

# KENWOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A MAGNET SCHOOL WHERE LEADERS ARE GROWING AND LEARNING

## OUR VISION

Diversity, uniqueness, and passion for learning and leading is honored. The Leader in Me Students and Educators have ownership and responsibility for the learning community. The whole school transformation process teaches 21<sup>st</sup> Century leadership and life skills to students. Confident students collaborate with and contribute to the greater community. Innovation is embraced, studied, and replicated. Mutually beneficial partnerships among students, staff, parents, and the community exist to support education for all.

## OUR MISSION

Kenwood Leadership Academy fosters leadership and stewardship in all students through our student centered learning environment. Academic excellence is present. Incorporating the Leader in Me™ principles, students demonstrate academic growth, collaboration, empathy, and a passion for learning through a relevant and rigorous standards based curriculum.

## OUR STUDENTS

Students learn from and mentor one another. They are confident, respectful, responsible, and accountable learners who share their leadership with the entire community. Our students set their own goals, build upon their strengths and work to improve their weaknesses. Their desire to learn and contribute as individuals and as a team leads them to be curious, well-rounded lifelong learners who are self-motivated and enjoy collaboration. Students leave Kenwood Leadership Academy ready to accomplish all their Wildly Important Goals (WIGs).

## OUR STAFF

Educators support a student centered learning environment that is safe, engaging and leadership focused. The established routines and expectations are shared and understood across the school community. Educators are solution seekers and problem solvers with a laser focus on student growth and nurturing leadership and stewardship. Collaboration and teaming across grade levels and disciplines is a foundation for the school's overall achievement. All educators recognize and support that learning and leadership go hand-in-hand in the entire school environment.

## OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Leadership comes to life from the front office to the classroom, the cafeteria, the gym, and the playground. Students and educators respect and contribute to the inviting, positive atmosphere. Choice and a strengths based approach to personalized learning supports all students' leadership development. At Kenwood Leadership Academy the paradigm is shifted to an experiential teaching and learning experience. Students have opportunities to work across grade levels to grow, learn, and achieve. The learning community develops a positive school climate through the Leader in Me™ foundation. All spaces in the school are learning spaces. Educators offer highly engaging standards based instruction that allows students to acquire knowledge and skill through project based learning. There is a focus on collaboration and team work while developing students' leadership, self control, independent thinking, positive behaviors and appropriate social interactions. Educators, students, and families are all involved in the learning community. Everyone recognizes that this foundation of leadership sets students on a positive path for middle school, high school, and life.

