

Capitol Hill

"A great place to grow"



*Call the Capitol Hill office at
503-916-6303 for a school tour.*

A Place for Exploring

Capitol Hill parents celebrate a strong school community that meets the diverse needs of all its children. An experienced and talented staff works together effectively with parents to create a unique program where each student is able to explore his or her potential in academics and the arts. Students' specific academic needs are identified and met through rigorous assessment and instruction. Rich experiences in the performing and visual arts and the development of writing and critical thinking skills complete the educational program of our neighborhood school.

Capitol Hill is conveniently located near Barbur Blvd. just minutes from downtown Portland. Capitol Hill provides a safe learning environment, small classes, and a highly qualified staff that provides each child with individualized learning opportunities that are both challenging and highly rewarding.



Capitol Hill has a long tradition of strong community and parent involvement, a richly diverse student body and a warm and welcoming school climate. We emphasize the importance of educating the “whole” child by understanding and meeting the intellectual, physical, social and emotional development needs of every student.

Capitol Hill's varied educational experience includes music, science, art, writing, technology, and physical education. Dedicated volunteers – parents, neighbors, college students and local businesses -- contribute thousands of hours each year to provide our students the opportunity to explore and achieve – inside and outside the classroom -- with a variety of learning experiences.



Capitol Hill at a Glance

Capitol Hill's academic program is rated “strong” and all of our teachers “highly qualified” by the Oregon Department of Education.

We offer full-day Kindergarten classes (8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.) as well as a half-day session (8:00 to 10:50 a.m.).

The Multnomah Early Childhood Program, located at Capitol Hill, provides a pre-school experience for students with learning disabilities and their neighborhood peers.

Our Artist-in-Residence program includes musical productions, grade level visual arts projects and public speaking workshops.

Our science laboratory and annual Science Fair provides important hands-on, age appropriate scientific inquiry experiences for students. Weekly lab lessons are facilitated by a dedicated laboratory assistant. Capitol Hill's sci-

ence lab is one of only two offered at the elementary school level in Portland Public Schools.

Our mobile and classroom-based computer labs include wireless Internet connections and computers that provide students with safe, academic assistance. Students and teachers collaborate on curricular-based projects including keyboarding, word processing, data and spreadsheet applications, Internet research and more.

A partnership with Lewis and Clark College provides individualized instructional support to strengthen reading skills for students who are struggling readers as well as those requiring more challenging programs (Special Education and Talented and Gifted).



Our Library assistant provides reading support school-wide, as well as designing grade-level programs and giving individual assistance.

The on-site Publishing House offers a wide variety of writing opportunities that benefit students. Adult volunteers guide students in completing classroom writing and editing assignments as well as providing the opportunity to create original stories, poems and illustrations.

Physical Education is taught to all students and includes small and large motor skills, math integration, cooperative skills and vigorous exercise.

Music is taught school-wide and all students learn a variety of music modalities: vocal, instrumental and performance. Performances occur throughout the year.

Student leadership and mentoring opportunities include Buddy Classrooms where older and younger students are teamed for projects and activities.



A Place for Growing

Capitol Hill's compact campus provides ample space for structured play as well as creative fun. Our facilities include an indoor gymnasium, outdoor covered area, playground, soccer field and basketball courts. Portland Parks & Recreation also coordinates soccer and Little League baseball programs that serve neighborhood families.

Thanks to the support of our parents and community partners, students have opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities and interests outside the classroom that enhance their educational experience. These include:

The Extended Day Academy (EXAcademy) provides a safe, enriching high-quality afternoon alternative to standard day care programs for K-5 students from 2:15 to 6:00 p.m. each regularly scheduled day school is in session. EXAcademy students meet in small grade-level groups with carefully screened adult leaders who provide quiet study time, structured play and art activities.

Capitol Hill's award-winning Community Learning Center (CLC) offers more than thirty after-school music, art, drama, physical movement, dance, cooking and writing classes taught by professional artists, dancers and musicians. CLC includes our 4th and 5th grade Band and a comprehensive Strings (violin, viola and cello) program for 1st through 5th graders as well as a lunchtime choir. Daily Homework Club allows students to receive extra help and support to complete classroom assignments at the end of the day. CLC classes require a fee, which is reduced for students enrolled in EXAcademy, and some scholarships are also available. Course offerings may vary each semester depending on student interest and the availability of instructors. Consult the CLC catalog for more information.



Our spring "Battle of the Books" is an annual event with grade-level teams of students (3rd through 5th) who have read from among thirty selected books. They test their knowledge of plot, character, setting and genre in a "Jeopardy" game format.

"Safe Routes to School," our partnership with the City of Portland and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, offers pedestrian, bicycle, and passenger safety training for students K-5. We also have monthly "Walk to School" days where parents and students convene at a local market and walk to school together.



"Mommy (or Daddy) and Me" monthly orientation sessions for incoming kindergarten students and families held January through May are a fun way for new families to meet each other and connect to the school prior to the start of their child's first year.

PTA sponsored activities include family picnics, the annual carnival, the Auction, Scholastic Book Fair, Run for the Arts, Science/Computer Decathlon, School Savings, First Thursday in April Art Show, Holiday Sharing, Project Second Wind and Field Day.

A Place for Learning



Capitol Hill is fortunate to receive generous support from a number of community businesses, residents, grandparents, and alumni. These partners include:

- Capitol Hill PTA
- Capitol Hill Foundation
- Lewis and Clark College
- Fanno Creek Medical Clinic
- Jewish Family and Child Services
- Portland Parks and Recreation

For an appointment to visit the school and receive more information about enrollment or to become a neighborhood volunteer, please contact:

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“We looked at numerous schools in the area and we chose Capitol Hill Elementary School because of its stability, diverse student body and active parent base. We were impressed by the quality and warmth shown by teachers and staff. Most important, the school fostered our kindergartner’s love for learning. We were amazed how fast his vocabulary grew and how well he learned to read and write.”

The Carlough Family

“It has been a privilege for our two children to attend Capitol Hill during the last ten years. What sets Capitol Hill apart from other schools -- public and private -- are the expert teachers and staff who share the vision of making our school a great place to learn; a school community enriched by the outstanding parent involvement; a diverse student body whose varied life experiences contribute to the educational development of all our families; and, the Community Learning Center that brings many artful programs directly to our children. Other parents must drive all over town to obtain some of the exceptional learning opportunities that are available within these walls. The time our children have spent at Capitol Hill has given them a great foundation for academic success as well as good social and emotional development.”

The Zumwalt Family

