

# 2011 Report to the People



## Kelly Edwards Elementary

“Where Every Student is a STAR”

School Theme: Helping All To Succeed (HATS)

The mission of Kelly Edwards Elementary School, in partnership with students, teachers and parents, is to develop students that strive to be respectful, responsible, and actively engaged every day. Kelly Edwards Elementary has consistently maintained high standards for all students, and we strive to be a high achieving, student-centered, family-friendly environment.

One key focal point for the faculty and staff has been the inclusion of Response to Intervention (RTI), providing the interventions needed to close the achievement gap and enhancing our students' achievement on district benchmarks and state testing. This includes small group instruction in Math and English Language Arts built into each teacher's daily schedule, the utilization of a math interventionist, and the implementation of Save the Children initiative. Our ultimate goal remains to allow each child to reach his/her full potential and instill in them a lifelong love for learning.

Throughout this school year, Kelly Edwards' students participated in the program, “Hats Off to History.” Led by the Creative Arts teacher, each class in the school created and performed a skit to teach about a certain period of history. This allowed all Kelly Edwards students to live the life of a colonial child, experience Hoovervilles during the Great Depression, and even be a part of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, among many others. Following each skit, a hat representing the respective time period was placed on a hallway time line as a reminder for all students of the importance of history and how it impacts each of us. This was done in an effort to increase student achievement in social studies and to provide more integration of the arts into regular classroom activities as an extension of the biweekly skits.

Kelly Edwards Elementary also recognizes the need to prepare our students for a global society and to continue to foster 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. We continue to utilize our tools for technology instruction and integration. This use of technology in the classroom has been emphasized to allow for more interactive and engaging lessons. The current administration at Kelly Edwards Elementary has equipped each classroom with a Smartboard and LCD projector. Additionally, we utilize Elmo document cameras, Senteo Smart Response Systems, and Flip Camcorders for enhancement of student learning. These tools engage students, provide authentic assessment and real-world applications with digital literacy, as well as provide professional development opportunities for the teachers.

Finally, professional development for teachers took center stage as teachers revised and improved their pacing guides and online curriculums. Part of this professional development included ongoing meetings with the instructional coach to discuss lesson plans and analyze the standards and support documents, as well as the use of quarterly data analysis meetings with the principal. Our expectations remain high for student growth, and our goal to help all students find success remains foremost.

### 2010 –2011 School Happenings

District-Wide Family Nights, D.A.R.E. classes, Red Ribbon Week Celebrations, African-American Heritage Month celebration, Awards Ceremonies, K.E. Alumni program, American Education Week celebrations, Resident Artist for Wall Mural, Good News Club, Drama Club, Monthly Social Studies Skits, Dr. Seuss Carnival, School Garden, Save the Children school day & afterschool programs

### Teacher of the Year

Kia Valentine is an arts teacher in our school. Every child in her class experiences drama, visual arts, and dance lessons. She creates exciting lessons that challenge the mind and body



