



2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT (Revised 8/27/09)

"The mission of Bennett Elementary School is to create a school community where students and staff are respectful and responsible learners."

SCHOOL-WIDE TITLE I

We are a school-wide Title-1 elementary school and parents have the right to request information on teacher qualification. All teachers at Bennett Elementary are highly qualified and in compliance with Federal requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- 2004-2005-97%
- 2005-2006-95%
- 2006-2007-93%
- 2007-2008-97%
- 2008-2009-96%

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

The daily average attendance for our students was 96% in 2008-2009.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

In 2008-2009, the Ed YES grade for Bennett was a B, and AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) was met in all areas.

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Holiday Craft Night and Walk-through
- Accelerated Reader
- CP Federal Credit Union Student Branch
- Read Across America Day
- Monthly reward activities
- Pioneer Living
- Ice Cream Social and Book Fair
- VIP Day
- Equations Team earned multiple trophies at local and state tournaments
- Awarded Michigan Department of Education Cultural Access grant that allowed all students to visit The Air Zoo in March, 2009
- Awarded Target Corporation Field Trip Grant that permitted all 1st graders to visit Binder Park Zoo in May, 2009
- Awarded 21st Century Project Success Federal Grant that will fund after school and summer school programs at Bennett for next five years
- Installed new playground equipment as a result of the hard work and efforts of the entire Bennett staff, student body, and PTO
- Community service projects like shoveling sidewalks, canned food drive, Jump Rope for Heart, and visits to local senior-care facilities

2008-2009 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

1. By May of 2010, student proficiency on the MEAP reading assessment will increase by 10%.
2. The Bennett School instructional staff will improve student skills in the area of Number and Operations for grades 3-6 as measured by a 5% gain attained by all students and subgroups on the Fall 2010 MEAP math assessment and Spring 2010 County Wide Common Assessments.
3. By May of 2010, fourth grade student proficiency on the MEAP writing assessment will increase by 10%.

CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN EVALUATION PROCESS

Bennett Elementary follows the adopted Jackson Public Schools core curriculum that is aligned to the Grade Level Content Expectations and Michigan Curricular Framework developed by the State of Michigan. Our school improvement team consists of staff, parents, administrators, and community members that meet consistently throughout the year to review and update our school improvement plan. The plan is published annually and professional development activities are planned to help us meet our school improvement goals.

2008 FALL MEAP RESULTS

3rd Grade	Math	Reading	Writing	Total ELA
Bennett	85.5%	81.8%	52.7%	78.2%
JPS	83%	75.5%	48.2%	69%
State	91%	87%	61%	83%

4th Grade	Math	Reading	Writing	Total ELA
Bennett	83%	68.2%	31.8%	65.9%
JPS	76.2%	70.8%	31.9%	62.2%
State	88%	83%	44%	77%

5th Grade	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Total ELA
Bennett	63.6%	75.9%	69.6%	43.6%	66.7%
JPS	64.4%	68%	69.8%	45.7%	62.6%
State	77%	81%	83%	63%	78%

6th Grade	Math	Reading	Social Studies	Writing	Total ELA
Bennett	65.8%	64.9%	59%	62.2%	62.2%
JPS	66.2%	65.3%	56.5%	54.5%	62.2%
State	80%	80%	74%	76%	79%