



Anne Arundel County Public Schools

# Welcome to the Cultural Arts



In elementary school, students participate in an exciting cultural arts program that includes art, music, physical education, and digital media. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) recognizes the Cultural Arts as core subjects and is defined as essential within a well-rounded education. Each content area

weaves College & Career Readiness Standards, Arts Integration, and STEM practices throughout instruction and encourages students to develop critical thinking and learning strategies that will support their education in math, language arts, science, and social studies as well as the cultural arts.

## Music

- The music program is designed to cultivate lifelong learners, creators and consumers of music.
- Students at all grades will make meaningful connections with music through listening, performing, evaluating, and much more!
- Students will also have the opportunity to participate in rewarding performance based experiences including chorus and instrumental music.

## Visual Arts

- Students will be introduced to and practice many different visual art forms including drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.
- Students will explore artistic tools and techniques and learn about master artists and their work.
- This program offers students in all grades a balanced, total program in visual arts education.

## Physical Education

- Students will build cognitive, motor, and socio-emotional skills through a wide range of activities that cover everything from fundamental movement patterns to rhythms and dance.
- Differentiated instruction ensures all children can participate in physical activity during every class and develop aerobic fitness, flexibility, and muscular strength and endurance.
- Students in grades 4 and 5 will receive Fitnessgram Reports to highlight personal fitness strengths and identify suggested areas of improvement.

## Library Media

The school Library Media program encourages students to become tech savvy and independent life-long readers & learners. In library media centers, students discover books, stories that encourage a love of reading. They explore print and online resources to find information and build research skills and learn how to use and share information.

Elementary students visit the Library Media Center at least once a week for instruction and book check out. Students and families can access many library media resources online at any time.

*Cultural Arts Assessments: All students (grades 1–5) will have documented assessments at least three times per marking period in Art, Music, and Physical Education. Each student's progress will be indicated on his/her report cards as: consistently demonstrates skill, progressing in the development of skill, emerging in the development of skills, or needs development. Each teacher will provide more information about how these grades are determined.*