

**MICHIGAN CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
KEICHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Keicher Learning Community strives to provide an environment that promotes
Life-long learning and productive citizens.

PROFILE

Keicher Elementary, a 3rd – 6th grade school is located in the heart of Michigan Center. Most students are bused to school, though some walk from nearby neighborhoods. Our student numbers this year totaled 396 with over 86 nonresident students attending Keicher as Schools of Choice participants.

Keicher has a library/media center, a counseling office, four 3rd grade classrooms, four 4th grade classrooms, four 5th grade classrooms, and four 6th grade classrooms. It also has two LD resource rooms, one inclusion teacher, one CI categorical classroom, Title I and At-Risk Services, two cafeterias, two gymnasiums, a band room, in-school detention room, ISD office, and a Personal Assisted Learning Session (P.A.L.S.) classroom. The Michigan Center Daycare and Preschool program is housed in the Keicher building and provides before and after school care for elementary students.

ENROLLMENT DATA

	<u>01-02</u>	<u>02-03</u>	<u>03-04</u>	<u>04-05</u>	<u>05-06</u>
3 rd	101	111	92	110	100
4 th	127	107	105	89	102
5 th	112	131	113	102	96
6 th	<u>131</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>98</u>
Total	471	465	443	411	396



CORE CURRICULUM

The goal of education is to provide all students with a solid foundation of skills necessary for their continued growth as active learners in a complex world. School-wide curriculum committees were formed with representation from each grade level. Teachers meet to develop grade level performance standards for all students based on the Michigan Curriculum Framework. Curriculum heads for the 2005/06 academic year were:

ELA- Lori Rumsey & Judie Rockwell Social Studies- Linda Dean Math/Science – Jason Herrington & Nicole Allen

LANGUAGE ARTS

Continued emphasis was put on the Language Arts program this year. Reading and writing are tied into education across the curriculum, and programs such as Accelerated Reader reward students for their reading prowess. Goals concerning reading and writing achievement are part of the Keicher School Improvement Plan. As part of our curriculum and in order to prepare our students for the MEAP test, each teacher will have their students write an expository or informative piece of work that will be scored using the 6-point rubric system used on the state assessment. Keicher Elementary has joined with the rest of the district in adopting the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing as an instructional strategy. Our belief is that the unified approach will lead to an increase in MEAP Writing scores and the overall writing ability of all students.

MATHEMATICS

Keicher teachers continued to use the Everyday Mathematics program that was piloted in 2000-01. With teachers from Arnold Elementary also using this series, we are positive that students entering Keicher will have a strong math foundation. Hopefully, Math MEAP scores in the future will improve based on the consistency of the program as well as its focus on mastery learning.

Physical Education/Health

A certified physical education teacher provides classes two times per week to help students develop motor skills and to reinforce the importance of physical exercise. Health topics that were dealt with this year included tobacco and drug awareness and human sexuality in 6th Grade. 5th and 6th Grade students also focused on general hygiene issues and awareness. We also have a school nurse who comes in weekly to help with overall health concerns. For the 2006-2007 school year the district has adopted the EPIC physical education curriculum to implement across all grade levels.

Computers/Technology

Students receive at least forty minutes of computer instruction each week. The 6th grade students receive additional instruction in keyboarding in the computer lab. Students also have access to an Accelerated Reader Lab consisting of six networked IBM computers. In the Summer of 2006, the main computer lab at Keicher was equipped with 30 new, state-of-the-art Dell desktop computers. The high speed machines coupled with an ultra-fast T-1 line for Internet access provide all Keicher students and staff with a great lab. In 2004, an additional computer lab was updated to provide additional work areas and access to the internet. Each classroom is outfitted with a minimum of one Dell computer, with many rooms having up to three computer work stations in the classroom.

MUSIC

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade receive weekly vocal music instruction from a certified music teacher. The 6th grade students have the opportunity to take instrumental music classes (Band). The band students performed a concert in December 2005 and in May of 2006 with the Jr. High Students.



