socially and morally to become a caring member of the community.

Help your child explore their dreams and set them on the right path for long-term success with a good education. Experience what it's like to be part of the Dunbar family.

***Contact us to learn more or to enroll:***

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### **Paul Laurence Dunbar**

Named after one of the first African-American writers to be nationally recognized for poetry, Dunbar Elementary takes pride in its heritage and helps each student aspire to greatness.

