



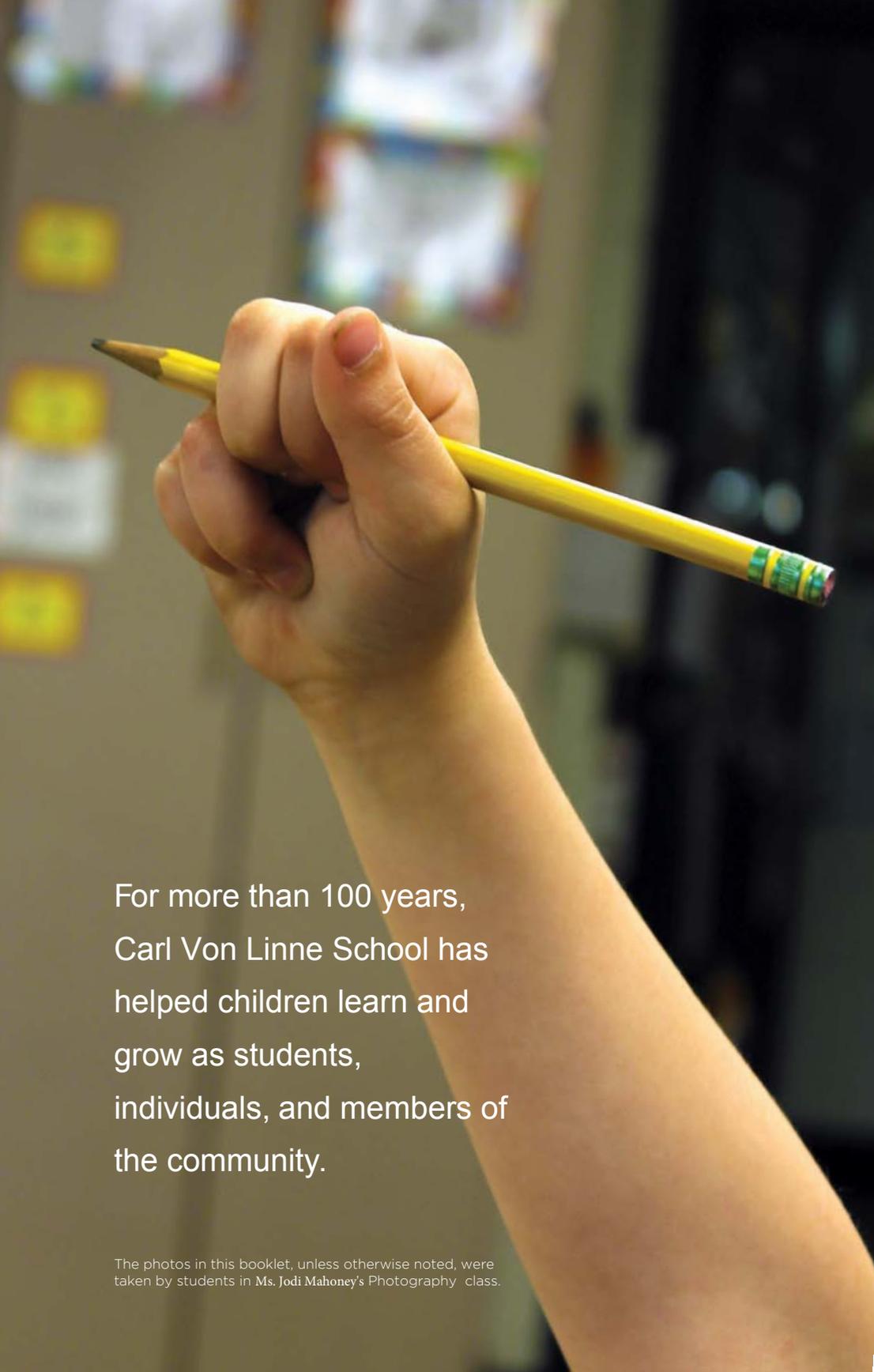
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# CARL VON LINNE Elementary



EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD





For more than 100 years, Carl Von Linne School has helped children learn and grow as students, individuals, and members of the community.

The photos in this booklet, unless otherwise noted, were taken by students in Ms. Jodi Mahoney's Photography class.

## Our Focus

For over 100 years Linne School has been providing a world-class education to children in the Avondale neighborhood. As the school's philosophy evolves, it brings forth a commitment to "Educating the Whole Child". The fine arts are used to support and develop a vision of high quality academic programs that contribute to the intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being of our students. Our objective is to develop high-quality programs that:

- ❖ Make learning more interactive;
- ❖ Foster inter-disciplinary learning;
- ❖ Build self-esteem; and
- ❖ Facilitate student success despite differences in languages, financial background, race, or learning styles.





