**History of Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School**

Our school was named in honor of the late Robert Shaw, as an active member of the Scottdale community. Mr. Shaw, who provided the land on which the school now stands, wanted to see the people of the Scottdale community well educated. Once the building was fully constructed in 1955, the Scottdale community selected his name unanimously.

Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School opened as a ‘colored’ school with an enrollment of 741 students. These children previously attended smaller schools at various churches with only one teacher. The original campus consisted of 26 classrooms on 10.86 acres. The original cost of the facility, which included a library, administrative offices, a cafeteria, restrooms and a clinic was $470.18.

**A Tradition of Excellence**

The Traditional Theme School model is designed to offer elementary school students a comprehensive educational program in a highly structured setting. Emphasis is on the core subjects of Reading, Mathematics, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies as well as exposure to a second language. The traditional theme school fulfills a need by providing parents another choice of instructional options within the community.

Robert Shaw is fresh off a banner year of student performance, and our dedicated staff has been busy working hard to ensure a successful school year. It has been a great year as we have set high expectations for learning, coupled with fun and exciting student activities. Our test scores are noted among the best in the district, and we will continue to build a community in each classroom dedicated toward promoting excellent citizenship and mutual respect.

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**Robert Shaw’s Creed**

As a Robert Shaw Tiger, each day I pledge to have a positive attitude, to become a rising star, to maintain self-control, to respect myself, adults, peers, and school, to achieve academic excellence and to be dedicated to Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School.

**Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School**

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Our Mission
The mission of Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School is to provide an environment where people, technology, academics, physical education, and the arts connect to enable all students to become thinking, productive, responsible citizens in an ever changing world.

Rigorous Curriculum
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Academic Excellence
Students work in a very rigorous environment with research-based instructional strategies. The goal is to develop a strong base of knowledge and skills which are applied in critical thinking and problem solving situations. These learning opportunities will assist students as they transition to middle school.

Parental Commitment
Parent Volunteers play an important part of their child’s academic success. The most effective forms of parent involvement are those, which engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home as well as volunteering at the school. Parents must complete a total of 16 volunteer hours in order to continue enrollment here at Robert Shaw. Other family members are able to assist in completing volunteer hours: grandparents, siblings, and aunts and/or uncles. You must be 18 years of age or older to volunteer.

Enrichment Activities
- Junior Beta Club
- Band and Orchestra
- Fifth Grade Chorus
- Tiger TV
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council

Robert Shaw Traditional Theme School Uniform Policy
A key requirement of students attending the theme school is wearing uniforms. It is imperative to make certain your child is wearing the established uniform. All students are expected to dress in the correct uniforms and will be asked to remove non-uniforms items or call home for a change of clothes. Parents are expected to bring a change of clothes to school when called.