

## **RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Ridgecrest Elementary School has 830 students grades K-5, two administrators, 56 teachers, and 45 staff members. The mission of Ridgecrest Elementary is to provide quality educational experiences that challenge and allow each child they serve to make maximum academic growth and prepare for a life in a global, multicultural society.

To accomplish this mission, Ridgecrest Elementary has 7 Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 80% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores to 75% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science scores to 75% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students by 50% exceeding 2014 AMO targets;
- 5) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 50% and
- 6) Increase parent involvement hours by 40% representing 75% of our parent population.
- 7) Implement a comprehensive character education program touching all aspects of our school with implementation by 100% of school staff.

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 and utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings. Additionally, student self-monitoring protocols will be taught to increase student motivation and accountability; a strong school-to-home component will be put in place to foster strong parental involvement in school work; and emphasis will be placed on collaborative team planning and strengthening professional learning communities to support the implementation of the CCSS.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction. Incorporate a book study in math best practices in our weekly professional learning communities. Provide professional development on strategies to use data to drive instruction. Training will be provided to teachers on conducting class meetings to promote positive classroom culture, student collaboration, and motivation for students to excel.

The parent involvement efforts focus on fostering and strengthening relationships with our school community. The monthly All Pro Dad and iMOM meetings will continue. PTA will be reaching out to the local community by planning several off campus meetings and conducting parent workshops. Through the Ridgecrest 360 initiative strong relationships will continue to be developed with local organizations, churches, and secondary schools to provide volunteers for mentoring, tutoring, and supporting our families. Family workshops and events are planned throughout the year to help foster relationships with parents. Teachers will be conducting reading and writing celebrations throughout the school year inviting parents to attend to observe their children's work and to spend time in the classroom.

For more information about Ridgecrest Elementary's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at [www.ridgecrest-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us](http://www.ridgecrest-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)