**OUR MISSION**: At The Potomac School, we believe that intellectual development, love of learning, and strength of character are complementary, and equally essential, educational goals. With a firm commitment to our core values and a rigorous academic program, we prepare students to lead lives of purpose, achievement, and generosity of spirit.

**THE POTOMAC SCHOOL GRADUATE**

- **AUTHENTIC**
  - is self-aware and reflective
  - acts with integrity
  - strives to achieve a balanced life
  - connects with others on a deep and genuine level
  - manifests kindness, gratitude, and generosity
  - realistically assesses his or her own abilities and seeks to learn and grow

- **MOTIVATED**
  - is intellectually curious
  - has the courage to take considered risks
  - believes that he or she has the power to make a positive difference
  - recognizes needs and displays initiative, creativity, and agility in developing solutions
  - has a desire to serve, fueled by empathy, respect, and humility
  - displays perseverance and a strong work ethic

- **ENGAGED**
  - builds community
  - seeks to understand the world beyond his or her own experience
  - exhibits leadership and values collaboration
  - is adept at listening and articulate in self-expression
  - creates lasting, meaningful relationships
  - commits to making positive contributions in all spheres of influence: family, profession, community, and world

- **EMPOWERED**
  - is self-confident and self-reliant
  - has strong critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills
  - is well-educated and interested in an array of issues and ideas
  - harnesses information, technology, and other resources to achieve goals
  - values diversity and is able to work effectively across differences
  - is resilient and learns from his or her mistakes