



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

At Michael J. Castori Elementary School, we are focused on fulfilling our mission to provide every child an unwavering focus on powerful and engaging learning experiences that will prepare them for college, career, and life success. We know these goals cannot be achieved without the strong support of our parents, our most important partners. We host a monthly Coffee and Conversation, an annual celebration for our parent volunteers, and monthly assemblies to celebrate our students and their achievements.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

We also offer exciting community events with our families such as:

- Multicultural Harvest Festival
- Winter performances
- Dance and Drama performances
- Family STEAM Night
- Reading & Literacy Night/Book Fairs
- Back to School Night/Open House
- 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- Monthly Attendance/PAWSITIVE Behavior Recognition
- Partnership with Intel/PC Pals
- Academic Achievement Recognition each trimester



NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Second Chance Breakfast offered at first recess
- Student Leadership Opportunities for grades 4 - 6
- Full time counselor to support students
- PBIS Implementation Silver Award
- Social/Emotional Learning Support for all students
- Positive Behavior Intervention for all students (PBIS)
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for all students (MTSS)
- Engaging PE materials

Students also have opportunities to expand their horizons by getting involved in programs such as:

- Aztec dance group
- After school clubs: Yoga, Robotics, Student Leadership, Drama, and Dance



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

- Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Monthly staff professional development
- After school tutoring program for math and English languagearts
- Block schedules in 5th - 6th grades



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Imagine Learning for TK and ELD students
- i-Ready for all Kindergarten through 6th grade students
- Annual Junior Achievement visit
- Author visits
- Safe and Civil Schools, CHAMPS in all classrooms
- Field trips for 3rd - 6th grades
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) after school classes on Coding and Leadership
- Visual and Performing Arts Program (VAPA)
- After school student program
- English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Red Ribbon Week
- BRIDGE program for students with disabilities
- Masters after school program
- Art and music for all students