

Nurturing the Growth
Of Each and Every Child!

Rachel Carson

Elementary School



exceptional staff

- ★ 2009-2010 school year opens with 900 students & 100 staff members dedicated to the children of Rachel Carson and a strong belief that all children can learn!
- ★ 80% of Professional Staff holds a Masters Degree equivalency or higher post-graduate work. Five National Board Certified teachers, three teachers awaiting the announcement for Board Certification, and a new cohort of teachers beginning their journey to become Board Certified.
- ★ In addition to classroom teachers, RCES has a wealth of professional supports – Staff Development Teacher, Reading Specialist, Learning Center Coordinator, Media Specialist, ESOL Teachers, Special Educators, School Counselor, and Art, Music and Physical Education Specialists.

programs & services

- ★ **Baldrige School Improvement Process**
education system using the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Criteria for Performance Excellence as a framework for restructuring education and improving student performance.
- ★ **Character Counts Program**
emphasis placed on the six pillars of character: respect, caring, responsibility, citizenship, trustworthiness and fairness.
- ★ **Home School Model**
a collaborative approach of regular education teachers & special educators working together to ensure academic success.
- ★ **Learning Center**
servicing students with multiple disabilities and complex learning needs in a reduced class-size environment.
- ★ **After-School Clubs**
an extensive list of on-site clubs to foster learning opportunities for students (homework, sports, reading, crafts, cultural, dance and many more).

an involved community

- ★ Rachel Carson serves the residential communities of:
Governor's Sq. Apts.
Kentlands
Lakelands
The Orchards
Orchard Knolls
Potomac Valley
- ★ The PTA sponsors many activities designed to foster a sense of community within Rachel Carson, such as: Cultural Arts Programs, Family Fun Nights, Community Service Drives and a Variety Show.
- ★ **Parent volunteers** who log in countless hours year after year.
- ★ **Bar-T** Before- and After-care, and close collaborations with local day care centers, which provide transportation to and from school.

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Mission Statements

*Our community at Rachel Carson
Elementary School will...*

PLANT the seeds of knowledge

NURTURE the growth of each
and every individual child

CULTIVATE respect,
acceptance, and harmony so as to

HARVEST an abundant crop
of confident learners.

The staff, students, and families
of RCES will share
responsibility for ensuring that
each child demonstrates
consistent, measurable progress
on the way to reaching his or her
potential as a learner and
responsible citizen.

RCES Herons

Student Involvement

- Safety Patrols
- Recyclers
- Wee Deliver
- SGA

Academic

- Accelerated Math (2-5)
- Math 6
- Math 7
- Fountas & Pinnell Assessment
- Junior Great Books
- Jacob's Ladder
- William & Mary
- Academic Intervention
- Reading Initiative

School Highlights

- Character Counts! School
- Home School Model
- PTA Family Fun Nights
- Baldrige Guided School
- Annual RCES Variety Show
- Annual Homeless Walk
- After-school Clubs
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Hoops for Heart
- Pennies for Patients

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