

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation

*Preparing a Community of Leaders
Today for Tomorrow*



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Welcome to Montrose Elementary School of Innovation

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation (MESI) engages students with new and innovative ways of learning to best prepare them for a rapidly changing world. Challenge- and inquiry-based experiences infuse technology, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking into our everyday STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning environment. Each day, our talented and caring teachers engage students in hands-on activities that encourage them to problem solve, work collaboratively and understand the relevancy of what they are learning.

“Montrose is special for so many reasons. The staff, teachers, and principal care about the kids from their core. This sets the ground work for successful learning and innovation. I love MESI and all they have done for my children.”

—Carrie, parent



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What Makes Montrose Elementary School of Innovation Unique

Technology Infused Learning Environment

Technology enhances the learning experience at MESI. All classrooms have a 2:1 student/device ratio. In addition, our Innovation Center offers a student broadcasting studio and editing center, 3D graphic design and printing station with computer-aided design software, Robotic Kits, coding and programming tools, and 1:1 Mac computers, Chromebooks and iPads. All teachers provide meaningful, engaging and relevant experiences for all students in grades K-5. Teaching staff also regularly utilize social media and other resources to share student learning with our families.



Challenge-Based Learning

Challenge-based learning (CBL) is a framework for learning while solving real-world challenges. Collaborative and hands-on, CBL asks students to identify big ideas, ask good questions, discover and solve challenges, gain in-depth subject area knowledge, develop 21st century skills and share their thoughts with the world. At MESI, we intentionally provide students opportunities to participate in CBL through our Innovation Programming.



Bravo Strings Orchestra

Music is an important component of the educational experience at MESI. Our Bravo Strings of Montrose orchestra program provides students in grades 1-5 opportunities to learn to play the violin, viola or cello. Students receive individualized lessons during the school day, with group sessions before and after school to help them prepare for performances.



Distinctive Learning Environment

A six-acre learning center behind the school enhances the teaching of environmental studies and science.



Academic Excellence

Montrose was named a Reward School by the Minnesota Department of Education for two consecutive years.

Holistic Learning

We strongly believe in providing students with a well-rounded educational experience. In addition to our core subject areas, all students also receive instruction and learning opportunities from physical education, music education and innovation specialists. These courses occur on rotating basis for 50 minutes each day. Students also can participate in a Math Masters competition team, in Coding Club and in Concert Choir.

Strong Parent Involvement

MESI's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) supports the school by planning family events, volunteering in classrooms, arranging conference meals for teachers and much more. Through involvement in the PAC, parents support our school while deepening connections with other parents, teachers and the principal.

Other Important Information

Transportation: Vision Transportation of Buffalo provides bus service for BHM Schools. Families get free busing to Montrose Elementary and can designate up to one alternate location such as daycare or a relative's house for pick-up and drop-off. Contact Vision of Buffalo at 763.682.3232 for routing and other information.

KidKare: On-site KidKare extends your child's learning day while providing high quality care in a safe and fun environment. KidKare is offered before and after school, full days on most non-school days and during the summer. All-day preschool programming is also available for children ages 3-5. Call 763.682.8787 for more information.



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