

School Organization and Contact

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Dr. Peggie Grant - Principal
Ms. Barbara Tiller - Chair
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Rose Davis
Ms. Dale McLendon
Mr. Tyrone Morgan
Mr. Michael Clifton

ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

Arden's SIC mission is to serve as a school advisory council that involves parents and community members who will support and assist the school's administration and teachers in their innovative efforts to improve the over-all quality of the school for students. The School Improvement Council meets monthly. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Parents are welcome at all meetings. However, only members vote.



Students are inspired by author/illustrator Floyd Cooper.

Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

After-School Chorus
WAES News Broadcast
Basketball Team
Step Team
Dance Club
Chess Club
Games/Puzzles Club
Drama Club
Art Club
Music Club
Computer Club

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages
AAP – Advanced Academic Placement
Special Needs/Special Education

MISSION STATEMENT:

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2014-2015 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS



Volunteers from the Buddy & Benjamin program read to students.

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School Highlights & Awards

- Students in grades 2-5 have adult advocates.
- Grade level monthly newsletters sent to parents.
- Students in grades Pre-K – 2 have the opportunity to participate in Reading Matters, Buddy & Benjamin, and work with tutors from faith-based organizations.
- Collaborative efforts with the U.S. Army that donated gifts and school supplies for students.
- Implementation of students' interests clubs held bi-weekly.
- Fifth year of implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS).
- Third place in the districts MLK food drive.

SCHOOL AWARDS

USDA Healthier US School Silver Award Winner

School Demographics

Total Enrollment 291
 78.7% African American
 17.2% Hispanic
 1.7% White
 2.4% Other

26 Certified Teachers
 (4 National Board Certified)

Test Information

Students who met or exceeded their projected RTI.

ELA MAP Test Results

Grade	2014
3 rd	48.7%
4 th	36.1%
5 th	76.0%

Math MAP Test Results

Grade	2014
3 rd	46.2%
4 th	43.2%
5 th	68.0%



TECHNOLOGY

Classroom computers
 SMART Board in each classroom
 iPad in each classroom
 Class set of iPads available
 Class set of Smart Response available
 Class set of Neo Alpha Smart available
 Teleconference equipment
 Success Maker computer lab

MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant 5th year

Goals for Next Year

- **Goal One: Increase parental involvement.**
- Fifth grade parents participated in the orientation of the sixth grade curriculum with the students.
- Pre-K – 5th grade participated in the Black History/Family Literacy Night.
- Science Fair Family Night involved parents in science projects.
- Other opportunities include Parent Career Day and Parent University.
- **Goal Two: Improve academic performance on ELA and Math MAP scores by 2%.**
- 45% of students met their MAP Reading Target Growth and 40% of the students met their MAP Math Target Growth.
- **Goal Three: Promote community/business involvement.**
- Students and community participated in Arden's Real Men Read Conference.
- MRC volunteer tutors help students with reading.
- Faith-based organizations volunteer tutors work with students to improve academic achievement.
- Chapin High School volunteer tutors work with students.

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