



Paris Elementary Receives RAMP Designation

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ALEXANDRIA, VA. – Paris Elementary will receive the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation during a special ceremony at the American School Counselor Association’s annual conference in Phoenix, Ariz. The schools will be honored on June 30 for making an exemplary commitment to comprehensive school counseling programs, ASCA officials announced today.

The RAMP designation, awarded to schools that align with the criteria set in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment. More than 550 schools have been designated as RAMP since the program’s inception.

Jill Cook, ASCA assistant director and RAMP coordinator, said this year’s recipients are to be commended for their dedication to serving all students and demonstrating how effective school counseling programs can make a difference in students’ lives.

“This year’s RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession,” Cook said. “This designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to continue to strive for success.”

David Wise, Paris Elementary Principal, said that receiving this designation demonstrates the commitment that Paris Elementary has to its students. "Our school counselor, Lori Nelson, works tirelessly with staff, parents, and students to create an environment that is conducive to learning. The counseling program at our school is dedicated to helping students be all they can be," Wise said.

RAMP applications are reviewed once a year by a panel of school counseling professionals, who assess a school counseling program in 12 different areas of program expertise.

About ASCA

The American School Counselor Association (www.schoolcounselor.org) is a worldwide nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Va. Founded in 1952, ASCA supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. The association provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to school counselors around the globe.

About Paris Elementary

Paris Elementary School offers a truly unique educational setting. Nestled at the base of Paris Mountain, the school is rich in a tradition of excellence. Having proudly celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2012, the school is focused on continuing a new century of excellence. Paris remains a community school and is known for its diligent, inquisitive students, supportive, involved parents, and caring, professional staff.

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