MK Rawlings Elementary School has 647 students grades Prek to 5th, two administrators, 57 teachers, and 31 support staff members. The mission of MK Rawlings Elementary is to inspire excellence in all academic areas, emphasizing writing, and promote high student achievement in a safe learning environment.

To accomplish this mission, MK Rawlings has 6 Goals:

1) Increase Reading scores from 49% to 68% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
2) Increase Writing scores from 74% to 91% students achieving a level 3.5 and above on FCAT;
3) Increase Mathematics scores from 39% to 65% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
4) Increase Science scores from 51% to 55% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
5) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets and
6) Increase parent involvement hours by 30%.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching with a district literacy coach during instruction time; monitoring of student progress using formal and informal assessments; utilizing data to differentiate instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Classroom Discussions); and school-wide implementation of the Science Unit of Studies.

The professional development efforts include exploration of the benefits of formative assessment and ways to incorporate it into teacher lesson planning and teaching; unpacking of the common core standards; examination of teachers personal, specifically mathematics, teaching and the implementation of the Common Core standards into their lesson planning and teaching; the use of an RtI Coach to guide teachers in the implementation of rubrics to inform instruction and differentiation of instruction in reading and math; and content Goal Groups will provide development opportunities in writing rubrics, Classroom Discussions, and the Science Workshop 5E’s.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during school hours. As a strategy to increase parent involvement we will host monthly Family Lunch Munches and opportunities for before and after school mentoring and tutoring. We will also provide a variety of Academic Family events at various times (morning, after school, evening, during the school day) that will allow all parents an opportunity to get involved.

For more information MK Rawlings Elementary School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at http://www.rawlings-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us