

## **MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mildred Helms Elementary School has 611 students grades Pre k to 5<sup>th</sup>, two administrators, 51 teachers, and 36 staff members. The mission of Mildred Helms Elementary School is to enable students to grow academically and socially by providing a positive challenging learning environment.

To accomplish this mission, Mildred Helms Elementary School has 6 Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 60% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores to 54% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science scores to 45% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets;
- 5) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 20%;
- 6) Increase parent involvement participation by 20% as indicated by sign in sheets at our Parent Curriculum Events.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching with ELA coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement, Number Talks); and utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings.

The professional development efforts include the use of the LLC and Literacy Team and ELA Coach to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding, and planning for rigorous instruction, while becoming familiar with CCSS.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work several jobs or unemployed are in survival mode. As a strategy to increase parent involvement, our school is hosting events that are designed to assist parents in helping their children to be successful in school. We want parents to work as part of the team for student academic success.

For more information about Mildred Helm's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at [www.mildredhelms-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us.org](http://www.mildredhelms-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us.org)