



## Green Acres School

An intentional model of progressive education



### Green Acres At A Glance

- **Coed, PK – 8<sup>th</sup>** grade day school
- **300 students**
- **Average instructional group size - 12; average grade size - 30**
- **Student-teacher ratio - 6:1**
- **Founded in 1934**, we celebrate over 75 years as the Washington area's leading progressive school and a national leader in progressive education. Green Acres hosted the National Progressive Education Network Conference in October 2009 and has provided strong leadership in all other PEN conferences.
- **Strong academics, arts, athletics, and technology programs** - Challenging coursework; in depth, interdisciplinary projects; weekly assemblies; frequent student exhibits and productions; physical education three or four times per week; community service learning in all grades; outdoor education. Program based on research and years of experience.
- **Faculty and Staff**
  - 47 total faculty members; 28 have graduate degrees; 16 have taught at Green Acres for more than 20 years.
  - 30 faculty and staff members are parents of current or former Green Acres students.
  - 17 faculty and staff members are people of color or represent international diversity.
- **Diversity** - The first racially integrated school in Montgomery County, 30% of the current student body represents racial, international, and ethnic diversity. We value all aspects of individual and family diversity.
- **Financial assistance** was awarded to 22% of students for 2011-2012. We work closely with families to provide as much assistance as possible.
- **Campus - 15 beautifully wooded acres** in a quiet residential neighborhood. Six newly renovated classroom buildings include three science rooms, two music rooms, two art rooms including a ceramics room, a twenty thousand volume library, photo lab, creative movement room and a teaching kitchen. Extensive playgrounds. Classes indoors and outside.
- **Our strong community** includes families from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Many are from Montgomery County.
- **Alumni** are highly valued by their next schools. More than 90% are offered admission to one of their top two high school choices and compete successfully for prized college placement.
- **Transportation** - Bus transportation available; carpool.
- **School hours** - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:20 am - 3:05 pm; Wednesday - 8:20 am - 2:20 pm.
- **The Extended Day Program** is available to all students until 6:00 pm with a drop in option.
- **The After-School Enrichment Program** offers a variety of options each semester.
- **Interscholastic After-School Sports** for grades 5 – 8. No-cut policy.
- **Governance** - 22 voting Trustees include 3 staff Trustees, the Head of School, 13 parent Trustees, up to 6 community Trustees including alumni Trustees and 1 GASPA Co-chair (non-voting).