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Elementary Learning Performance B
Bell Schedule: 8:00-3:00
Grades: Pre-K-5

Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Hidden Valley Elementary, I am writing this letter to let you know that Hidden Valley has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. ESSA Section 1111(d)(2) stated that North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is underperforming. This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Hidden Valley Elementary is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor our school's progress. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for Hidden Valley Elementary this year:

- Percent of Kindergarten through 2nd grade students scoring at or above benchmark in early literacy as measured by DIBELS will increase 10% compared to the 2023-24 school year.
- Percent of students scoring GLP (Grade Level Proficient) in Reading, Math, and 5th grade Science end of grade assessments will increase 10% compared to the 2023-24 end of grade assessment.
- Provide a positive school climate, under CMS regulation by promoting a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassing behaviors.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies Hidden Valley will be implementing:

- All staff members will participate in high quality professional development on supporting exceptional children
- Implement differentiation strategies and small group in all classrooms
- Ensure that all staff are able to implement accommodations and modifications in alignment with student IEP goals

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call Mr. Higgins, Assistant Principal at 980-343-6810 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites **<https://www.cmsk12.org/hiddenvalleyES>**.
- Volunteer.
- Join the **[Hidden Valley Elementary Parent Teacher Organization](#)**

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- Hidden Valley Elementary Counselors (Mr. Gaines -K,2nd,4th & Mrs. Schein - 1st,3rd,5th)
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have:

- Implemented data driven instruction practices
- In the process of implementing assertive monitoring as a data collection tool
- Rewards students for their positive behavior in and out of the classroom

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mr. Higgins at craig.higgins@cms.k12.nc.us or 980 343-6810.

Sincerely,

Valerie Reyes
Principal
Hidden Valley Elementary School