

Southwest Elementary School

2013-2014 Results and 2014-2015 Next Actions

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Vision: Excellence in Education

School Mission: SWE will engage students through a rigorous and relevant curriculum in order to prepare them to be 21st century learners.

School Purpose: "To prepare our students to be productive and successful citizens".

School Executive's Message: Southwest Elementary School, a center for environmental education, provides a safe and enriching environment where all students have the opportunity to be successful life-long learners. The school, home and community share with the students the responsibility for their success. As the school continues to implement its' strategic plan, the staff at the school is using all available resources to identify past successes and set new goals for future endeavors. We believe that our students are growing up in a world that will afford them opportunities and present them with challenges we can only imagine. We must have the academic initiatives in place to insure their future success as 21st century learners. If our students are to be productive adults, they will have to be technologically skilled and competent in the areas of literacy, math and science. It is also our goal to assure that our students leave Southwest Elementary School emotionally and socially ready for the future that lies ahead of them.

School's Strengths:

- **School Performance Composite 54.5% CCR and 67.9% GLP on EOG's School Performance 71.9 % CCR and 81.6% GLP on 5th Grade Science**
- **Dedicated, highly qualified school staff**
- **Data driven instruction based on regularly scheduled benchmark assessments administered**
- **Strong Foreign Language program (both Spanish and Chinese taught) with three international teachers on staff**
- **Extensive curriculum support personnel able to coach new teachers, provide academic assistance and implement a successful extended day program**

School's Challenges:

- **High transient student population**
- **Increasing ELL population at the school**
- **Meeting the needs of a large student population (800 + students) with limited resources and personnel**
- **Funding for initiatives such as the school theme of environmental education**

2014-2015 Focused Next Actions:

- **Meet AMO goal for white students on state mandated assessments**

- **Utilize the outdoors to teach the curriculum and incorporating the environmental theme of the school, students will be more active participants in their learning**
- **Continue to provide additional opportunities for students to achieve grade level proficiency while participating in the extended day program**
- **Write and apply for additional funding (grants) that will support the school's theme of environmental education**
- **Immerse students in cultural studies and programs developed by the three international teachers employed at the school**

Greatest Accomplishment in 2013-2014:

- **Southwest Elementary School was designated as a "Center for Environmental Studies"**
- **The school exceeded expected growth as measured on the EOG's in the spring of 2014**
- **Stakeholder participation in curriculum extension activities (Earth Night, Cardboard Challenge and the Community Outreach Walk etc.) continued to increase**
- **The school received in excess of \$10,000.00 in grants to support our school theme**