



Annual Report to the People

Deerfield Elementary School

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

The Leader In Me

Deerfield Elementary School is in year two of being a Leader in Me school. All of the staff members of DES have undergone training designed to equip students with the skills they need 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 two, DES students created and maintained Leadership Notebooks where they set and tracked personal and academic goals. Students also participated in student led conferences through the year with family and community members. Students were given the opportunity to apply and take on different school-wide leadership roles.



German Partial Immersion

This year, students stepped into year two of our German Partial Immersion program. Kindergarten and First 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.



Proficiency-based learning

In year two 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, Beacon, and Front Row. Mastery is recorded in Jumprope, a program 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.



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



Green Steps Team

DES continues to put an emphasis on having our children understand how to help our world. DES received several grants that supported our Green Steps initiative that totaled \$8,800. Our Planet Heroes were involved in designing and setting up our outdoor classroom and heading up our school-wide recycling program.

Academic Assessment Indicators

	3rd	4th	5th
Math (ACT Aspire)*	72%	67%	55%
English (ACT Aspire)*	83%	73%	69%
Reading (ACT Aspire)*	38%	43%	36%
Writing (ACT Aspire)*	16%	36%	27%
Science (SCPASS)**	n/a	79%	73%
Social Studies (SCPASS)**	n/a	94%	70%
*% Scored Exceeding and Ready on ACT Aspire **% Scored Met or Exemplary on SCPASS			

Our Mission

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

Our Goals

- Increase student achievement
- Develop lifelong, successful leaders
- Foster a community of collaboration
- Provide instruction that is relevant and rigorous

2015-16 School Improvement Council

Members:

Beth Quick, Cathy Wayne, David Walburn, Duncan White, Lisa Van Hamme, Merri Anna Allred, Noel Wriston, Sharon Cloud, Stephanie Lawson

Teacher of the Year

Meghan Snipes

Support Staff of the Year

Kathy Cothran

Awesome Opportunities at DES

Deerfield Elementary School is a school that gives its students, staff and community members many opportunities to “Go and Be Awesome”

Here are a few examples:

- School-wide Leadership roles
- Student Lighthouse Team
- Watch D.O.G.S program
- Deerfield Diplomats
- Artsonia
- TNN News Crew
- Deerfield Deputies
- Veteran’s Day Assembly
- Leadership Day
- Leadership Track Meets



- Spanish
- PTO
- Run Hard
- Bows Choir
- Planet Heroes
- Field Experiences
- Recycled Art Gala
- Honors Choir
- Boys to Me

