



School Leader's Report

Saturday, October 29, 2011

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K-3rd Academics

- We administered benchmark assessments in K-2nd from October 12-20, which included math, reading language arts, and STEP testing (see benchmark assessment document and data in Academic Excellence Committee report).
- We held report card conferences on October 14 and October 20. We have completed conferences with 85% of K-3rd students' families. The deadline to finish 1st quarter report card conferences is Monday, October 31.
- 3rd grade teachers have begun focused tutoring three times a week after-school for 1.5 hours each evening with groups of 3-5 students.

K-3rd Staff Development

- On October 21, the K-3rd team completed a day data day professional development. They met in grade levels to analyze the data from the first K-2nd benchmark assessments and came up with action plans to re-teach some of the academic standards that students had not shown mastery in. The 3rd grade team worked on preparing themselves for the upcoming Achievement Network benchmark assessment. The week of October 24-28 was re-teaching week in K-2nd grades.

Staffing

- On Tuesday, November 1, we will add Rachel Laing, our 2011-11 AVODAH corps member back to the team as a Special Education para-professional.

Facilities

- Custodial, Facilities Maintenance, and Grounds RFP is due from potential providers by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7.
- The SPA RFP Evaluation team will meet on Tuesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 17 (if necessary).
- Front door was painted in maroon.

Compliance Issues

- Received notification from State Superintendent Ollie Tyler on October 20 that BESE has approved a waiver for schools that have reconstituted or reopened over the past two years from all AUS sanctions (i.e., providing SES, scholastic audit, school improvement plan, school choice in AUS 2), since these schools have already implemented corrective actions to reconstitute or restructure the school.
- On the same day, SPA submitted a notice of intent to apply for the waiver. In the meantime SES service solicitations are put on hold.



Extracurricular

- On October 28, eight-seven students and staff members attended Tulane University’s Community Action Council of Tulane University Students (CACTUS) Halloween Day. The club provided two buses for SPA to transport everyone to and from school to the university. There were numerous fun-filled activities for everyone to participate in.
- On October 29, over 350 students and families came to the third annual Halloween Fest and participated in a variety of engaging activities including a costume parade.

Student Enrollment

Grade	# of Classes	# of Enrolled Students	# of Expected Enrolled Students	# Difference in Enrolled vs. Expected Enrolled
K	2	63	64	-1
1 st	3	69	69	0
2 nd	3	70	69	+1
3 rd	2	45	44	+1
4 th	3	68	69	-1
5 th	4	74	88	-14
Total	17	389	403	-14