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# **2023-2024** **CENTER FOR** **INNOVATION**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN – April 5, 2023**  
**DEADLINE – 5:00 PM, April 28, 2023**





# MEET THE CFI STAFF



**Amy Arick**  
CFI Teacher, 5th



**Lynlee Ridley**  
CFI Teacher, 5th



**Tina Jones**  
Bowie Elem./CFI Principal



**Jeff Brokovich**  
AISD CFI Coordinator

## McMURRY

**Melody Roper**  
CFI Liaison

**Professors**  
(Math, Science,  
PE, Art, Music)

**Education  
Students**

# WHAT IS THE CFI?

- A strong, innovative, educational collaboration between Abilene ISD and McMurry University - 2023-2024 will be the 16th year!
- Grade 5 Math & Science Magnet Program offering enriched/enhanced opportunities in mathematics and science
- Participating students attend school full-time on the McMurry University campus
- Taught by two full-time Abilene ISD teachers, a cadre of professors from McMurry University, and a variety of McMurry students
- Math and science is emphasized throughout—including language arts and social studies
- Students participate in curriculum-related field trips and have special math and science projects



# APPLICATION AND SELECTION

- Application is open to all 2023-2024 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - <https://www.abileneisd.org/center-for-innovation/>
- Applicants rank-ordered according to criteria:
  - Enrolled Abilene ISD student
  - Core subject final grades (at least 90%)
  - Attendance (absences and tardies)
  - Satisfactory conduct  
(behaviors and discipline referrals considered)
  - STAAR performance
- Preliminary selections interviewed with writing sample
- Selections finalized and confirmed by committee
- CFI student body demographics resemble district's grade level demographics
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# CAMPUS MAP



## MORNING DROP-OFF

Students drop-off at  
McMurry Education Building  
Parking lot no earlier than  
7:25 A.M.

School day begins at 7:40 A.M.

## AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Student Pick-up at 3:05 PM at the west entrance of the J.W.  
Hunt Physical Education Center





# MCMURRY SCIENCE & ART LABS

- Science professors lead indoor and outdoor scientific investigations!
- McMurry art students provide lessons in both the art classrooms and pottery studio!





# FIELD TRIPS/GUEST SPEAKERS



- Virtual and on-site field trips!
- Virtual and in-person guest speakers!



# LOGISTICS

- Still School! – Two, full-time, AISD 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms
- Transportation – No AISD busing; families must provide their own transportation
- Meals – Breakfast and lunch catered by AISD Student Nutrition
- Safety & Security – Cameras; McMurry Security; AISD Student Resource Officer on call; AISD safety audits; McMurry students vetted and background checked



# LOGISTICS (continued)

- PE, Music, Art – Taught by McMurry faculty and students in McMurry facilities
- Nurse – Bowie Elementary Nurse; McMurry University Nurse
- Admin Support – Bowie Elementary Principal; Director of Instructional Planning; McMurry CFI Liaison

# UNIQUELY MCMURRY!

- Accelerated, advanced curriculum!
- Preview of the college experience!
- Guest instruction by McMurry University professors, faculty, and a variety of college students!
- Access to the McMurry University Library!
- Students included in campus-wide activities!
- Support by McMurry student, future educators!
- Support by McMurry's on-campus security!



# LET'S HEAR FROM THE CFI TEACHERS!



# CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

- Mrs. Arick: Math and Social Studies; Mrs. Ridley: RLA and Science
- Most days, time is split evenly between the two teachers. Math/Science are the emphasis of the program.
- In the Spring semester, two student teachers join our team.
- Due to field trips and McMurry campus activities, the core curriculum is taught in an advanced, accelerated approach.
- There is whole group instruction with a huge emphasis on project-based learning to strengthen thinking, navigate productive struggle and demonstrate understanding.







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QUESTIONS?

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