

PONCE DE LEON ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ponce de Leon Elementary School has approximately 600 students grades Prek to 5th, two administrators, 55 teachers, and approximately 100 total staff members. The mission of Ponce de Leon is to provide a safe and challenging learning environment designed to ensure that each student achieves his/her highest personal potential.

To accomplish this mission, Ponce de Leon Elementary has 6 primary Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 63% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores to 58% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science scores to 40% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Increase the scores of African American students to 42% in reading and 38% in math achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT.
- 5) Reduce the percentage of students missing 10% or more of instructional time from 19% to 15%.
- 6) To increase communication with parents via phone calls, agenda use, parent conferences, newsletters, and email.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching with a district coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., Guided Reading, 5E model, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening), Extended learning for interventions and enrichment; Promise Time tutoring before and after school; Science lab; STEM Club.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction; providing TDEs for teacher training; on site science training; Leadership book study; Collaborative planning component; mutual grade level planning time.

Parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school, as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase volunteer hours, the school is hosting monthly evening meetings featuring student led conferencing, parent academies with featured speakers, and events that educate parents in ways they can support their child's learning.

For more information about Ponce de Leon's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.ponce-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us