

Mt. Pisgah Elementary

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Expect the Best



Accept Nothing Less

2012-2013 School Summary Report

At Mt. Pisgah Elementary we strive to carry out our school mission on a daily basis. This mission of Mt. Pisgah Elementary School, with its strong family and community support, is to meet the needs of each individual student by providing a positive, challenging, and safe environment that facilitates success, promotes lifelong learning, and develops responsible citizens. We are constantly seeking out ways to improve our school and increase student achievement. We are proud of our current accomplishments and are excited about what the future holds for our school. At Mt. Pisgah Elementary we “Expect the Best, and Accept Nothing Less” from our staff and students.

Mt. Pisgah Elementary Beliefs

We Believe ...

- ❖ Learning is a lifelong process.
- ❖ The community is a valued stakeholder in the success of our students.
- ❖ Parents should take an active and supportive role in their children’s education.
- ❖ All Faculty and Staff have high expectations for all students.
- ❖ Students should be actively involved in the learning process and responsible for their own actions.
- ❖ All students are valuable and unique.

- ❖ All children learn best in a safe and nurturing environment.
- ❖ Character Education promotes self-esteem, respect for others, and the diversity of people in our society and throughout the world.
- ❖ Student learning is enriched through an effective arts and physical education program.
- ❖ Student learning is increased and supported by a comprehensive media center and technology curriculum.
- ❖ Education should provide opportunities for students to develop cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills.
- ❖ Teachers should differentiate instruction to maximize the learning of individual students.

Major Accomplishments of 2012-2013

1. Mt. Pisgah received an "A" on Federal Accountability Report.
2. Mt. Pisgah has met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) for past nine years.
3. Mt. Pisgah is a Title I Reward School of Performance.
4. Mt. Pisgah received a SC Report Card Absolute Rating of Average and Growth Rating of Average.
5. Our Professional Development focused on Common Core teaching strategies, PBIS, and Webb's Depth of Knowledge.
6. The Achieving Rams Reading Program is used to motivate students to read in Kindergarten and First Grade.
7. Mt. Pisgah Elementary completed our Five Year School Renewal Plan (ACT 135). This plan runs from 2013-2018.
8. Several programs such as our Fall Festival, Christmas Program, and Valentines Dance were supported by our PTO. These programs allowed for a large number of our community members to participate.
9. The implementation of small reading groups allowed for focused reading time for struggling readers at each grade level.
10. The use of Learning A to Z, A+, SuccessMaker, and Accelerated Reader allows for individualized instruction and assessment.
11. Mt. Pisgah Elementary technology purchases included extra laptops and desktops to update our computer lab.
12. The creation of the PBIS store to allow students to shop with their Ram Bucks.
13. Partnered with North Central High School to have a Mentoring/Tutoring program. Teacher Cadets were also used to assist in the classroom.

2013 Spring Measures of Academic Success
MAP Data
Projected PASS Proficiency

Grade	Reading	Math
3 rd	76%	60%
4 th	73%	68%
5 th	95%	80%

Major Goals for 2013-2014

1. The implementation of a school wide writing plan to create common writing vocabulary and assessment.
2. The integration of I-Pad technology into each classroom.
3. Professional Development will continue to focus on Common Core as well as writing instruction.
4. The implementation of year one of our Five Year School Renewal Plan (Act 135).
5. The continued use of PBIS with a focus on our school PBIS store.
6. An increased focus on parent and community involvement with the use of literacy nights and more scheduled parent events (Grits for Grandparents, Donuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms).
7. The implementation of 100 Book Challenge in grades K-1.
8. Mt. Pisgah will continue to partner with North Central High School and look to expand the Mentor/Tutor program.
9. The continued use of MAP and PASS data to drive classroom instruction and school wide strategies.
10. The expansion of our MTP Morning Show to be shown two days a week.

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