

# Physical Education

Physical education is one of the most important subjects for children in school.



Research suggests that early success in the basic physical skills and concepts helps children feel better about themselves, and it gives them confidence in their ability to participate in recreational activities. It goes hand in hand with their academic education and everyday life.

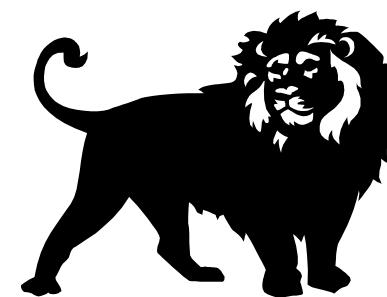
The Surgeon General has reported that 30 minutes of physical activity each day decreases the risk of heart disease and other related illnesses. Physical activity benefits both the physical and the mental wellbeing of a child.

Among the skills that Coach Koth and Coach Pepito teach are body awareness, spatial awareness, locomotor movements, eye/hand coordination, eye/foot coordination, rhythm and dance. Integrated into these skills is the reinforcement of such academic skills as goal setting, foreign language, geography, math, writing, spelling and health. Along the way they learn about teamwork and about sharing successes.

**GO KIDS GO!**

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Elementary Specialists  
Rock!

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Art  
Computer  
Music  
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# Art Class

Art Classes are held once every 6 days on the rotating schedule. All K- 5 students at Locke Hill benefit from a program that incorporates art history, as well as the elements and principles of design, in a creative and imaginative environment.

Students learn about artists and their styles while developing their own. They also take a peek into other cultures and learn about their customs and folklore.

Research shows that art education makes children smarter. Providing a program where children learn with many diverse hands-on projects, while incorporating a link to reading, math, science and social studies will enrich each child's overall learning potential.

## Art Education Philosophy:

For children, the process of learning is more important than the product.

## Art Events

- NISD Elementary Art Show
- Locke Hill Living Art Show

# Computer Lab

Computer class is part of the students' rotating schedule of special classes. In addition to the computers in every classroom, Locke Hill has two Windows labs complete with Internet access. Once every six days the children come to the computer lab for the 45-minute rotation period.

During this time, Mrs. Morales, our Elementary Computer Technologist (ECT), works with the children on computer literacy, keyboarding, word processing, desktop publishing, and various application training. All students will have access to SRA TechKnowledge, an online, subscription-based program that teaches basic computer and technology skills and applications. District level administration is available to track student progress throughout the program. By familiarizing the students with the basics, they are better prepared to complete the curriculum related computer projects that their classroom teachers design for them to do in the Technology Integration Project (TIP) computer lab. Together with the help and support of our Campus Instructional Technologist (CIT), Dana Kickler, we are integrating technology into the daily lives of your children. We invite you to come by either computer lab (D116, D117) the next time you're on campus. See what your elementary students are doing with technology!

# Music

The intent of the Locke Hill Elementary Music Program is to create a musical learning environment which gives every student the opportunity to take part in active musical experiences, including singing, playing, moving, listening, reading, writing and creating music.

At Locke Hill the classroom music instruction given by our music teacher, Mrs. Mary Gabriel, provides an opportunity during our 6-day rotation for each student to acquire essential knowledge and skills that will help him/her now and in the future, where music can help become a part of life-long learning opportunities.

Locke Hill holds a biannual talent show in the spring.

The Locke Hill Choir consists of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children selected for their singing ability and enthusiasm. The choir performs for both school and community events throughout the year.

Locke Hill is an elementary campus learning center for the NISD after-school String Program. Instruction is free and open to any 5<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to learn to play violin, viola, or cello. Mrs. Mary Gabriel is the teacher. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:00. The Locke Hill Strings perform in both Winter and Spring Recitals, at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Talent Shows, and at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion.

