

# ***BEAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

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## ***Mission Statement***

*Reaching all students, one mind at a time*

### ***Accreditation***

Bean Elementary is accredited by the State of Michigan. Accreditation signifies that Bean recognizes and meets the diverse needs of its students.

### ***Core Curriculum***

Bean Elementary has met or exceeded the State Board of Education Core Curriculum in all areas:

- \* Arts Education
- \* Health and Physical Education
- \* Language Arts Education
- \* Mathematics and Science Education
- \* World Studies Education (Social Studies)
- \* Foreign Language
- \* Technology

Curriculum objectives are met through a variety of instructional practices. Integration of learning occurs through a multidisciplinary approach. Teachers and subject specialists, i.e., music, physical education and media specialists, work together to provide optimal learning experiences.

### ***Expanded Curriculum***

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| * Accelerated Reader  | * School Plays and Music Programs                   |
| * Peer Tutoring   | * Video Production Studio                           |
| * Assemblies and Speakers                                   | * C.P. Federal Credit Union Banking                 |
| * Student Council   | * After School Computer Program and<br>Computer Lab |
| * Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum                    | * Live Morning Announcements - WBES                 |
| * Parent/Child Reading Packets – Kindergarten               | * Reading Buddies                                   |
| * Historical Living and Wax Museum                          | * Safety Patrol                                     |
| * Fifth Grade Camp  | * Chess Club  |
| * Challenge “U” - Destination Imagination, and Ecology Club | * Homework/Tutoring Club                            |
| * Fourth & Fifth Grade Law Day - Court Trips                | * Fifth Grade Exchange City field trip              |
| * Fifth Grade Chicago Trip                                  |   |

We are fortunate to have strong parent, PTA, and community support for our drug free program. Again this year, several assemblies involving character, responsibility, and drug free information were presented for our students. The variety and magnitude of our expanded curriculum are made possible by the use of resources from the staff and community.

## ***Student Support Services***

While all our students are special, we do take justifiable pride in meeting identified needs. The following staff and services are available:

- \* Library - Media
- \* Speech
- \* Physical and Occupational Therapy
- \* Social Workers
- \* School Psychologist
- \* Reading and Math Remediation - Title I Instructional Support
- \* Learning Disabilities
- \* Cognitively Impaired
- \* Team Meetings
- \* Computer Lab Instruction
- \* Class Size Reduction Program
- \* Language Arts Specialists

## ***Student Activities***

Students are given many opportunities to be involved in enrichment activities. A few of the offerings available to interested students include:

- \* Student Council
- \* Video Production Studio
- \* Fourth and Fifth Grade Basketball
- \* Wrestling
- \* Mileage Club
- \* Family Nights, Holiday Night, and Roller-skating
- \* Special Olympics
- \* Spelling Bee and Geography Bee
- \* Multimedia Club and Video Club
- \* Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- \* Interfaith Shelter Community Service
- \* Bean Chess Club
- \* Drama Club
- \* Multimedia Club
- \* Boy/Girl Quest
- \* Challenge "U" Enrichment Activities

## ***School Improvement Plan***

Bean Elementary School's staff continues to establish long range school improvement goals that will enhance the pursuit of student success.

- \* Students will improve expository writing skills across the curriculum.
- \* All students will demonstrate an improvement in their social studies knowledge.
- \* All students will demonstrate improvement in their scientific knowledge.

Parents and community members will again have an opportunity to participate in the school improvement process during 2008-2009.

## ***Bean Elementary Profile***

Bean Elementary is a NCA K-5 neighborhood school located in the Spring Arbor area. In addition to our regular classrooms, we also have a Mildly Cognitively Impaired classroom. There are four hundred students who attend Bean. They are served by thirty-nine staff members. We service the entire spectrum of abilities and needs in a caring and proficient manner as is reflected in testing results. Children enjoy learning at Bean as is demonstrated by our 95% daily attendance rate. Bean Elementary provides a complete standardized testing program to support and evaluate student learning and instruction.

## ***Parent and Community Participation***

Many opportunities are available to encourage dialogue between the school, the home, and the community. Parents and the community are vital links in providing a well rounded educational experience. Their voluntary service affords the following:

- \* Book Fair
- \* Family Night Activities
- \* Parent Teacher Association
- \* Fifth Grade Camp
- \* Destination Imagination
- \* Teacher Recognition Program
- \* Computer Assistance
- \* Carnival
- \* Field Day Committee
- \* Reading Month Activities
- \* Santa's Secret Shop
- \* Pop Into Reading
- \* Fund Raisers
- \* Business Partnerships
- \* Challenge "U"
- \* Mileage Club
- \* Market Day

Parents are encouraged to visit our school. Frequent parental input is sought in developing new programs for students. Parent volunteers also serve on a school improvement advisory board. We enjoy tremendous support as is evidenced by 95% attendance at parent-teacher conferences and excellent turnouts for building functions.

## ***Student Achievement***

### **Michigan Educational Assessment Program**

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) is given to students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Figures represent the percentage of students attaining a proficient score.

<u>Area</u>	<u>2006-2007</u> Total	<u>2007-2008</u> Total
<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>		
Mathematics	92	96
Reading	92	89
Writing	59	66
ELA (reading & writing)	82	87
<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>		
Mathematics	95	89
Reading	95	86
Writing	50	70
ELA (reading & writing)	91	79
<b><u>Grade 5</u></b>		
Mathematics	88	82
Reading	86	93
Writing	56	80
ELA (reading & writing)	82	89
Science	91	89