

ABOUT CONNECTED SCHOOLS

Connected Schools are schools that partner with the community to provide an integrated approach to academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. The Connected Schools Model is the DCPS version of a full-service community school.

ABOUT KRAMER

- Dr. Katreena Shelby, Principal
- Serves grades 6-8
- Received the 2021 Standing Ovation Award for Engaging Families During a Year of Change by DC Education Fund
- Awarded the Department of Education Full-Service Community Schools Program grant



MEET THE CONNECTED SCHOOLS MANAGER!



Mr. Cliffone Ault was a professional athlete before deciding to pursue his passion: education. Mr. Ault served as a math educator and head basketball coach at Hart Middle School before finding his way to Kramer.

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AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Kramer launched the Family Engagement Leadership Team (FELT) to bridge the gap between families and teachers. The FELT team has implemented a communication system to provide monthly school-wide family engagement events, Wednesday Wellness calls, and relationship-building home visits.



HEALING-CENTERED PRACTICES

Kramer is partnered with the Wendt Center to provide mental health support for students, families and staff and small groups on Wednesdays. Support staff also provides restorative justice circles and focus groups with the student wellness coordinator.



STRONG STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

There are several systems in place to support students at Kramer. The Mental Health Team has implemented a referral system for students in need of mental health resources and the Attendance Team provides individual case management. Additionally, the Restorative Justice Coordinator supports small groups and grade-level team meetings to identify and connect students to community resources for support.



PLACE-BASED SERVICES

Kramer provides a number of resources in the school building, including access to mental health services and basic needs items like uniforms and hygiene products, as well as technology giveaways and care packages for families. Kramer also provides vision services.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

To support student academic progress and opportunities for students to explore interests outside of the classroom, Kramer partners with several organizations to provide enriching opportunities, such as After-School All-Stars, City Year, and The Literacy Lab.

LEARN ABOUT KRAMER PARTNERS!

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

After-School All-Stars: After-School All-Stars provides free, comprehensive after-school programs that keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life.

The Literacy Lab: The Literacy Lab provides academic support to students by embedding full-time, rigorously-trained tutors in early childhood centers and elementary schools. The Literacy Lab also supports early literacy for families experiencing homelessness.

FOOD SECURITY

DC Food Project: DC Food Project helps school children and their families get additional food during the school day and over the weekends when school meals are not available to them. Through their Community Bag program at Kramer, prior to long weekends, major breaks, and holidays during the school year they provide the school community with produce and non-perishable food items, which are delivered to pre-identified families in need of additional support.

MENTAL HEALTH

The Wendt Center for Loss & Healing: The Wendt Center helps people rebuild a sense of safety and hope after experiencing a loss, life-threatening illness, violence or other trauma. Nationally recognized for their expertise in grief, trauma, and mental health, they provide an array of holistic services for children, teens, adults, families, and local communities throughout DC.

MENTORING

Sasha Bruce Youthwork Teen Outreach Program (TOP): TOP is a positive youth development program that partners with middle schools and high schools in Wards 7 and 8 to strengthen teens' educational success, life and leadership skills, and healthy behaviors and relationships.

The Black Swan Academy: The Black Swan Academy empowers Black youth through civic leadership and engagement, giving them a comprehensive set of tools needed to succeed in life and become active social catalyst in their communities.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Vision 2 Learn: Vision 2 Learn provides free eye exams and free glasses to students through a mobile clinic.

TIERED SUPPORTS

Communities In Schools of The Nation's Capital (CISNCAP): CISNCAP works with students, their families, schools and communities to create access to the resources and opportunities that help them overcome life's current and future barriers. At Kramer, they provide individual case management and tiered supports for students and families.

This is a sample of partnerships. To learn more about community partnerships and all program offerings at Kramer, contact Mr. Ault.