Expanded Curriculum

The curriculum at Keicher Elementary is expanded to provide additional learning experiences for all students. Programs are funded with monies from special grants, donations and Federal sources such as Gifted and Talented and At-Risk funds.

Keicher provided after-school tutoring to students in the 3rd -6th grades who needed some extra help in their studies, and met At-Risk criteria set by the Federal Government. A 4th grade group of students participated in a Lego Club focusing on Simple Machines.

The FAST (Families and Schools Together) program was continued this year in collaboration with Arnold Elementary, and is sponsored by Family Services & Children's Aid. This eight week program was held on Mondays from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. The participating families shared in dinner, family-building activities, and life-skill and communication enrichment activities.

The Accelerated Reader program is popular at Keicher Elementary. Individual classroom, as well as school-wide contests, helped to motivate students to read thousands of books this year. Students earned points by taking computer-generated tests covering the books they read, and were able to use these points to purchase prizes at the Accelerated Reader Store, located in the Media Center. Many teachers made Accelerated Reader a regular part of their Language Arts curriculum. At the end of each semester, the top class in each grade level received a pool party.

We believe that providing opportunities for learning outside of the classroom is an integral part of each child's education. The 3rd and 4th Grade students traveled to Jackson Community College several times this year to see various performances. The 5th graders traveled to Greenfield Village in May for a full day of educational experiences which enhanced the curriculum. In May, the 6th grade students spent a highly memorable two days at Somerset Beach Campground learning about canoeing, nature, team building, first-aid, archery and themselves. We also feel strongly about recognizing students for their hard work. Students throughout the year were honored through Student of the Month celebrations as well as Principal's Positive Praise Pizza Parties. Students who showed academic effort and progress as well as showing outstanding citizenship were treated to a Lugnuts baseball game in June.

Student Council was an active entity this year. Student Council classroom representatives helped with Hurricane Katrina relief, Salvation Army canned food drive, a Talent Show, Spirit Week activities, and other school events. They provided service activities to the community as well when they helped serve lunch at Leoni Senior Citizens Center. Meetings held throughout the year gave students a chance to develop leadership skills.

Jackson Community College sponsored C.I.P. (College Incentive Program) in which JCC scholarships were awarded to eight 6th grade Keicher students. These two-year scholarships will afford students the opportunity to get a solid foundation in college before moving on to either more university work or a career.

Keicher Elementary students participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon and raised thousands of dollars for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A canned food drive was held for the Salvation Army which brought in 1,677 items.

Several Family Reading Nights were held with attendance of over 100 students and their parents each time. Students and parents read or listened to other volunteers read. In addition, students could take Accelerated Reader tests and free books were given out.

This year Keicher also partnered with the CP Federal Credit Union to establish a student run branch that operated every Wednesday here at school. 5th grade students applied for and were awarded various positions, including tellers, manager, advertising and computer operators.

PALS

PALS Reading was a pilot program created to help students who were "reluctant" readers in the 3rd -5th grades. PALS Math was created to help students in the 5th & 6th grades to improve their basic math skills. Sixty-three students met with 31 mentors four days each week for 30 minutes. This program replaced the former HOSTS program at Keicher.

Safe & Drug Free Schools Grant

The Safe and Drug Free Grant monies were used to educate our community about asset building in our schools, homes and community. The Michigan Center School District has established an asset committee for each grade level. At Keicher Elementary School the backpack program continued to be used. Each week students from different classrooms took home a backpack which contained a video, book and guide for families to use as discussion starters. Some of the topics included were bullying, friendships and stealing.

Career Preparation Grant

A portion of the Career Preparation Grant was used by Keicher Elementary to support an after-school Lego Club for 4th grade students. The school principal worked after school for five sessions at the end of the school year and will work with them for 5 sessions again in the fall, working on Science concepts they will encounter in the 5th grade curriculum. Twelve (12) students participated this year.

