



Bill Arp Elementary School

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Why Bill Arp Elementary School?

"We continue to be amazed by the caring staff, quality education, and amazing school pride we've seen at Bill Arp Elementary. All three of our kiddos continue to blossom and prosper academically at such an awesome school!"

—Bill Arp Parent



Achievements

- ◇ Mr. Matt Nauman was one of 23 teachers in the state named as a Georgia STEM Scholar
- ◇ Competitive Lego League teams
- ◇ 50 students mentored by Alexander High School students
- ◇ Monthly classroom books for a school-wide focus on character building
- ◇ Chick-fil-A Leader Academy club that works with the Alexander High School Chick-fil-A Leader Academy
- ◇ BAES named by SchoolSparrow.com as one of 30 best elementary schools in metro Atlanta

Inside the Classroom

When walking into the warm and friendly classrooms at Bill Arp Elementary, visitors are greeted by dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. It is evident that each child is cared for as an individual. Diversity is celebrated, and the teachers are committed to serving the needs of all students. Classroom visitors will witness students fully engaged in learning. Teachers use innovative teaching methods such as Thinking Maps and implement learning-focused instructional practices to engage young minds. Students do not just sit and listen to lectures; they are active participants in their learning. Students set goals, ask questions, and discuss the content of rigorous lessons the teachers have prepared.

Students are challenged to use higher level thinking in many different subject areas, including the STEAM classes where the focus is on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. The process the students take to develop ideas and interact with peers is a wondrous thing to observe. Students are challenged with problems that a child would not usually be expected to solve, but Bill Arp students are certainly up to the challenge.

Children are excited to be a part of Bill Arp Elementary and participate in learning each day, and the faculty and staff are just as happy and enjoy celebrating the success of all students. This is the atmosphere that most schools dream of creating; however, it already exists and is thriving at Bill Arp Elementary!

Together, we shape the future.

#teamdouglas

Our Vision

The vision for Bill Arp Elementary School is to provide an exceptional educational experience for all students by celebrating their accomplishments, addressing their needs, and continually searching for ways to improve the school program.

Principal's Message

It is an honor to be able to serve as the principal at Bill Arp Elementary School. We are a community school in every sense, and there is a family-oriented atmosphere that you can feel as soon as you walk in the door. Our teachers and staff members love being here, and they are dedicated to educating our students in a safe, loving, and supportive environment. Bill Arp students have extensive opportunities to grow, both in the classroom and by participating in one of our many extracurricular activities. Welcome to B.A.E.S. where we are Building Academic Excellence in Students!

- Principal Darien Carruth

Student Enrollment: 632

Total Staff: 78

Certified Staff: 49

**Certified Staff
with Advanced Degrees:** 73%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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Beyond the Classroom

As a STEAM focused school, Bill Arp Elementary works to offer a variety of extracurricular activities that are enjoyable ways for students to pursue interests and develop into well-rounded young citizens. Opportunities to be involved include Science Club, the student-led newspaper, Patriot Press, physical education opportunities such as the Road Runners program and cheer and dance teams, and arts enrichment activities such as the Patriot Performers Chorus, Art Club, Junior Thespies Drama Club, and Reading Club. Students have many avenues to expand their creativity and explore interests. Throughout the year, these groups display their talents in concerts, publications, exhibitions, and performances.

Opportunities are also available for students to further their knowledge of robotics, engineering, and programming. FIRST Lego League, Junior FIRST Lego League, Vex Robotics, and Georgia Gravity Games give students a chance to build and program robots, apply their knowledge to real world problems, and develop solutions through the engineering design process. Competitions throughout the year give students an opportunity to showcase their skills and abilities.

Bill Arp Elementary students have opportunities to develop their character and academics through Junior Beta Club, Safety Patrol, Flag Patrol, and Patriot Ambassadors. These activities give students a chance to be responsible leaders in the school setting and beyond. Students in these clubs are selected by their teachers and demonstrate the highest level of character in all areas of the school.