

# Dixon Elementary

2012/2015

*A School of Global Stewardship*

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*A North Carolina Global Partnership School*



The mission of Dixon Elementary School is to assure that all students will believe in themselves and achieve the skills necessary to become 21st century learners. High expectations will be achieved by providing a nurturing environment that encourages globally competitive thinkers.

## **School Executive's Message:**

During the 2012-15 school years Dixon Elementary School students will demonstrate academic growth and proficiency in reading, writing, math, social studies and science at all levels and in all subgroups. Twenty-first century tools will play an increasing role in instruction and learning. We expect our partnerships with World View, the Center for International Understanding, the Chinese Guest Teacher Program, regional colleges and universities, local churches and businesses, the Weapons Training Battalion at Stone Bay, Dixon Middle School and Dixon High School to be the foundation for our continued excellence. Our partnership with China, London, Guatemala, Peru and Mexico will breathe cultural awareness and globalization into our classrooms.

## **Strengths**

- Achieved recognition as a North Carolina School of Distinction in three of the past four years.
- Girls on the Run Team
- STEM classroom for students in grades K-5
- Robotics Club
- Scrabble Club
- AVID site
- Confucius Classroom
- Articulation between feeder schools
- All faculty members are highly qualified educators
- Reduced class size utilizing Title 1 funding
- Strong Community Partnerships
- Extraordinary PTO
- 21<sup>st</sup> century technology tools in every regular classroom, cultural arts classroom *and* exceptional children's classroom
- World competitors in Odyssey of the Mind
- Charter Member of the National Elementary Honor Society
- Wireless campus
- Maintain partnerships with schools in China, Guatemala, Peru, Mexico and London
- Tier III site
- PBIS culture

## **Challenges**

- Improve Parent Involvement with innovative approaches to bring parents into the school on a regular basis
- Reaching AMO target goals in math, reading and science by all subgroups under the new Common Core as indicated by Ready EOG's without retesting as an option
- Meeting expected growth in reading and math among all subgroups
- Meeting proficiency levels on MSL's (exams) in social studies and science in grades three and four based on Essential Standards
- Continue to build the technology skills of all instructors
- Continue to build on the creative literacy instruction offered to students in all grades
- Creating an environment conducive to positive behavior of students

## **Multiple Measures of Success**

The overall goals indicated in our strategic plan address all of the challenges listed above. Our highly qualified regular classroom and exceptional children's staff will continue to participate in professional development in technology, literacy, math, formative assessment and positive approaches to discipline to enhance students' overall educational experience at Dixon Elementary. The Confucius Classroom along with the STEM classroom adds dimension to our curriculum, and our global partnerships continue to grow. Our parents will take advantage of opportunities to take an active role in the school community as our purpose is to create global stewards both now and in the future.