

Northwinds Elementary

*Where Everyone is Welcome
and Everyone Belongs*



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763.682.8800.

Welcome to Northwinds Elementary

The supportive families, caring staff and engaged students at Northwinds Elementary value strong, collaborative working relationships. Here, our students build character and become strong learners in an environment that reinforces respect, responsibility and safety. Our staff focus on the whole child, identifying and building upon strengths, and recognizing that academic, social and emotional growth are equally important for success. We value parent involvement and appreciate support from home as we work together to help all of our students reach their full potential.

*"The entire Northwinds staff—
teachers, custodians, food
service, administration—has
a vested interest in the
academic and personal growth
of all students. They truly
make Northwinds a place
where everyone is welcome
and everyone belongs."*

—Megan, parent



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What Makes Northwinds Unique

Academic Achievement

Northwinds was named a Reward School by the Minnesota Department of Education for its top 15% performance in proficiency, growth and achievement gap reduction.

Focused Instruction

Small group instruction helps us teach to individual needs, whether the child requires interventions or more challenging instruction. We monitor progress closely to determine the learning path for each student.



Brain Smart Focus

As a school focused on the strengths of the whole child, we emphasize positive interactions and self-monitoring of our feelings and thoughts, and promote confidence in our ability to work with others. We accomplish this through the use of "brain smart strategies." Students and staff learn how the brain influences their reactions to situations based on their surrounding environment. This promotes self-regulation and better decision making overall.



Technology Integration

All classrooms employ technology to enhance student learning. We use a variety of apps, websites and software to engage students and make learning more meaningful. Northwinds students and teachers also benefit from on-site technology coaches who help support staff and students with these efforts.

Specialized Classes

Students explore and grow in four specialized classes: Music, Physical Education, Innovation Station and World



Cultures. Innovation Station incorporates the four Cs (Collaborate, Communicate, Critical Thinking and Creativity) into students' learning to prepare them for a



"My children have a range of needs so we have benefited from the spectrum of programs and services at Northwinds. The staff are friendly and focused on making learning relevant, and the school radiates acceptance for all."

—Katie, parent

fast-changing world. World Cultures allows students to explore the similarities and differences between cultures from around the globe and expands their knowledge of the world.

Family/School Partnerships

As partners, we value and encourage parent involvement. There are many opportunities for families to be involved in our school. Our vibrant, active Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) raises money for teachers to purchase items needed for classrooms. The PTO also plans and runs popular family events such as the Fall Festival, Family Fitness Night, Science Night and Ice Cream Social.

Other Important Information

Transportation: Vision Transportation of Buffalo provides bus service for BHM Schools. Families get free busing to Northwinds 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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Grades: K-5 | Enrollment: 550 | Hours: 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
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