Deerfield Elementary School

Leadership is communicating to people their worth and potential so clearly that they come to see it in themselves. - Stephen Covey

Teacher of the Year Robin Orlick

Support Staff of the Year

Michael Risola

SIC Members:

Beth Quick, Cathy Wayne, Juncan White, Joel Van Hamme, Merri Anna Allred, Noel Wriston, Sharon Cloud, Stephanie Lawson









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Our Mission

The mission of Deerfield Elementary School is to create a caring community that develops life-long, successful leaders and learners.



Proficiency-based learning

In year three of our proficiency-based learning model, our students and staff took more steps in our customized learning system that allows students to progress through grade-level standards as they master them. We accomplish this through flex grouping within and across grade levels, through the use of programs such as Achieve 3000, Smarty Ants, and Front Row. Mastery is recorded in our personalized learning standards based report card, designed to track students learning and progress in lieu of a traditional report card. Our 1:1 mobile computing model through the use of iPads allows students to create, evaluate, and defend their productivity.

German Partial Immersion

This year, students stepped into year three of our German Partial Immersion program. Kindergarten, First, and Second grade Immersion students learned mathematics and science in German and English language arts and social studies in English. All spoken language and print text in mathematics and science are in German, while all materials in ELA and social studies are in English. Deerfield is especially excited about being selected to be a PASCH school. The PASCH initiative is a global network of some 1800 schools which recognize the importance of German. The goal is to provide students and teachers with lasting qualifications and to form a long-term international learning community among German programs both in the United States and abroad.

2015-16 Academic Assessment Indicators

	3rd	4th	5th
Math (SC READY)*	88%	81%	92%
ELA (SC READY)*	86%	84%	87%
Science (SCPASS)**	n/a	81%	80%
Social Studies (SCPASS)**	n/a	89%	80%

*% Scored Exemplary, Meets, and Approaches on SC READY **% Scored Exemplary or Met on SCPASS



The Leader In Me

Deerfield Elementary School is in year three of being a Leader in Me school. All of the staff members of DES have undergone training on the 7 habits of Highly Effective Kids with Franklin Covey. This enables them to equip students with the skills they need through the 7 habits. These habits will prepare our students for the 21st century global workplace and community. The Leader in Me philosophy focuses on developing student leadership skills through goal setting and leadership opportunities. During year three, DES students continued to create and maintain Leadership Notebooks where they set and tracked personal and academic goals. Students were given the opportunity to apply and take on different school-wide leadership roles and we established a student lighthouse team.

"Success Every Day for Every Child Through Leadership and Learning"