

# Habits of Mind

The FES school community is governed by the Habits of Mind (HoM) theory which are a collection of ideals meant to govern all interactions among members of the FES community, and are based on our 3 Pillar Principles of Wisdom, Leadership, and Community. Their goal is to support perspective transformation in how we each see ourselves in relationship to our work and our community. The HoM are an extension of the ideas expressed in our daily affirmation.

## **We are Wise**

We resist complacency by challenging ourselves every day to seek, use and share knowledge to improve our competencies as educators and build meaningful relationships with students and families.

## **We are Aware**

We cultivate a dynamic learning environment free of bias and the limitation of assumptions through critical reflection, engaging with one another and our greater community to achieve our common goals.

## **We are Leaders**

We strive to set a positive example for our FES community by providing each student, parent and colleague with our best every day. We take responsibility for our words, our actions and our role as educators.

## **We are Fearless**

We are not afraid to take risks, embrace change, welcome new perspectives and teach with passion. We learn from our mistakes and we challenge ourselves to become better each day.

## **We are Supportive**

We communicate and listen with compassion, empathy and understanding to ensure that we are providing the Frederick Elementary School learning community with the resources and opportunities needed