Oak Grove Middle School has 1100 students, grades 6 through 8, 4 administrators, 73 teachers, 3 counselors, 1 violence prevention person and 10 staff members. The mission of Oak Grove Middle School is to prepare students for high school, college, careers and life.

To accomplish this mission, Oak Grove Middle has Five Goals:

1) Increase Reading scores to 68% of our students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
2) Increase Mathematics scores to 60% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
3) Increase Science scores to 53% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
4) Lessen the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets;
5) Increase parent involvement hours by 27% representing 20% of our parent population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching on a bi-weekly basis with a district coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement, NG-CARPD); and utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team, leading the learning cadre, the half time math coach, full time literacy coach and the instructional leadership team (department chairs) to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction, providing common planning time, providing an hour of uninterrupted PLC time, provide opportunities for teachers to shadow, and continually working with small groups/departments on how to analyze data and use it to drive instruction.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day or do not have transportation or child care. As a strategy to increase volunteer hours, the school is hosting evening meetings featuring student led conferencing, parent academies with featured speakers, and routine evening hours for various volunteer activities benefiting the students. Community partnerships have also been formed to help aid in our mission to reach as many students and families as possible. (Hispanic Outreach, Martin Luther King Center, Randy Lightfoot)

For more information about Oak Grove Middle’s School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.oakgrove-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us