## One Student at a Time

We understand that each student learns in his or her own way, as such the teaching staff focuses on a differentiated instructional approach that is comprehensive, based on current research and, and addresses students' needs. Our emphasis on social-emotional learning plays a crucial role in providing a well-rounded education. As a result Linne has been recognized as an "exemplary" school by CPS.

“ We are a school family that supports and encourages everyone to succeed ”  
- Adriana Medina, 1st Grade Teacher

Linne's instructional programs offer a teacher created curriculum based on current research, creating lifelong readers and thinkers. Students in middle school have opportunities to engage in advanced High School courses that include Algebra I for HS credit, a humanities curriculum aligned to Common Core State Standards, and an inquiry based Science curriculum with 2 dedicated Science Labs.

## Spotlighting Success in Education

94%

Percentile of students in grades 2-8 above national norms in mathematics.

90%

Percentile of students in grades 2-8 above national average in reading

Level  
1+

Five consecutive years of the highest School Quality Rating in Chicago Public Schools

Number #1 ranked Dual Language School in CPS

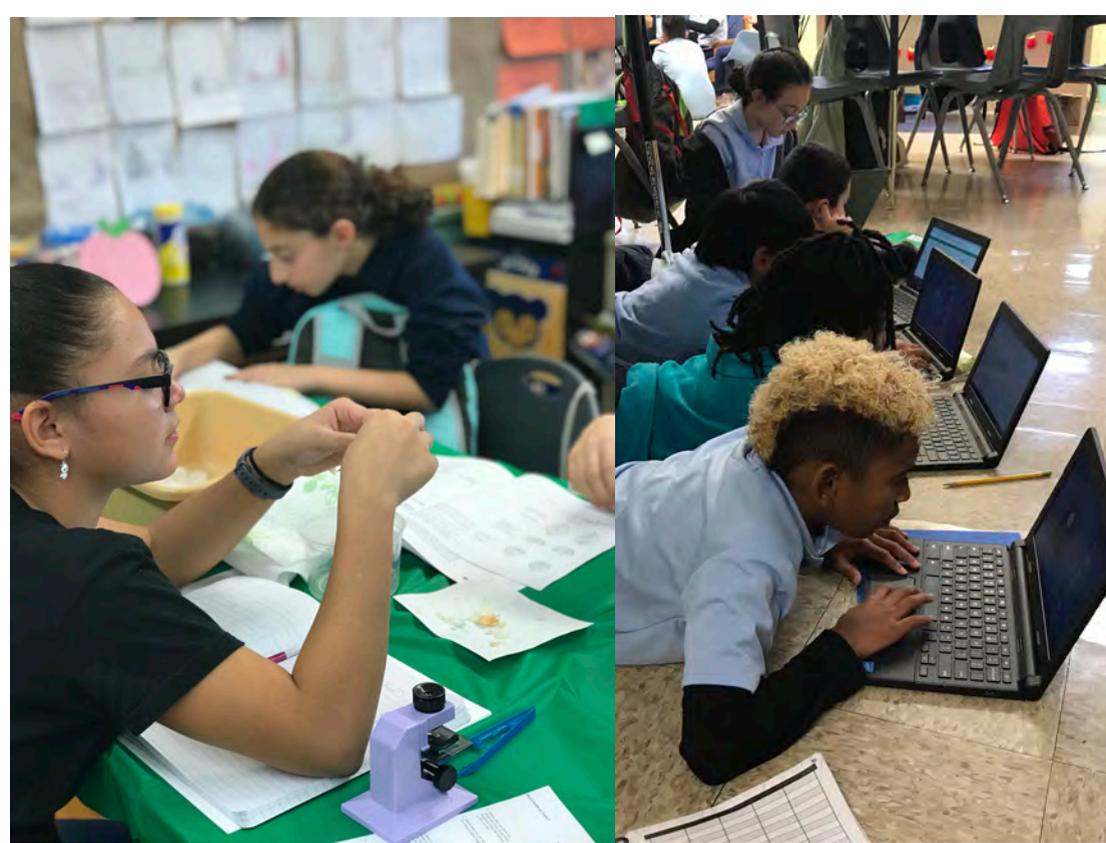
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## Challenging Young Minds

Core subjects like reading and math are just the beginning at Linne school. A robust curriculum in natural and applied sciences, dual language immersion, humanities and more, provide a broad foundation for student achievement. What's more, Linne's semester academic schedule provides ample opportunities for middle school students to explore elective courses in everything from video production to culinary and fine arts.

“ The best thing about working at Linne is I get to teach the kids I know from the community. ”

—Mary Kovats, Linne Teacher & Community Member



## Exceptional Instruction

With state-of-the-art schools come teachers of the same caliber. More than just teachers, Linne faculty members are involved members of the Avondale community. Many organize extra-curricular activities, coach a sport, and attend school events. Whether they teach early childhood, special education, K-8, or dual language, our fully certified instructors bring exceptional talents and abilities to school every day.

