

## A Message from the Principal

Welcome to North Side Elementary School, where we take pride in our learning. Academic excellence is our top priority. Children are exposed to an exciting, engaging, challenging, and up-to-date curriculum, taught by highly trained educators in a warm, nurturing environment. Relationships with our students and families are the foundations for success. Information is shared through parent conferences, students agendas, monthly



newsletters, classroom newsletters, and the school messenger system. In addition, we

offer a school website that is filled with valuable information, educational resources and highlights school events. I feel it is vital for me to be involved in your child's education. I regularly visit classrooms and interact with students. Through our cooperative efforts your student will leave this school, confident, proud, academically and socially ready for middle school as well as eager to continue a lifetime of learning.

-Venita Lawyer, Principal

"The atmosphere feels safe, warm, caring, and welcoming." -North Side Parent

## Quick Facts

Grade Levels: Kindergarten to 6th Grade

Enrollment: 380+

School Hours:

- Monday 8:30 am to 2:50 pm

- Tuesday –Friday 8:00 am to 2:50 pm

Teaching Staff:

- 67% of staff hold a Master's degree

- All staff participate in professional development

- Staff members have been trained in 8 Steps

## Character Counts!™



"It's obvious that the staff takes a real interest in all of the students." -North Side Parent

"Maximize the potential in all people every day"



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Elementary School

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## 8 Step Process

The Integrated System is made up of Effective

Schools research, total quality management principles, and an eight-step continuous improvement model that employs data driven decision-making and collaboration between teachers to improve academic achievement in our school.



The eight-step process was developed by teachers who were having success with all of their students as evidenced by the state achievement scores, but most importantly with at-risk students: those that were labeled special education students, English language learners, and students that were economically disadvantaged.



The process is based on the Shewhart Cycle of Plan-Do-Check-Act that businesses use for continuous improvement.

It works because it is a PROCESS not a PROGRAM

### Goals

- To increase student achievement as reflected by the Indiana state assessment instrument.
- To close the gap in student achievement between student groups.
- To provide both excellence and equity in the cohort schools through system change.

## 1:1 Technology

1:1 technology is utilized throughout all classrooms. Kindergarten and 1st grade students use iPod touches to explore and open up new learning opportunities on a regular basis. In our 2nd through 4th grade classes, students discover the many applications that iPads offer in supporting today's learners. As students transition into 5th and 6th grade, they take responsibility for their own laptops which provides endless opportunities in today's classrooms.



## Foundations for Success

North Side provides all students with a high quality, standards-based curriculum. Multiple instructional techniques are utilized to ensure that individual learning styles are met in each classroom. Frequent evaluation tools allow teachers to measure student growth and plan for individualized instruction.

### Staff Trained In:

- Everyday Math
- 8 Step Process
- Daily 5
- All-Write
- Grade level assessments
- Acuity
- mClass
- 3 week mini assessments

### Evaluation Techniques:

"North Side is focused on student's achieving individual growth."  
-North Side Parent

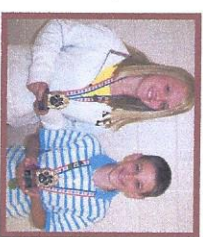
## School Programs

- National Elementary Honor Society
- Student Council
- PRIDE
- Math Bowl
- Spell Bowl
- 6th Grade Intramural Sports



## School Events

- Read Across America
- Music Programs
- Arts and Education Programs
- Interactive Science Activities
- Grade Level Field Trips
- Recognition of Student Achievement
- 20 Day Countdown, 1STEP Celebration



## Community Involvement

- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Volunteer Community Helpers
- Classroom Service Projects (Christmas Bureau, Light the Night, Giving Tree, etc.)
- Junior Achievement
- Jump for Heart
- Pennies for Patients
- Kid City

