



# OutTeach

*Go Outside Expectations*





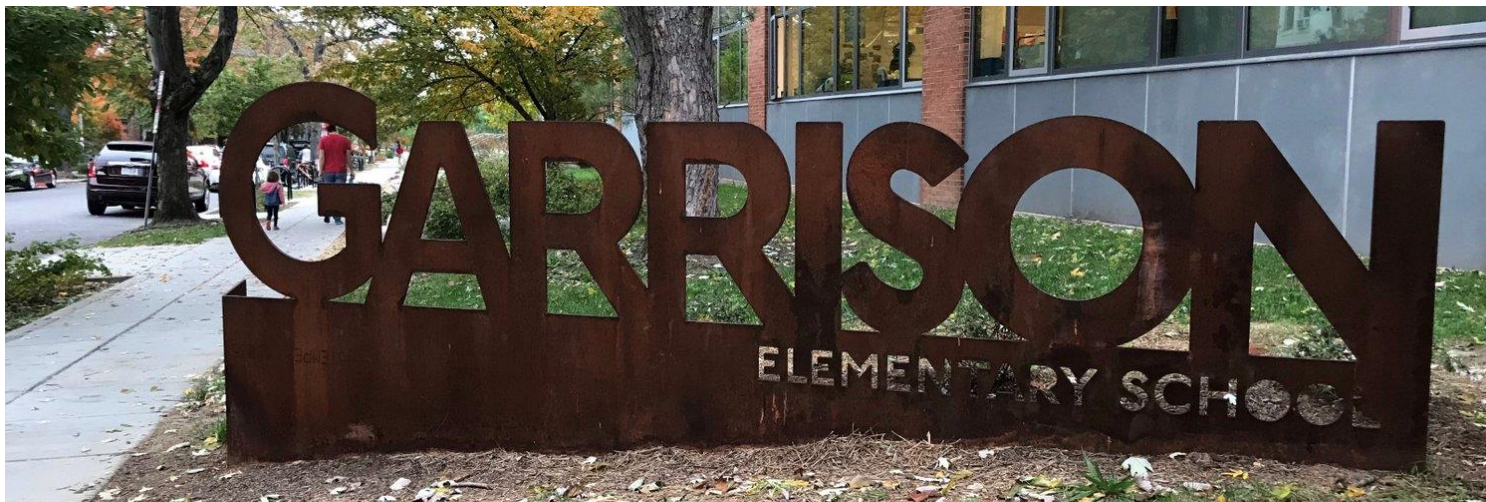
# Garrison Elementary

1200 S St NW, Washington, DC 20009

Principal Brigham Kiplinger

@GarrisonPTA

- Garrison's enrollment has grown 33% since 2017, among the highest in DCPS
- Garrison scored in the top 5 in DCPS on the "Loved" index of social-emotional wellbeing on the 2020 Panorama Survey
- Garrison's student satisfaction index is 97%





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Garrison stands on the location of what was once Camp Barker, home to formerly enslaved people who liberated themselves during the Civil War. In 1862, Abraham Lincoln visited the grounds of what's now Garrison ES to greet its residents.

Garrison ES serves Pre-K3 to Grade 5 students.



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“Learning the 5E model was great because it taught me how to engage and explore outside in a way that didn't completely change the way I teach close reading.”

*Isabel Sanchez*

“Teaching outdoors is easier than I anticipated. The Out Teach Coach helped break it down into manageable steps! Student engagement is great during outdoor lessons!”

*Christine Rey*

## CHALLENGES

- The most frequently mentioned barrier was time
- Showing the impact of outdoor learning on student achievement
- Curriculum Integration
- Classroom Management





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“I really enjoyed seeing my students get to experience the outdoors in a fun and academic way. I loved that they were able to explore and given the opportunity to make their own choices.”

*Ayana Smith*



## VISION

To integrate cross curricular learning into the outdoor classroom space.  
To engrain the outdoor learning garden into the culture and fabric of the school.  
To empower teachers to use the outdoor space.



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## SKILLS

- Out Teach conducted two full-staff professional learning programs
- OSSE Community of Practice
- Mentors - 5/6 teachers - Sharing experiences
- Release time to observe each other
- Older students pair up with younger students



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“It was insightful for me to see the structure of an outdoor lesson. I was also pleasantly surprised that students seemed fine with their given boundaries, even though other students were on the playground for recess.”

*Greta Etherton*



## PLAN

- School Garden Assessment
- Garden Tracker: # students + Brief lesson description
- Coordinated cleaning and planting days for the community
- Cohort of teachers shared with the whole staff
- Materials: Checklist
- Incorporated teaching outside in their lesson plans





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## INCENTIVES

- Teachers were highlighted on the school's newsletter
- Teachers received professional learning credits after participating in job-embedding coaching with Out Teach





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## RESOURCES

- Lesson Plans:

[Out Teach Hub - OER Commons](#)

[Green Schoolyards](#)

- Seeds:

[Botanical Interests](#)

- OSSE - Community of Practice:

[Meeting Registration](#)





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Thank you to the leadership at Garrison Elementary, for finding innovative ways to engage teachers, students, and families through outdoor learning!



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