SPECIAL SERVICES



Some students supplement their general education with support programs such as:

Guidance Counselor	Speech Therapy
Social Work	Resource Room
Physical Therapy	School Psychologist
Reading Recovery	Literacy Groups
Cognitively Impaired Classroom	Occupational Therapy
MLPP	FAST
Title I Reduced Class Size	LD Teacher Consultant
Breakout Drug Awareness Program	After School Tutoring

PARENT PARTICIPATION

95% of Keicher School parents attended Parent-Teacher Conferences in November.
 Parents participated or assisted with the following activities:

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| Open House | Box Tops for Education |
| Family Literacy Night | Field Day |
| Field Trips | Math Nights |
| 6 th Grade Camp | 5 th Grade Dearborn Trip |
| Elementary Carnival | |
| Many other activities and events | |

MEAP RESULTS

MEAP Results (% that Met or Exceeded State Standards – Level 1 or 2)

Keicher Elementary School Results

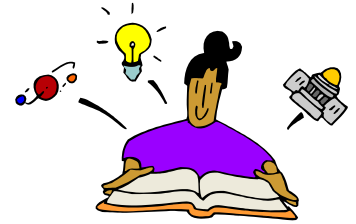
	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2005/06
Science	<u>Boys 5th</u> 13%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 15%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 89%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 86%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 73%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 76%	<u>State Avg.</u> 79%
Math	<u>Boys 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Girls 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Boys 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Girls 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 94%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 98%	87%
	<u>Boys 4th</u> 14%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 10%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 69%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 70%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 86%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 77%	72%
	<u>Boys 5th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 5th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 5th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 5th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 5th</u> 67%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 80%	73%
	<u>Boys 6th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 6th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 6th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 6th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 6th</u> 69%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 67%	65%
Reading	<u>Boys 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Girls 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Boys 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Girls 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 92%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 94%	87%
	<u>Boys 4th</u> 22%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 26%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 90%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 81%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 86%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 82%	82%
	<u>Boys 5th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 5th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 5th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 5th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 5th</u> 73%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 88%	80%
	<u>Boys 6th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 6th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 6th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 6th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 6th</u> 78%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 88%	80%
Writing	<u>Boys 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Girls 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Boys 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Girls 3rd</u> N/A	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 52%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 65%	51%
	<u>Boys 4th</u> 8%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 10%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 45%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 59%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 33%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 27%	46%
	<u>Boys 5th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 5th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 5th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 5th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 5th</u> 41%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 59%	85%
	<u>Boys 6th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 6th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 6th</u> N/A	<u>Girls 6th</u> N/A	<u>Boys 6th</u> 57%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 65%	63%
Social Studies	<u>Boys 5th</u> 1%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 5%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 26%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 29%	<u>Boys 6th</u> 82%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 78%	26%

School improvement is a required and important part of how a school functions. The Keicher Elementary School Improvement Team has implemented a three-year plan. Three goals were chosen based on the results of parent, community, teacher, and student surveys. Assessment data was also examined.

1. All students will improve their understanding of their grade level benchmarks and standards and their MEAP scores will exceed the state average.
2. All students will improve their writing proficiency on the MEAP test by 10% at each grade level..
3. All students will move toward mastery of the grade-level benchmarks in Math and Science by application of knowledge through real-world problem solving in order to maintain 90% proficiency in Science and increase math proficiency to 75% as assessed by the MEAP.

The Keicher School Improvement Team Members are:

Mrs. Judie Rockwell, Mrs. Linda Dean, Mrs. Lori Rumsey, Mrs. Nicole Allen, & Mr. Jason Herrington along with Principal David Tebo.



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE:

Total In-School Suspensions (ISS):	42 students
Total Out-of-School Suspensions (OSS):	3 students
Number of students with both ISS & OSS:	2 students

Approximately 11% of the student population was responsible for suspensions this year. This number is down 7% from the previous year. Total out-of-school suspensions dropped from 31 students to 3, and the number of students with both out of school and in-school suspensions dropped from 21 to 2.