



Sweetwater Elementary School

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Please visit the school website: swes.dcssga.org

Why Sweetwater Elementary?

“Sweetwater has established a supportive learning environment through parent and family engagement. The teachers, staff, and administrators are loving, caring individuals who work together to make sure students are motivated and encouraged to successfully develop their learning skills. Parents are always welcome to the school to observe the classroom, volunteer, and take part in activities. The teacher/student interactions are positive.”

—Sweetwater Parent

Achievements

Designated as a Beating the Odds School 2019

Jr. Beta Elementary School of Distinction

DC 5th grade American History Essay Contest Winner

2nd - 3rd grade Intramural Football Champions



Inside the Classroom

What would a visitor in a classroom at Sweetwater Elementary expect to see? Kids engaged in collaborative groups and academic discussions? Teachers facilitating small groups to meet the needs of individual learners or students participating in hands-on activities to further their academic content knowledge? Well, those are some of the learning activities a visitor will see at Sweetwater.

Sweetwater provides students with learning activities and opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Students participate in higher order learning activities that allow them to explain and justify their thinking. The classrooms at Sweetwater are not just focused on getting correct answers, but on being able to formulate questions that extend students' understanding of the content being presented.

Teachers at Sweetwater set high expectations for every student. Teachers and students know they may not all learn the same way, at the same time or even on the same day, but they can learn. Teachers use a variety of learning models, including inquiry-based learning, direct instruction, peer-to-peer learning, and project-based learning. The classrooms at Sweetwater are personalized by a variety of criteria for each student. Teachers don't just teach the standards and content, but they teach skills so their students can leave a positive impact on their community and world.

Together, we shape the future.

#teamdouglas

Our Mission

Sweetwater Elementary believes in the power to embrace learning, excel, and own the future.

Principal's Message

As principal, I look forward to partnering with you to ensure all children are celebrated and supported. Together, we will ensure that we maintain our tradition of excellence and community that makes Sweetwater such a SWEET place.

At the heart of our practice is building strong relationships with the staff, faculty, students, and families. I look forward to collaborating with each of you to support our sense of community here at Sweetwater. We will strive to ensure that all families feel welcome and connected to our school family.

- Principal Albert Lindsey, Jr.

Student Enrollment: 430

Total Staff: 68

Certified Staff: 49

**Certified Staff with
Advanced Degrees:** 74%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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Beyond the Classroom

Sweetwater Elementary School goes beyond the classroom and engages talented and diverse kindergarten through 5th grade students with extracurricular and enrichment opportunities. Each extracurricular activity offers a learning opportunity that will help prepare students to achieve their educational goal.

Some of these activities are Stock Market, 4-H, Drama Club, Art Club, Boy Scouts, Safety Patrol, Intramural Football and Basketball, Encore chorus, Math Competition Team, Student Council and Jr. Beta. Preparing Sweetwater students to be active and responsible citizens and leaders in a complex, multi-cultural, and global world is our ultimate goal.

Sweetwater students and teachers gather once a month in the school's gymnasium to celebrate students' successes, perfect attendance, student of the month awards, student-led programs, honor roll, special acknowledgements, and class performances.

These assemblies provide a foundation of understanding for the community, in which students can better understand the "big picture" of their learning and school life. Being in assembly together immediately becomes something that everyone shares and identifies with. Fostering school spirit and showing respect to the speakers and performers are experiences that carry into later life. Therefore, whether it's a platform for sharing important announcements or an opportunity for students to exercise their speaking and/or performance skills, assemblies clearly have their place at Sweetwater.

Inspire. Engage. Determine.