North Shore Elementary School has 340 students grades K to 5th, two administrators, 29 teachers, and 23 staff members. The mission of North Shore Elementary is to help students in all subgroups attain their highest achievement in a safe learning environment staffed by highly qualified teachers who will use district expectations and resources to accomplish this mission.

To accomplish this mission, North Shore Elementary has 3 Goals:

1) Increase Reading scores to 70% students of each student subgroup achieving at proficiency levels;

2) Increase the number of student proficient in mathematics and science through the implementation of standards based instruction and facilitate common planning.

3) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2015 targets;

The core instructional and monitoring 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);
- using district-provided assessments, observational data, anecdotal record-keeping, and teacher-created informal assessments to monitor student progress;

The professional development efforts include the use of the Lead the Learning team and Literacy Coach to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction and having Teachers meet in Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) to conduct data chats regularly to review student responses to tasks and plan for instruction based on data.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school. As a strategy to increase volunteer hours, the school is hosting monthly evening meetings featuring student led conferencing, parent academies with featured speakers, and routine evening hours for various volunteer activities benefiting the students.

For more information about North Shore Elementary’s School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at http://www.northshore-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/North_Shore_Elementary/Home.html