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Mission Statement

With the cooperation of
parents and the community,
the mission of Lemira
Elementary School is to
develop the whole child as a
productive, competent,
college-bound member of
society through challenging
learning opportunities.



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Lemira Elementary School

Annual Report 2011-2012

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The School Improvement Council at Lemira Elementary School has prepared this Annual Report for you and the community. The report includes some activities and accomplishments implemented during the 2011-2012 school year.

Goals and Strategies for Improvement in 2012-2013

Celebrating Successes

Lemira Elementary School had two objectives for 2011-2012. Major objectives and evidence of progress in meeting them are presented below:

Objective 1: Students and teachers will increase their technology skills.

Evidence: Teachers used and continued to receive training on the effective use of Promethean Boards in the classroom. Students in 4th and 5th grade used the netbooks and iPods purchased through the technology grant to enhance their learning. Professional Development was provided on using technology to increase student engagement and achievement. Teachers used ClassWorks data to guide instruction. The media center provided opportunities for students to access technology such as eReaders and Play Aways.

Objective 2: Students will become real-world readers through participation in authentic literature experiences.

Evidence: Students read independently daily and professional development was provided to assist teachers in the effective use of conferencing during independent reading. Students in all grade-levels had the chance to share their reflections on their reading through Writer's Notebooks and Author's Teas. Students were given the opportunity to share what they have learned in all subject areas through oral presentations. Students participated in literature circles and book talks based on their interests and needs. Reading Recovery services were provided to students in 1st Grade.

Goal #1: Students will increase their Math problem-solving skills.

Strategies: Professional Development will focus on strategies to improve problem-solving skills, including revisiting past math-focused book studies. Students in all grade-levels will utilize technology such as ClassWorks, iPods, netbooks, etc. in order to apply higher-order thinking skills in Mathematics. Students on all grade-levels will explain their mathematical thinking through the use of class discussions and Math Journals. Students will participate in real-world activities that require them to apply their problem-solving skills. Teachers will provide various authentic problem-solving opportunities, and students will have access to the materials (such as manipulatives) necessary to solve them.

Goal #2: Students will learn and demonstrate leadership skills through the college-bound initiative in order to improve the school climate and increase academic achievement.

Strategies: All stakeholders will promote an atmosphere of leadership and high expectations for life-long learners. The faculty will participate in a book study of Stephen R. Covey's The Leader in Me, and Professional Development will focus on Covey's The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Leadership skills will be integrated into the curriculum and will be correlated with Best Practices. Students will have the opportunity to participate in Student Council. Teachers will get the chance to visit other schools that have embraced and successfully implemented a student leadership focus. Students will take a leadership role in school-wide activities such as the Good Morning Lemira Show, as well as in extracurricular activities.

- Lemira was named a 2011 P.B.I.S. Exemplar School
- Lemira received a Palmetto Silver Award for overall academic achievement based on our 2010-2011 P.A.S.S. scores
- Tonia Major was the Lemira Elementary School 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year
- The Lemira Percussion Ensemble performed at the Spoleto Festival and the LEAF Festival, among others
- Tonia Major received National Board Certification
- In only their second competitive year, Lemira's Golden Steppers finished first in two competitions and in third place in another
- Students received fresh fruits and vegetables as a snack several times a week through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant

