



**MICHIGAN CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
KEICHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PROFILE

Keicher Elementary is a 3rd – 6th grade school 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 399 with over 87 nonresident students attending Keicher as Schools of Choice participants.

With the start of the 2002-03 school year, the two buildings that make up Keicher were joined by a new addition that featured two new classrooms, teacher's lounge, main office, principal's office and bathrooms. The addition features new lockers and air-conditioning.

Keicher has a library, two computer labs, a social work office, four 3rd grade classrooms, four 4th grade classrooms, four 5th grade classrooms, and four 6th grade classrooms. It also has two and a half LD resource rooms, one CI categorical classroom, Title I and At-Risk Services, two cafeterias, two gymnasiums, a band room, in-school detention room and an ISD office. 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>03-04</u>	<u>04-05</u>	<u>05-06</u>	<u>06-07</u>	<u>07-08</u>	<u>08-09</u>
3 rd	92	110	100	99	75	108
4 th	105	89	102	108	97	87
5 th	113	102	96	106	107	99
6 th	<u>133</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>105</u>
Total	443	411	400	404	380	399



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 2008/2009 academic year were:

ELA- Michelle Porter

Sense of Belonging- Kathy Corravo and Lisa Morency

Math/Science – Jason Herrington & T. Howard

LANGUAGE ARTS

Continued emphasis was put on the Language Arts program this year. Goals concerning reading and writing achievement are part of the Keicher School Improvement Plan. Reading and writing are tied into education across the curriculum, and programs such as Accelerated Reader, rewards students for their reading prowess. This year Keicher was able to implement and offer the new Accelerated Reader On-line Quiz Program with over 125,000+ quizzes available to our students. As part of our Language Arts curriculum and in order to prepare our students for the MEAP writing test, Keicher

Elementary has continued to use the 6 + 1 Traits of writing as an instructional strategy. In addition, this year all of our staff received specific writing instructional practices and training using the teachings of Lucy Calkins. Our belief is that the unified approach will lead to an increase in MEAP Writing scores and the overall writing ability of all students. Keicher Elementary also continues with 9 other districts in Jackson County to administer the ISD developed Common Assessments. These assessments will be matched up with information from the previous years MEAP scores to help put together individualized learning plans for students as they enter the 2009-2010 school year. Common Rubrics have also been created at each grade level to unify how student's writings are evaluated.

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. This year the staff was introduced, trained, and then implemented the web-based assessment program called Study Island. The program introduces and helps prepare our kids for the state standardized test and allows teachers to look diagnostically at a student's strengths and weaknesses. 5th and 6th grade teachers continued to employ the Accelerated Math program to guide instruction, easily diagnose problems, and accelerate students' math skills. Hopefully, Math MEAP scores in the future will improve based on the consistency of the program as well as its focus on mastery learning. Common Assessments were also administered in Math. Data collected from these assessments will be used to drive instruction for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 in 6th Grade, and human sexuality in 5th 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 adopted the EPIC physical education curriculum. This curriculum has been successfully implemented and will continue to grow in the coming years.

Computers/Technology

Students receive at least eighty minutes of computer instruction each week. The 6th grade students receive instruction on a variety of computer applications during their enrichment time each day for a nine week period. During this class all students learn basic computer skills, keyboarding and research skills, in addition to learning programs such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, and Microsoft Publisher. Students also explore and use Study Island, Accelerated Reader and Gaggle.net. The classroom is equipped with an interactive white board for a real "hands on" approach to learning technology.

This winter the second computer lab was updated with 30 state-of-the-art Dell desktop computers. In April of 2006, the main computer lab at Keicher was equipped with 30 new computers as well. 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. 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 students perform a concert once a year to their peers, family members, and friends. The 6th grade students have the opportunity to take instrumental music classes (Band). The band students performed a concert in December 2008 and in May of 2009 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 including and At-Risk funds.

Keicher provided after-school Math 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. The elementary students received personalized instruction from a certified teacher.

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.

We believe that providing opportunities for learning outside of the classroom is an integral part of each child's education. The 3rd, 4th and 6th 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 academically through an All "A" Honor Roll Bulletin Board and "A & B" Honor Roll letter from the principal. Also, students were acknowledged both at the semester and end of the year for earning "Perfect Attendance." Keicher students were encouraged daily to display acts of kindness and good character. Students who did so, then received a ticket we call a "Cardinal Kudo." The students then earned a chance of winning ten recognition incentives drawn from an end of the week drawing. Students who showed academic effort and progress as well as showing outstanding citizenship were treated to a Lugnuts baseball game in May.

6th grade Leadership class was an active entity this year. 6th grade Leadership class helped organize a school-wide paper recycling program, loose coin drive for Breast Cancer, Box Tops collection, Spirit Week activities, school clean up/restoration projects, and other school events. Each 6th grader had an opportunity to be a part of the class for a nine week enrichment period.

Jackson Community College sponsored C.I.P. (College Incentive Program) in which JCC scholarships were awarded to four 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.

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.

