

During the 2016-2017 school year, Whitesides continued to implement the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. Whitesides was the first elementary school in CCSD to adopt this research based program that reduces bullying in schools and helps create a safe and positive place where students can learn and reach their unique potential. We are proud that our administration, teachers, parents, and students work together to support this program so our school community continues to take a proactive approach to addressing and preventing a nationwide problem.

The program includes a bully prevention committee, annual student surveys, and school-wide weekly class meetings. Recent student survey results reflect a positive impact on the learning environment and effectiveness in addressing bullying at our school.

The results showed that 94% of our students report they like coming to Whitesides Elementary. We are excited and proud of the progress we are making and are looking forward to continuing to make our school a safe and positive place where our students can reach their unique potential.

In 2016, students took SC READY, SC PASS along with MAP. Our baseline data is enclosed.

Suzi Carter, SIC Chair

Reach for The Stars!

Whitesides Elementary School 2016-2017 Annual Summary Report Highlights

Achievement – Excellent

Outstanding PTA, parental, volunteer, and business support in technology and STEAM

Dedicated and exemplary Highly Qualified teaching faculty

Seven National Board Certified (NBC) teachers, including the guidance counselor, and school nurse

Outstanding chorus, student council involvement, computer club, school newspaper, and news show which promote and highlight community and school events for students and parents

Our SIC supports usage of technology, STEAM instruction, leveled libraries, iPads, and technology funded grants, as well as an extensive media collection to address literacy, math, science, and social studies needs of students

We foster special needs inclusion, student recognition for academic achievement, and musical and visual arts that promote choral and dramatic opportunities along with the Engaging Creative Minds program

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Whitesides Mission Statement

The Whitesides family will provide the highest quality of education through a challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment that builds leadership skills, develops an appreciation for diversity and promotes individual creativity. Our goal is to engage students in a program of academic excellence that will prepare them to be independent, responsible citizens in our community.



Parents:

It is with pleasure that this annual report communicates to you the progress of our students. We are truly blessed to have phenomenal teachers, involved and supportive parents, dedicated volunteers and grandparents, local businesses and the superb dedication of our PTA. You provide us the raw product and our talented, devoted, highly qualified staff and faculty deliver a quality instructional program that allows our children to flourish. Your support of our instructional programs and the commitment you make to your child and our school allows Whitesides Elementary School to earn recognition yearly.

By analyzing assessment data, we are able to provide teachers with more specific instructional feedback about students through diagnostic benchmarks known as AimsWeb, Fountas and Pinnell, and the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) in grades K-5. We provide STEAM and technology instruction as well as opportunities to participate in fine arts, strings, chorus, news productions, student government and robotics.

Lona Pounder, Principal

SCREADY Grades 3-5	Percent Met and Exemplary 2016
English	76.6%
Math	77.7%

SC PASS Grades 4-5	Percent Met and Exemplary 2016
Social Studies	Gr 4 98% Gr 5 90.4%
Science	Gr 4 92.2% Gr 5 86.7%

MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Fall 2016	1	167.1
Fall 2016	2	184.2
Fall 2016	3	200.4
Fall 2016	4	204.4
Fall 2016	5	219.1

MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Winter 2016	1	180.9
Winter 2016	2	192.5
Winter 2016	3	204.4
Winter 2016	4	210.3
Winter 2016	5	221.1



MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Fall 2016	1	168.2
Fall 2016	2	182.5
Fall 2016	3	197.9
Fall 2016	4	210.6
Fall 2016	5	221.8

MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Average
Winter 2016	1	181.1
Winter 2016	2	188.9
Winter 2016	3	203.1
Winter 2016	4	213.8
Winter 2016	5	225.8

Spring MAP will conclude the end of May 2017.