



Belleview Elementary School

"Together We Learn"

School Improvement Council's Annual

Report to the Parents 2013-14

Belleview Elementary School has been a wonderful place to teach and learn for over five decades and the 2013-14 school year was no different. We were awarded the Palmetto Silver Award for the sixth consecutive year. This means we have received this award every year of its existence. We also earned an "A" rating on our school report card issued through the State Department of Education. Our teachers wrote and received several grants to improve instruction to the tune of almost \$7,500. One of our main goals is for our students to recognize their civic duties not only locally, but globally as well. One way we do this is to raise money for multiple charities. This year our students raised nearly \$6000 for the Lymphoma Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Autism Awareness, and Jump Rope for Heart. Melanie Jaehnen, a first grade teacher, was named Teacher of the Year for the second time in her years at Belleview. We look forward to Ms. Jaehnen representing our school well at the district and state level. Our first year of the iRock initiative was successful with all of our third, fourth and fifth grade students entering the world of 1:1 computing.

Belleview continued to receive state and federal funding during the 2013-14 school year by being identified as a Title I School. For years we have paid for programs such as Reading Recovery and our full day 4K class through our Title I Project. This year our focus turned to enriching our Math instruction with the addition of a math coach. Mrs. Heather Jackson began her work at Belleview as a second grade teacher before becoming our math coach. In her new role she provides professional development for teachers, co-teaches in classrooms, as well as works with second through fifth grade students on higher level math concepts. Through challenging classroom instruction and ALEKS, a web based self-paced program, many of our students are performing between one and three grade levels above their assigned grade.

A goal for our School Improvement Council this year was to find ways to recognize the hard work and efforts that students bring to school on a daily basis. The Terrific Kid program sponsored by Kiwanis International does a tremendous job celebrating one student a month from each class, but our SIC was determined that every child is deserving of the opportunity to be recognized each month. So, in partnership with our PTO we developed our Monthly Character Education Celebrations. Each grade level set a list of expectations and communicated those with the students and the families. All of the students meeting the monthly expectations are offered a different and exciting experience each month. Students not meeting expectations met with administration to develop a goal planning sheet to help the child monitor his or her progress. It was definitely exciting to see students holding themselves accountable over the course of the next month and take pride in attending the next celebration. On average 75%-80% of all students were attending the celebrations.

We continue to believe that Belleview is among the best schools in our state. In a ranking of schools with similar demographics like ours we ranked #1 in Math and #3 in ELA based on PASS scores. There is not a more dedicated faculty and staff or a more eager group of students than Belleview's. We are encouraged about the direction we are going and our continued improvements.

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