



Connect to Kindergarten

Buckman Arts Focus Elementary



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WELCOME TO BUCKMAN

The mission of Buckman Arts Focused Elementary School is to provide education through a rigorous arts-integrated curriculum designed to engage, excite and empower students. Buckman Elementary School is committed to fostering an inclusive, creative, inquisitive and respectful community of learners.





* Expanded list = 20 students
20 of 304 = 6.5%

DECEMBER 2024

| STUDENT SUBGROUP | # STUDENTS |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Total</u> | <u>304</u> 304 |
| <u>Female</u> | <u>165</u> |
| <u>Male</u> | <u>133</u> |
| <u>Non Binary</u> | <u>6</u> |
| <u>Asian</u> | <u>6</u> 2% |
| <u>Black</u> | <u>12</u> 4% |
| <u>Latino</u> | <u>51</u> 17% |
| <u>Multiple</u> | <u>44</u> 14% |
| * <u>Native Am</u> | <u>4</u> 1% |



Ethan Tiffany,
Assistant Principal



Lisa Ditto,
Principal



24
Teachers



6
Educational
assistants



<1
Counselors/
Psychologists/
Social Workers



89%
Average teacher
retention rate over
the past three years



80%
% of licensed teachers
with more than 3 years
of experience



5%
Ever English
Learners



16
Languages
Spoken

24%
Students
with
Disabilities

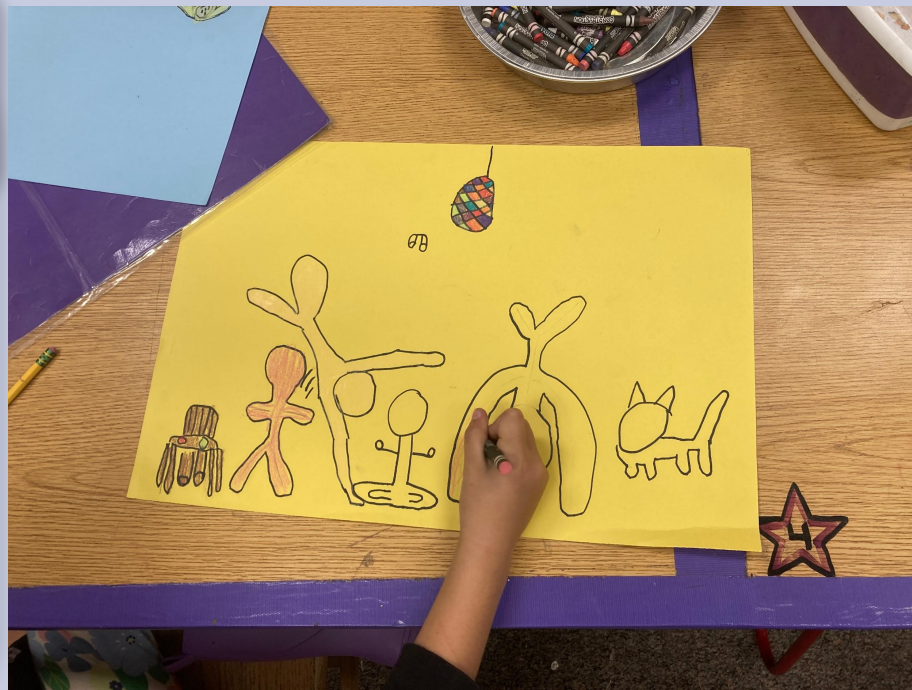
87%
Required
Childhood
Vaccinations

28%
Students
Experiencing
Poverty

2023-2024

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

The school's highly trained arts specialists provide concentrated instruction in the disciplines of music, visual art, and dance. The arts specialists collaborate with the classroom teachers to integrate arts into the core curriculum, resulting in effective and creative communicators and thinkers, ready to succeed in school and beyond.



I love art, painting pictures, watching color spread across
the page

I love music, blending melodies together, learning the
right notes to get the perfect song

RUBY, 2nd grade





Darcy Rudnick,
Teacher-Librarian

**Weekly
Library
class!**

**Visual Art
and Music
1-2 times
per week!**



Eric Schopmeyer,
Music Teacher



Nicole Penoncello, Visual
Arts Teacher

**Dance/Games
twice weekly
for PE!**



Hannah Downs,
Dance /Games
Teacher



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Fundamentals in
expressive art forms...

DANCE,
VISUAL ARTS,
MUSIC!

learned through a joyful,
multi-disciplinary,
multicultural approach.