“ I appreciate that many of the staff, from administrators to custodians, are integrated in other community activities. It makes them approachable to families. ”

—Yolanda Quintana, Linne Parent





# Places to Learn

Making children feel comfortable and safe while they learn is very important to Linne School, so each classroom is fully air-conditioned and equipped with state of the art technology that includes 1:1 devices in grades 2-8. A fully updated MAC computer lab, gymnasium, ceramics studio, culinary kitchen, dance studio, fine arts room, library, learning gardens and student dining room make up a few of the areas the building offers for learning. Our school has a brand new playground, garden, courtyard area, and every classroom throughout the building has a rich variety of technology including iPads, laptops, document cameras, projectors, online resources, wireless Internet and SmartBoards. The availability of technology as well as indoor and outdoor spaces for physical activity ensures that children receive a well-rounded education that exercises their bodies and their minds.

Each classroom holds an average of 24 students in order to target learning and resources in a focused, age-appropriate manner. There is an early childhood development program with a full-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in both English and Spanish. Further highlights include a comprehensive gifted program for students in first through eighth and an exemplary rated social-emotional curriculum.



# Beyond the Classroom

Arts and extracurricular programs are integral parts of the learning experience, encouraging students to explore their interests and passions as well as academic success. They are offered during the course of the school day as well as part of our after-school programming.

Activities like student council, drama, athletics, music, robotics, and clubs promote confidence, student leadership, and cooperation.

## Fine & Performing Arts

- Joffrey Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Ballet Folklórico
- Ceramics
- Musical Theater
- Trumpet
- Concert Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Violin
- Percussion
- Latin Dance
- Choir
- Culinary Arts
- Sculpture
- Drawing
- Painting
- Public Art

## Technology

- Photography
- Production Studio
- Coding
- eSports
- Minecraft
- Animation
- Robotics
- 3D Printing
- Girls Technology

## Other

- Student Council
- Safety Patrol
- Recycling Club
- Emerging Leaders
- Gardening Club
- Science Club



Percentage of students participating in arts and extracurriculars

# 100%

# Teamwork

Linne School offers students opportunities in sports in addition to its instructional exercise options. These programs are an essential part of the intellectual, emotional, physical, and social elements of each student. Spread across fall, winter, and spring seasons, students are able to pursue athletic achievement alongside individual academic, artistic, and/or personal interests.



Along with team sport competition, Linne offers students opportunities in the martial arts, during and after-school, along with experiences in zumba and yoga. Further, Linne continues to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy learning environment by offering access to daily physical activity, nutritious foods, school-based health services, health education, and supports for students with chronic conditions. We will continue to work hard to provide our students with a safe and healthy learning environment in which they can thrive.

## Fall Sports

Boys Cross Country  
Boys Soccer  
Girls Cross Country  
Volleyball

## Winter Sports

Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball

## Spring Sports

Girls Soccer



## Dual Language Immersion



Linne offers a two-way Dual Language immersion program to all eligible kindergarten students or to native language Spanish speakers of any grade. The program is designed to provide both English and Spanish instruction using an 80/20 model. The DLI classrooms consist of both native Spanish speakers as well as English native speakers. The goal is to send students to High School that are fully biliterate. Students in the program are assessed in both languages and are considered on track to receive the Seal of Biliteracy by the State of Illinois.

### Dual Language Immersion

A form of bilingual education in which students are taught literacy and content in two languages.

#### 80/20 Model

A model of DLI where the partner language is used most of the day in the primary grades. At Linne the model is as follows:

Pre-K: 80/20

Kindergarten: 80/20

1st: 80/20

2nd: 70/30

3rd: 60/40

4th--8th: 50/50

\*first number denotes Spanish

### Two-Way Dual Language

A form of DLI where a balance of native English speakers and native speakers of the partner language are enrolled in the program.

## Welcome to Carl Von Linne!

Carl Von Linne Elementary is deeply committed to our mission statement: *To prepare students for college and career by providing a rigorous, researched-based instructional program aligned to the Common Core State Standards, with a focus on "educating the whole child".*

We pride ourselves in providing a comprehensive educational experience. In addition to our core academic programs, we offer a variety of extracurricular and specialty programs to extend and enhance every child's education. Linne is a community where our parents and stakeholders have demonstrated great value for education and have provided support for our programs, allowing students, and the school in general, to prosper.

In addition, Linne School partners with a broad range of community organizations to provide supplemental educational and enrichment opportunities. These include Joffrey Ballet, Forward Momentum Chicago, Common Threads, Brands Park, Concordia Place, Avondale Neighborhood Association, Kitchen Community, and Chicago Jazz Philharmonic to name a few.

We welcome the opportunity to share in your child's education. Please contact us to arrange a meeting and tour so that you may learn directly about our school and programs.

