

GARRISON-JONES ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Garrison-Jones Elementary School has 700 students grades Pre-k to 5th, two administrators, 65 teachers, and 46 staff members. The mission of Garrison-Jones Elementary is we believe that the purpose of education is to develop the whole child through a broad based curriculum, a positive self-concept, creativity, self-discipline, values and life skills.

To accomplish this mission, Garrison-Jones Elementary has 3 Goals:

Goal 1 – To increase student performance in mathematics we will deepen the conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts. By obtaining this goal we will be able to increase student performance to 70% from 47%.

This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.

Goal 2— Implementation of Reading and Writing across all areas of the curriculum to increase student performance in all content areas. By obtaining this goal we will be able to increase student performance to 75% from 66%.

Both of the goals address the target areas of math, science, reading, and writing. The goal is intended for us to reach our target goal of increased student achievement in math, reading, writing, and science on the 2013-2014 FCAT 2.0, SAT 10, and CELLA assessments. The target areas were defined after the break down of 2012-2013 FCAT 2.0, SAT 10, and CELLA results. *This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.*

Goal 3– All black students will make learning gains in reading and mathematics through the use of differentiated instructional practices and peer mentoring. By obtaining this goal we will be able to increase student performance by 70% from 8.3%.

This goal is in accordance with the Bradley MOU law; as well as aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: The Leading the Learning Cadre (LLC) will meet on a bi-weekly basis to plan for and facilitate the alignment and implementation of the CCSS trainings for all instructional staff. The LLC will provide training and mentoring with the implementation of the CCSS monthly in grade level PLC's (Professional Learning Communities); as well as coordinate with team leaders, and the administrative team in order to ensure that all needs are being met by all stakeholders where the implementation of the CCSS is concerned.

The professional development efforts include the use of the Leading the Learning Cadre team to train and guide teachers in the implementation of the Mathematical and Reading Common Core State Standards, along with the inclusion of developing and using rubrics/scales that are aligned to the CCSS. This implementation will take place throughout the school year during weekly Professional Development grade level meetings, monthly faculty meetings, and monthly articulation meetings.

The parent involvement efforts are challenge for our school in area of instructional support. This year our focus will be to increase our instructional support volunteer hours. Our strategy to help us reach this goal is to use the school wide weekly *School Messenger* not only in English, but also in Spanish for our Spanish speaking families providing information as to our schools needs, and areas where parents can support instructional practices. In conjunction with these weekly *School Messenger* messages we will

also share information through the schools monthly newsletter, Facebook, Garrison-Jones School website, and PTA newsletter. These will also be offered in Spanish for our Spanish-speaking parents. Our ESOL teacher, will work to organize and offer before and after school parent workshops throughout the school year that will focus on various topics to inspire our ESOL parents to get involved with volunteering in the area of instructional support.

For more information about Garrison-Jones Elementary School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.garrison-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us