Mileage Club was introduced to Keicher Students this year in the Spring. Mileage Club is a walking/running program implemented during the students recess. Many students enjoyed the program while the school tracked over 2500 miles during the seven week period.

At the end of the school year an awards assembly was held for all grade levels. Awards were given for Perfect Attendance, all A's, all A's and B's, Credit Union, and Principals Awards for Character Education. One 6th grade girl and boy were chosen to receive the Principal's Award for overall excellence and one 6th grade student was chosen as the Citizen of the Year for outstanding Character.

Mentoring

Our Mentoring Program ("Buddies") had 3rd and 5th graders and 4th and 6th graders working together. Each week, our 5th and 6th grade students joined the lower grade classes and mentored the younger students in math, reading, writing and spelling.

Girls Quest

Girls Quest grew to huge numbers this school year. The program went from 15 to 32. The Keicher girls worked after school with seven of our Michigan Center staff members to train for a 3.1 mile race in May. Along the way they worked on personal skills as well as character development.

SPECIAL SERVICES



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

Speech Therapy
 Social Work
 Physical Therapy
 Reading Recovery
 Cognitively Impaired Classroom
 MLPP
 Title I Reduced Class Size
 Breakout Drug Awareness Program

Resource Room
 School Psychologist
 Literacy Groups
 Occupational Therapy
 After School Tutoring
 LD Teacher Consultant

PARENT PARTICIPATION

97% of Keicher School parents attended Parent-Teacher Conferences in November.
 Parents participated or assisted with the following activities:

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	Book Fair
Playground Assistance	Many other activities and events

MEAP RESULTS

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

Keicher Elementary School Results

	<u>2006-07</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2008-09</u>	
Science	<u>Boys 5th</u> 79%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 80%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 85%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 80%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 74	<u>Girls 5th</u> 95
Math	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 91%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 98%	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 100%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 95%	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 96%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 94%
	<u>Boys 4th</u> 91%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 88%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 87%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 90%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 85%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 83%
Reading	<u>Boys 5th</u> 79%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 70%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 83%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 73%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 68%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 81%
	<u>Boys 6th</u> 65%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 75%	<u>Boys 6th</u> 60%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 72%	<u>Boys 6th</u> 94%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 90%
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Writing	<u>Boys 5th</u> 71%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 82%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 83%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 84%	<u>Boys 5th</u> 71%	<u>Girls 5th</u> 90%
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	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 25%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 44%	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 53%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 60%	<u>Boys 3rd</u> 38%	<u>Girls 3rd</u> 58%

<u>Boys 4th</u> 29%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 33%	<u>Boys 4th</u> 23%	<u>Girls 4th</u> 48%	<u>Boys 4th</u>	<u>Girls 4th</u>
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	67%	92%	53%	70%	79%	88%
Social Studies	<u>Boys 6th</u> 71%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 75%	<u>Boys 6th</u> 60%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 72%	<u>Boys 6th</u> 88%	<u>Girls 6th</u> 84%

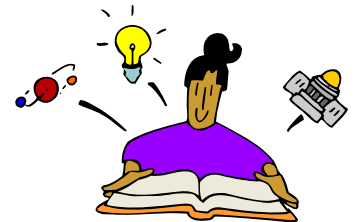
School Improvement

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. Teachers and students will continue to develop student's ability to write the 6+1 Traits of Writing and Lucy Calkins method of writing. Teachers will talk to and work with students in the area of writing and reading, looking specifically at the traits of good writing.
2. Teachers will work to improve students' skills and understanding in specific Geometry strands on such as comparing and decomposing triangles and rectangles, transformations on a 2-D objects, interior angles of triangle, and rigid motions.
3. Staff, students, and families will have a sense of belonging through team building activities, mentoring, student council projects and school grounds improvement projects.

The Keicher School Improvement Team Members are: (All Teachers)

Mrs. Brianne Sinden, Mrs. Lori Rumsey, Mrs. Chloe Douglass, & Mr. Jason Herrington, Mrs. Michelle Porter, Mrs. Tammy Davis, Mrs. Cindy Resor, Mrs. Kathy Brow, Mrs. Michelle DuBois, Mr. Steve Claar, Mrs. Kathy Kinch, Mr. Andy Marry, Mrs. Lisa Haynes, Mrs. Jillian VanRiper, Mr. Tony Howard, Mrs. Sara White, Mr. Chad Wiltrakis, Mrs. Katie MacGuinness along with Principal Johanna Pscodna.



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE:

Total In-School Suspensions (ISS):	39 total students (10 of these student suspensions were one time only for ½ day)
Total Out-of-School Suspensions (OSS):	16 students (13 of these students were one time offenders)
Number of students with both ISS & OSS:	4 students

Approximately 10% of the student population was responsible for suspensions this year. This number is up from 9% from the previous year. Total out-of-school suspensions remained constant at 16 with 13 of these students not repeating the offense. The number of students with both out of school and in-school suspensions also decreased by one to 4 students. The total number of in-school suspensions increased from 29 to 39.