Arts integration: Developing
critical thinking, core content
knowledge, and communication
skills

BUCKMAN LIBRARY READING ROOTS

HOW OUR LIBRARY BUILDS LIFELONG LITERACY

- Promoting character building, vocabulary, and rhyming in book series
- Collaboration with teachers to link literacy to the classroom
- Independently empowering students to use the library to find good fit books they WANT to read
- Expanding online reading resources to access when not in the library
- Celebrating readers with a reader's wall
- Promoting children's choice awards to encourage branching out in genre reading



COMMUNITY AT BUCKMAN



Buddy classroom activities

Schoolwide events: Spirit Weeks,
Fun for the Arts, Field Day, ROARS
assemblies, Fall Festival, Arts &
Crafts nights, and more!

Be You at Buckman,
GSA, Leadership Groups & BIPOC:
building a community where
everyone belongs!



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I love
The Nice
kid's At
BUCK MAN



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Family and school partnership

Parent Teacher Association

- Room Parents
- Art Show and Sell
- Fun for the Arts

Foundation

- Buckman Dines Out

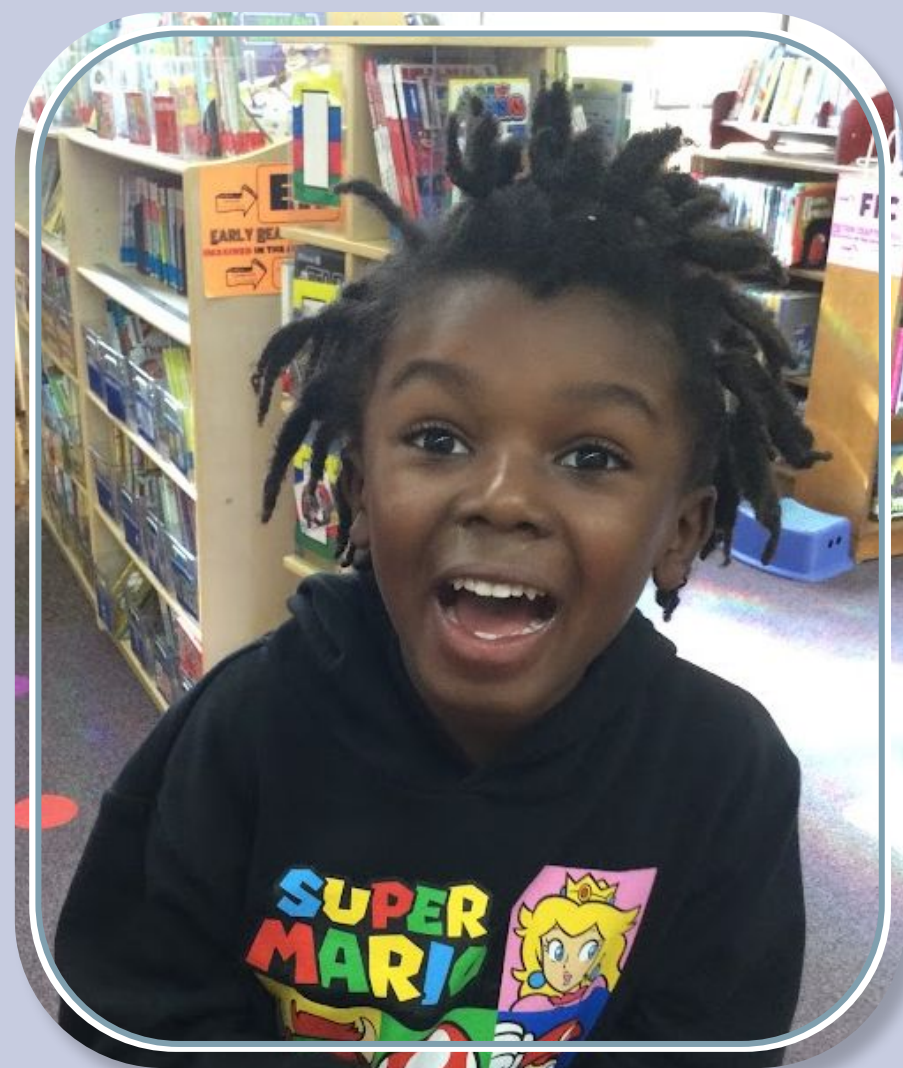
Family Leadership Opportunities

SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods)

- Community events
- Resource support
- After-school program*



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HOW TO REGISTER?

