

MOUNT VERNON ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mount Vernon Elementary School has 504 students grades Prek to 5th, two administrators, 46 teachers, and 31 staff members. The mission of Mount Vernon Elementary school is to promote highest student achievement through mutual respect, responsibility, and partnerships within a safe learning environment in order to enable students to achieve their goals and become responsible, productive citizens.

To accomplish this mission, Mount Vernon Elementary has the following Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 63% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase the Reading scores of our Black/African American students to 51% achieving at level 3 or above on FCAT.
- 3) Increase Mathematics scores to 65% students achieving at level 3 or above on FCAT;
- 4) Increase the Mathematics scores of our Black/African students to 51% achieving at or above level 3 on the FCAT.
- 5) Increase Science scores to 65% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 6) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 50% and
- 7) Increase parent involvement participation by 30% representing 50% of our parent population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching on a bi-weekly basis with a district coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Close Reads, CHAMPS, problem-solving and thinking strategies).

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction, district trainings including LLI and science units of study, and CHAMPS scaffolding for full implementation.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase parent participation, the school is hosting 5 evening meetings featuring a math scavenger hunt at a local supermarket, a hands-on science exploration rotation, and make and take reading and math trainings. Our business partner, Raymond James is sponsoring dinners and door prizes as an added incentive for parents to attend these evening events.

For more information about Mount Vernon Elementary's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.mtvernon-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us.org