

Mission Statement: To provide hands-on, authentic learning in all content areas through arts integration for all students. Our external partnerships nurture our professional staff development, networking, and leadership skills. Teachers, students, parents, and community create a nurturing and collaborative learning community through the arts, environmental studies, multiculturalism and technology that support the diverse and unique learning needs of all students.

Strategic Priorities

1. Strengthen mathematics instruction by 1) improving differentiation informed by progress monitoring that draws from a range of informal assessments and 2) increasing access to curriculum-specific professional development.

Rationale: Some of our students did not meet AYP in mathematics. We will provide data-based, rigorous, and challenging learning opportunities for all students to further college and career readiness. Furthermore, we need to ensure the fidelity of implementation of the research-based math programs. We need to move more students into the "exceeds" category to promote college and career readiness.

2. Implement balanced literacy program with the use of reading and writing workshop models. We will align our program with the CCSS. Language Arts will be integrated into all content areas.

Rationale: Our school has a significant number of students in need of scaffolding and intervention. All students need to be challenged. We need to actively promote college and career readiness for all students.

3. Enhance our science curriculum with hands-on, inquiry-based activities including access to our ecology program

Rationale: We want to increase the number of students meeting and exceeding the national norms and implement the best practices in science education in every classroom.

4. Integrate Fine Arts into all content areas

Rationale: The arts are valuable for nurturing creativity, teaching that problems may have multiple solutions, teaching the multiplicity of perspectives on the world, engaging students with the idea of an audience for their ideas, and showing students that small differences may have big effects." This priority also helps achieve CCSS goals of independence, content knowledge, comprehension and critique, and understanding other perspectives and cultures

5. Integrate technology into all content areas.

Rationale: The strategic use of technology and digital media within the classroom will deepen student learning by engaging students in ways traditional classroom materials cannot