

2010 Report to the People



Kelly Edwards Elementary

“Where Every Student is a STAR”

“PEACE—Promoting Excellence in Achievement with a Commitment to Every Child.”

From the Principal

Kelly Edwards Elementary continues to live up its motto, “Respectful, Responsible, and Actively Engaged.” This is supported by our implementation of PBIS and monthly STAR awards. In addition, our students take pride in helping others and make community service a priority. Each grade level has organized a community service project which they created and implemented this school year, ranging from collecting items for the district-run clothing closet to renovating the outdoor nature areas. This allows our students to be mindful of the needs of their community and to exemplify civic responsibility.

In every classroom, our teachers are committed to providing our students with a challenging, rigorous curriculum that is student-centered. This is evidenced in our use of balanced literacy, balanced math, science kits, and Step Up to Writing. Our faculty and staff have a shared vision that students learn best by doing and should have hands-on experiences to gain greater understanding of concepts and ideas. The use of technology in the classroom has also been emphasized at KEES to allow for more interactive and engaging lessons. Each classroom is equipped with a SMART Board, and teachers have received monthly technology trainings from our district technology director. Each grade level team also works together to discuss ideas, create lessons, and analyze the standards on a weekly basis with our curriculum and instructional coach. The ultimate goal is to allow each child to reach his/her full potential and instill in them a lifelong love for learning.

Our administrative staff and faculty take part in continuous professional development throughout the school year. This includes monthly curriculum meetings, school-wide book studies, and monthly Make It/ Take It workshops. With all professional development, we have targeted our energy and resources towards student achievement. One key focal point was the analysis of student-achievement data to allow teachers to make instructional decisions within their classrooms. The administrative staff and teachers met quarterly to analyze data from quarterly benchmarks and report cards. These strategic planning sessions allowed teachers to use the data collected to modify and gear their instruction within the classroom to meet the needs of ALL students.

Our goal is to ensure that each child receives excellent instruction at their instructional level. We strive to create strong, caring relationships with our students and parents. Thanks to our parents for supporting our school initiatives by attending conferences, allowing home visits, and working as partners with the teachers. Our combined efforts are creating an academic environment with a strong emphasis on learning and relationships.

School Happenings

District-Wide Family Nights, D.A.R.E. classes, Red Ribbon Week Celebrations, Veteran’s Day performances, African-American Heritage Month celebrations, Awards Ceremonies, K.E. Alumni program, American Education Week celebrations, Resident Artist for Wall Mural, Good News Club, Step Team, Drama Club, Alice in Wonderland Junior Play, Dr. Seuss Carnival, School Garden, Parent Workshops on Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles, Fundraiser to Update Playground for School and Community Use, Implementation of Save the Children Initiative

Teacher of the Year

Melissa Easterking is a fifth grade teacher in our school. Every child in her class experiences hands-on science. She creates exciting lessons that challenge the mind and prepare her students to solve problems through their use of scientific inquiry skills.