Register online:

Visit pps.net/kinderenroll

Prefer paper?:

Call our school office
503.916.6230

Have questions?

Call our school office or PPS
Enrollment & Transfer
(503.916.3205)



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Lottery Timeline

Step 1: Visit the school choice website:

pps.net/schoolchoice

Step 2: Lottery Feb. 12 @ 8 AM to March 12 @ 5pm.

Step 3: Register at your neighborhood school.

Step 4: Lottery results are announced in late Spring. Approved students will automatically be transferred.





Let's Keep in Touch!

Buckman Website:

<https://www.pps.net/buckman>

August 2025 Events:

Kinder Meet Up &
School Tour

Buckman Community
Meet & Greet

September: Open House



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**Hope to See
You Soon!**



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Sample Daily Schedule:

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7:40 | Breakfast |
| 7:53 8:00 | First bell rings Last bell rings |
| 8:00-8:30 | Morning Circle: building community |
| 8:30-9:30 | Heggerty, Foundations, and Geodes |
| 9:30-9:45 | Recess: Let's Play! |

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| 9:45-10:45 | Wit and Wisdom |
| 10:45-11:15 | Lunch/Recess |
| 11:20-12:05 | Specials (Library, Dance/Games, Art, Music) |
| 12:10-1:15 | Math |
| 1:15-1:30 | Recess |
| 1:30-2:30 | Content Rotations (Science, Health, and Social Studies)/ Choice Time! |

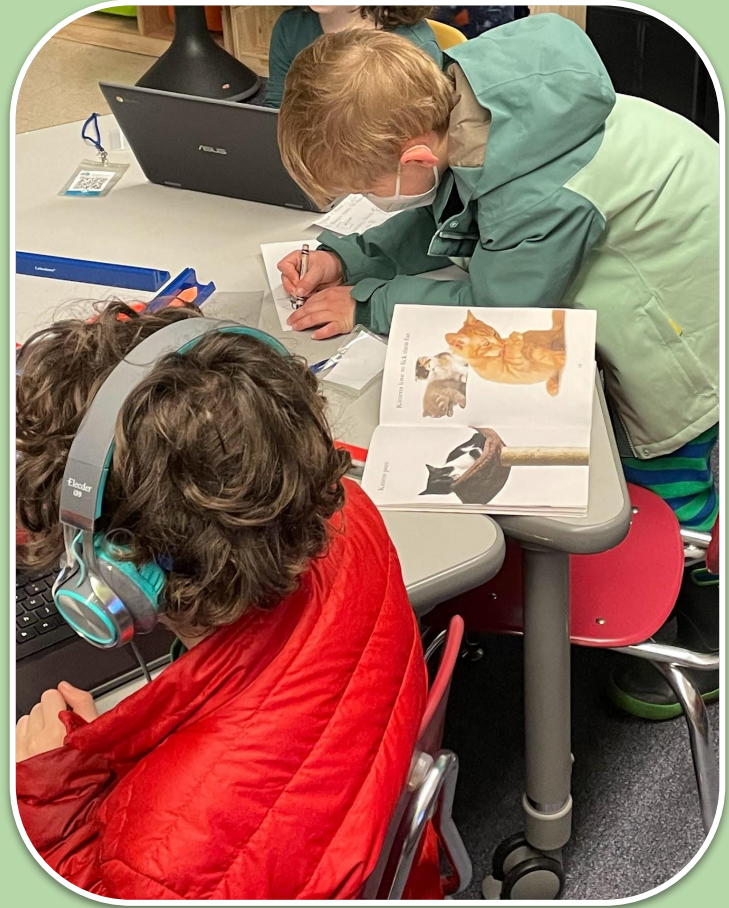
Activity in Kindergarten

- **Breaks** for recess (2x per day) and snack
- **Dance & Games** twice per week
- **Arts** with specialists 2x per week
- **Yoga** and mindful breathing
- **Guided Play** times daily



Helpful School Skills

- I can zip, button, tie my shoes, and write my name
- I can take turns
- I can use the restroom all by myself, including wash my hands
- I have used pencils, scissors, glue, staplers and tape
- I can eat my lunch and open my containers by myself
- I can follow directions, and I can stay in my own space



What part of the kindergarten day will YOUR student be most excited about?

- a. Recess/lunch
- b. Arts/specials
- c. Math/science
- d. Read alouds AND learning to read