

Stonehouse Mission, Vision, Values and Goals

WJC Mission Statement

We are committed to providing an excellent education, in partnership with families and community, so that each and every student is prepared for lifelong learning, independent thinking, and responsible citizenship.

Stonehouse Mission Statement

As stated, the mission statement for Stonehouse Elementary School provides all members of the school community with an understanding of our purpose.

The mission of Stonehouse Elementary is to achieve a supportive learning community in which each individual is respected, valued and empowered to strive for excellence through academic achievement, citizenship, and wellness.

Vision and Value Statements

As stated, the vision statements for Stonehouse Elementary school provide all members of the school community with an understanding of future direction, what we believe our school must be.

As stated, our value statements identify the attitudes, behaviors, and commitments we must demonstrate in order to advance toward our vision.

Learning Community

At Stonehouse, we envision an excellent school that promotes continuous improvement and focuses on student achievement.

- We support the mission, vision and strategic plan of the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools.
- We base our teaching on best practices.
- We help all students achieve by addressing individual needs and learning styles.
- We engage families through positive communication and by providing parent education opportunities.
- We collaborate with the community for our mutual benefit.

School Climate

At Stonehouse, we envision an exceptional school with an atmosphere that is stimulating and inviting, celebrates diversity and inspires new understandings.

- We promote a positive school climate by modeling the qualities and characteristics that we hope to instill in our students.
- We support a school environment that builds in each of our students: a strong character, a healthy lifestyle and courage to make good choices.
- We establish and reinforce a standard of conduct that promotes self-discipline and builds respect for self and others.
- We adhere to practices and procedures that will keep students safe and secure.

Curriculum and Instruction

At Stonehouse, we envision an exemplary school that promotes a comprehensive curriculum and uses instructional strategies that are challenging, relevant and prepare students for their future.

- We use curriculum mapping to ensure both the vertical and horizontal alignment of our curriculum and for the pacing of instruction.
- We work collaboratively to review and refine our instructional practices and methods of assessment.
- We use a variety of assessments to make decisions involving curriculum and instruction and to evaluate the needs of our students.
- We use peer observation to share knowledge and teaching techniques.

Parent Commitments

As parents, we recognize that as our children's first and most influential role models and teachers, we can promote their success and contribute to an excellent school if we make and fulfill the following commitments:

- We establish high expectations for our children. We will not accept minimum effort or indifference to quality work.
- We know the expectations in each of our children's classes and communicate with our children's teachers when we have a question or concern. We will attend parent conferences and school events.
- We ensure our children have good attendance and will avoid absences unless absolutely necessary.
- We know the school's behavior guidelines and insist our children accept responsibility for their conduct.
- We support our children's learning, especially in the critical areas of reading and mathematics.
- We encourage healthy eating and regular exercise.

Student Commitments

As students, we care about our school. We understand that we can work with each other, with our teachers and other workers at our school, and with our parents to make Stonehouse Elementary School an excellent school.

- We learn with the help of our nice teachers by paying attention to our teachers and to our work, reading many good books, and using many activities and strategies.
- We work together as friends and helpers with all students in our school.
- We listen to and respect our teachers and all students while working and playing.
- We keep our school safe by following the rules and by not bullying other students.
- We keep our school and our classrooms clean.

Administration's Values

At Stonehouse, we envision working together as members of a professional learning community where the achievements and well being of each member of our school community is valued and supported.

- We model behavior that is congruent with the mission, vision, and values of Stonehouse School.
- We select and retain individuals who are best suited to advance the mission and vision of Stonehouse School, and we create conditions that support their ongoing professional growth.
- We create collaborative structures to support teaching and learning and the success of each and every student.
- We understand, respect, and value the contributions of our diverse community of learners.
- We plan and manage resources in order to provide a safe and positive environment for students and staff.
- We recognize and celebrate the efforts and achievements of the members of the Stonehouse community.