



# Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School

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## Stokes School Names The Melrose Hotel to the Dean's List

*Elementary School Students Benefit from Unique Partnership with Hotel*

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Washington, DC--On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School will honor The Melrose Hotel and other community partners that have helped the school to thrive at a gala fundraising dinner. At the dinner, The Melrose Hotel will receive the Dean's List Award for its generous support of the school. Founded six years ago, the Stokes School is a public charter school that educates elementary school students in English and French or English and Spanish. Funds from the event will help support the school's International Study Tours to Martinique and Panama for sixth grade students.

"The Melrose Hotel has adopted our school by creatively supporting our needs. The hotel hosts a quarterly breakfast for our students, donates lunches and dinners for our team, and generously gives their time to participate in our Career Day," said Linda Moore, founder of the school. "We are grateful to have found a community-partner like The Melrose Hotel."

Since 2002, The Melrose Hotel in Washington, DC has supported Stokes School's exemplary students, parents and teachers. Each quarter the Melrose Hotel hosts an elegant breakfast for the students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and citizenship and make the "Dean's List." Each December, The Melrose hosts a holiday party for Stokes faculty and staff. The hotel has also donated lunch, dinner and weekend get-away packages in recognition of Stokes' Teacher of the Year and Parent of the Year. Additionally, members of The Melrose Hotel staff have shared their experiences as representatives of the hospitality industry by participating in Career Day activities with Stokes scholars.

At the dinner, the Stokes School will also recognize these friends for their commitment to the students:

- The **Washington Area Community Investment Fund**, *Honor Roll Award Winner*, earned its place on the honor roll by providing the school unsecured bridge loan at a critical time in the school's history.
- The **Washington Tennis and Education Foundation** is the winner of the *Principal's Award for Physical Fitness*. Since 2000, the WTEF has enriched Stokes School's physical education and after school programs by providing tennis classes to students.

**About The Melrose Hotel:**

The Melrose Hotel is located at 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW in Washington, DC. The Melrose Hotel Company operates upscale, traditional hotels in urban locations that include The Melrose Hotel, New York, The Melrose Hotel, Dallas, The Melrose Hotel, Washington, D.C., and the Westin Great Southern Hotel in Columbus, OH. To learn more about The Melrose Hotel Company, visit: [www.melrosehotel.com](http://www.melrosehotel.com).

**About the Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School:**

The school's mission is to provide an exemplary academic experience that prepares culturally diverse young students in the District of Columbia to function successfully in ever-changing social and work environments. While emphasizing academic excellence, our school honors all facets of child development, including cognitive, emotional, moral, physical and social well being. Our mission is based on the educational principles that made Elsie Whitlow Stokes a remarkable educator. She believed that every student can succeed academically and become a responsible citizen; that every student must receive a solid foundation in reading, mathematics, social studies, science, and the arts; and that community service activities prepare children to become responsible, caring neighbors and good citizens. To learn more about Stokes School, visit: [www.ewstokes.org](http://www.ewstokes.org).

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