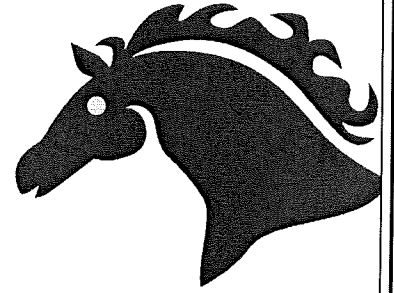


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*"Building a Foundation for Successful Futures"*

School Improvement Council's Annual  
***Report to the Parents***  
***2013-14***

At the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, our School Improvement Council made a decision to focus on one major goal this year. As part of our School Improvement Plan, our school established a goal to improve student science performance on PASS. With this in mind, our SIC chose to focus on the creation of a new Science Room for our school.

Our vision for the room included murals relating to science instruction at varied levels and tables/stools to enhance hands-on experiences. After receiving quotes from various artists and furniture providers, we approached the PTO with a request for funding. Through a fundraiser and individual donations, we were able to raise the funds to provide a beautiful room for teachers to reserve for science instruction.

Our teachers and students now have new lab stools joining our existing science tables in a setting that includes murals of a rainforest, the coast, and sea life. We are excited to offer this new environment for science instruction and students are enthralled with our new room.

In addition, our fourth and fifth graders participated in a production of *The Jungle Book* and provided our school with an excellent performance on the stage. After months of hard work, rehearsals, and extended school days, the cast and crew proved to our school that working as a team with all members doing their share of the work, we reach success!

During the school year, our teachers participated in a variety of staff development opportunities to add additional strategies in their classroom in order to meet the varied needs of our students. We know that we are headed in the right direction and we will continue to build upon the solid foundation that we have established. Our goal is to help children grow into successful learners and to provide them with the support systems that will enable them to achieve whatever dreams that drive them to excel.

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