



*Learning, Leading, and
Growing Together*

Townville Elementary School

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SIC Report to the People 2018-2019

- Townville is a Title I School. Funds from Title I assist in providing additional instructional staff, instructional resources, technology enhancement, and educational opportunities.
- Townville is immersed in technology with support from our district administrative staff. Our students and staff have the use of digital cameras, mobile labs with laptops, smartboards or cleartouch in classrooms, a fixed computer lab, and iPads. Our third graders have all been issued chromebooks in our "1 to World" Initiative to use at school. Our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students have all been issued chromebooks in our "1 : World" Initiative to use at school and at home.
- Our most recent state school report card shows Townville as being rated, "EXCELLENT".
- Enrichment Time - All students receive enrichment during a 50-minute block of time each day. These blocks of time are staggered among grade levels and are designed to enhance academic acceleration, academic intervention, and fine art opportunities.
- Administered MAP testing to 5K through 6th grade students to better assess current levels and inform their reading, language, and math instruction.
- Students who qualify for additional reading services are served in the LLI program. Primary teachers utilize various Orton-Gillingham strategies.
- SC Therapy Dogs and their trainers work with reluctant readers to allow time to practice reading skills and increase reading fluency and comprehension.
- *Michelin Challenge Education* program continued its 10th year at Townville Elementary School. Through this partnership 30 + employees volunteer time at our school each week. Michelin mentors meet with mentees each week to foster relationships which encourage students to share their goals, plans, and ways to improve achievement and behavior. Tutors work, at the direction of the teacher, to increase specific skills in content areas. Culminating activity is planned for mentors and mentees at year's end. Michelin has invited a group of our student leaders to present at their off-site training for the last several years. Those students share information with Michelin staff about leadership and goal-setting. It's an honor to be asked to present.
- *Our school board approved a new playground for our school and it was opened to the students at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.*
- The Accelerated Reader Program and Celebrations- Each grade level has a point goal, along with a percentage, to meet by the end of every 9 week period. When they reach their goals, qualifying students participate in an AR celebration.
- Our PTO sponsors motivating nine week celebrations are held for students who meet the achievement and school work habits eligibility.
- Community groups request use of facilities during the school year including Good News Club, Townville Recreation Department, and Oakdale Baptist.
- During the Christmas season our school partners with local churches to provide needed clothing, food items, and donated toys to underserved families. These same churches provide backpacks and school supplies at the beginning of the school year to those in need.
- One church's women's group provides backpacks each Friday to provide food for the weekend to those with need.
- Character Education Program - Each month a different character trait is introduced through classroom guidance and reinforced by all staff. At a ceremony each month, classroom teachers select a student who exhibits that trait in an exemplary manner. The teacher writes a summary of why that student was chosen and it is read in front of student body.
- Along with a character trait recognition programs, TES highlights students each month who exemplify one of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People which demonstrate leadership.
- Olweus Bully Prevention Program - This is a comprehensive, school-wide approach that addresses bullying and creates a safer, more positive place to learn. Olweus focuses on improving relationships among all of our students. Components include identifying bullying behavior, proper response and reporting of bullying behavior, and class meetings. Anti-bullying rules are posted throughout the school.
- Archery in PE and Afterschool - Students continued to perfect their skills with the bow and arrow and had the opportunity to once again compete with other students across the state.
- Family Nights - Offered by each grade level so that parents can share in what is happening at school and discover ways to assist their children at home with reading, math, science, and social studies.
- STEM activities - Our teachers are focusing on ways to integrate activities and projects that require cross-curricular knowledge and collaboration.
- Our theme this year was KINDNESS COUNTS.
- Field trips are supported to some degree with Title 1 funds for transportation and admission costs so that all students have the access and opportunity to our field experiences. We also participate in some on-site field experiences with support of grants from the FOUR KIDS FOUNDATION.
- Our school hosts summer library hours for students, families, and communities. Students and families can spend time in our library doing research, using computers, checking out books to take home, and just spending time reading in the library. Librarian has different learning stations set up during open library too.