



The Core Knowledge STEAM School of Choice

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017



Bob Barber, Principal  
Barbara Spencer, K-4 Assistant Principal  
Diana Simpson, 5-8 Assistant Principal  
Burgandy Hodge, Director of Operations  
Halsley Hoff, Business Manager  
Kristen Goldberg, Preschool Director

### FACTS ABOUT BFA

DCSD Public Charter School  
Grades Served: Preschool-8  
K-8 Students: 895  
Preschool Students: 78  
Class Size: Kindergarten: 16  
Class Size: Grades 1-8: 26  
Year Established: 2011  
School Hours: 8:15am-3:30pm  
School Colors: Red, White and Blue  
Mascot: Lightning Bolts  
Traditional Calendar  
Before and After School Enrichment  
Summer Camp  
Uniform Standard for all Students  
Parent Governing Board

### WHAT BFA OFFERS

- ▮ Core Knowledge Sequence.
- ▮ Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (**STEAM**)
- ▮ Preschool
- ▮ Fully Staffed Special Education Department
- ▮ Multiple Technology Labs
- ▮ Gifted and Talented Enrichment
- ▮ Reading Support
- ▮ Character Education
  - 13 Virtues
  - Rachel's Challenge
- ▮ Positive/Uplifting School Climate
- ▮ Volunteer Opportunities
- ▮ Active PTO
- ▮ Community Events Committee
- ▮ DCSD Hot Lunch Program

### BFA Mission

Our mission is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious and civically engaged.

### BFA Vision

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science and literacy. We will be a data driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature and character.

### What BFA Elementary School Offers:

- ▮ **Specials Rotation Including:**  
Weekly science lab  
Art, Music, PE and Technology
- ▮ **Technology in the Classroom**  
iPads  
Laptop Computers  
Document Cameras
- ▮ **Grade Level Culminating Events**  
Grade K: Holidays Around the World  
Grade 1: Flat Stanley  
Grade 2: Immigration – Ellis Island Day  
Grade 3: Rome Day  
Grade 4: Medieval Times  
Grade 5: AmeriTowne  
All Grades: Grade Level Musical Productions

### What Makes the BFA Elementary School Special

- ▮ Passionate Teachers and Aides
- ▮ Core Knowledge Language Arts Curriculum
- ▮ Academically Rigorous
- ▮ Daily Science and Social Studies
- ▮ Students are welcomed everyday as they arrive at school
- ▮ Monthly Character Assemblies
- ▮ Random Acts of Kindness
- ▮ Lexia (Home Support for Reading)
- ▮ Accelerated Reader
- ▮ Geography and Spelling Bee
- ▮ Field Trips  
K: Hudson Gardens and Denver Zoo  
1: Denver Aquarium and Nature and Science Museum  
2: Denver Art Museum and Bodyology  
3: Manitou Springs and Hudson Gardens  
4: Downtown Denver or Revolutionary War Reenactment  
5: Denver Art Museum or Civil War Reenactment

**Ben Franklin Academy** is truly a wonderful place to work and learn. It is an honor and a privilege to serve this amazing school community.

***"An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends."***

***-Benjamin Franklin***

