HONORING THE 21ST CENTURY
WHOLE CHILD

Weiner Elementary School, an Arkansas School of Innovation
2016 National Blue Ribbon School
Harrisburg (AR) School District

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Recipient of the 2016 Terril H. Bell Award for Outstanding Leadership
Believe in yourself.
Arkansas district leaders who are interested in submitting a Schools of Innovation plan are encouraged to design new and creative alternatives to the existing instructional and administrative practices. These changes are intended to improve academic performance and learning for all students. Approval to become a School of Innovation is determined by the Commissioner of Education and is granted for a four year period.
What if?

no obstacles

reinvent
Re-enter

“WHOLE CHILD!”

added dimensions
creativity
affective
communication
culture
change
physical, emotional, social needs
Effective oral & written communication

Critical thinking & problem-solving

Collaboration across networks

Initiative & entrepreneurialism

Agility & adaptability

Changes Ahead

Curiosity and imagination

Grit

Hope & Optimism

Here to Stay!

Self-Regulation

Resilience

Skills & Attributes of Today’s Learner

Empathy & Global Stewardship

Vision
“Cardinal Creativity College” 21st WHOLE CHILD “C’s” of LEARNING

CHANGE
* flexible and differentiated learning
* teacher training to enhance the craft of teaching and student needs
* acquisition of life skills
* experiences to encourage students to embrace ambiguity and change

CAREERS
* utilize experts to extend learning and reveal career potentiality
* link today’s learning to tomorrow’s real possibilities
* internalize value & place of each in the world

CULTURE
* whole learning community arts infusion
* coherent, specific, and content-rich culture curriculum
* culture connections near and far

CUTURAL
* actively meeting the physical and social/emotional needs of children
* providing a safe environment

CREATIVE
* strategic mastery of foundation skills vital to efficient/effective response to learning
* interpreting/expressing ideas about one’s experiences

CREATE
* employ problem & project based learning
* emphasize the power of the arts to transform learning
* positive risk-taking
* actively apply creativity to develop new knowledge

COMMUNICATION
* immersion in Spanish
* development of personal Library of Communication—skills, tools, and resources
* sharing of projects in meaningful, multiple ways

CONNECT
* use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others
* forge symbiotic partnerships within local & digital communities

COMMUNITY
* foster intrapersonal & interpersonal intelligence
* provide opportunities for community service
* instill important core, ethical, and civic values
* build confidence based on success

COMMAND
ready, confident access to skills and attitudes vital for college and/or the workforce in an ever-changing world
Helping children feel PART of the world and not APART or removed from the world…

Tearing down barriers

Building possibilities
...so what does that look like in practice?
Weiner Elementary

A Great Place to Be Today's Kid

AN ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF INNOVATION

2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
1:1 Technology
International events
Virtual field trips
Skype
Commutative Property
Student-led Conferences
PBL - meaningful project
REAL purpose
REAL audience
PBL

Changemaker

Real problems
Real change
Real audience
Real research
Real world
STEAM team

Science • Technology • Engineering • Art • Mathematics

Weiner Elementary's 21st Century Community Learning Center
(before-school and after-school enrichment program)
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
Miss Becky’s Boutique

meeting the needs of students
Safe   Loved   Confident
It’s time to expand our vision, ensuring the whole child has opportunities to experience the whole world in ways that nurture a sense of wonder, develop the crucial soft skills, and make them excited about today and their future.
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