



Folger McKinsey ES Among First National Green Ribbon Schools

Folger McKinsey Elementary School in Severna Park this week was named one of the first Green Ribbon Schools in the United States, recognizing its dedication to creating "green" environments that promote health and ensure a high-quality environmental and outdoor education to prepare students with 21st century skills.

The school was the only Anne Arundel County school and one of just 78 across the country announced as honorees this morning by Education Secretary Arne Duncan. Folger McKinsey is one of four Maryland schools on the list.

"This award is a tribute not just to the work that Folger McKinsey's students, parents, and staff do with regard to environmental literacy and other green initiatives, but to the incredible efforts of those in our Facilities Division and our Office of Food and Nutrition Services for their dedication to ensuring our buildings and health programs support the same goals," Superintendent Kevin Maxwell said. "I believe we will have many more of these award winners in the years to come."

The news is the most recent in an exciting year for Folger McKinsey students and staff. After nearly two years spent occupying space at Chesapeake Bay Middle School, Folger McKinsey's students and staff moved back into a \$27 million renovated and expanded building earlier this month.

"Science and environmental education play a central role in providing children with a well-rounded education that prepares them for the jobs of the future," Secretary Duncan said this morning. "Green Ribbon Schools demonstrate compelling examples of the ways schools can expand their coursework while also helping children build real world skill sets, cut school costs, and provide healthy learning environments."

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