

“Points of Pride” 2012-2013 Accomplishments

Describe personal and school/department accomplishments during the 2012– 2013 school-year that were not identified on your Continuous School/Department Improvement Status Report or the Professional Goals Status Report.

Eisenhower’s Top Accomplishments – 2012-2013

1. Designated an “A” School by the State of Indiana
2. Named a National Blue Ribbon School - 2011
3. Received 4 Star School Status for the sixth time from the State of Indiana
4. Rose to #3 in the State on the ISTEP+ Honor Roll (Total Passing Rate 90% or higher – we actually improved from 96.3% to 98.1%)
5. Won State Championship for Indiana Math Bowl
6. Named First Place Winner – Science Olympiad
7. Won Top Ten Award in State of Indiana for Spell Bowl
8. The Principal received the AdvancED Indiana Excellence in Education Award on October 1, 2012
9. The Principal was published for the fifth time in the NAESP’s magazine, *Principal*, “*Fear and Loathing of the Evaluation Bandwagon*”; January/February 2013
10. Students at the intermediate level were afforded the opportunity to participate in Eisenhower’s vocal and/or bell choirs. Our choir auditioned and performed at two phenomenal choral events in 2012-13. They performed with the NW Indiana Symphony at a Holiday Pops concert at the Star Theater in Merrillville in December. They also traveled to Fort Wayne in January to perform at the Indiana Music Teachers State Conference – which is a RARE honor for a public school choir. They were received by the audience so well, the NW Indiana Symphony asked them back for an encore performance at the Star Theater on December 12, 2013.
11. Eisenhower School was invited to participate in the USDA national video regarding healthy eating in the school cafeteria. This followed our selection as a Silver Award winner in the Healthier U.S. School Challenge.
12. Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Eisenhower School consistently earned Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the past eleven years.
13. Students continued to experience high levels of language arts and mathematical success through our integration of the Everyday Math Program (inquiry-based) and the Accelerated Math Program and guided reading and 6+1 Traits of Writing programs. ISTEP+ 2013 Passing Rates for Language Arts: Gr. 3: 100%; Gr. 4: 99%; Gr. 5: 100%; Passing Rates for Math: Gr. 3: 98%; Gr. 4: 100%; Gr. 5: 99%. Science Gr. 4: 98%; Social Studies Gr. 5: 97%
14. In 2012-2013, Eisenhower Elementary scores RECORD Total School Passing Rates: English Language Arts: 99.6% and Math: 98.4%!
15. IREAD3 passing rate for all third graders at Eisenhower was 98.8%.
16. In 2012-2013 we are scoring higher than ALL of our league schools in virtually every grade, subject, and demographic group.
17. We proudly succeeded in dropping the percentage of “low growth” students in English Language Arts by 12% and in Math by 21%. We raised our “high growth”

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numbers by 17% to an impressive 59.1% for our bottom 25% of students.

18. Our CPCSC ECD program successfully serviced a record number of preschool students. (82!) Much work has been done and will continue to make our pre-school program a model for others to emulate locally, statewide, and nationally. A Preschool Advisory Group, including directors of our area preschools, was launched to ensure better transitions to kindergarten for both general education and exceptional learner students.
19. Eisenhower continued and enhanced their philanthropic efforts focused on teaching a life lesson of service to each of our students; Various projects were accomplished, including a month long Angel Tree initiative, two holiday food drives to benefit Crown Point churches, collections for G.I. soldiers, Muscular Dystrophy Shamrocks, U.S. Marine Corp. Toys for Tots, Caps for a Cure (for cancer), Coat Drive, and Penny Wars for various community needs, including support for our Crown Point Community Library.
20. The Principal advanced as far as the final group of applicants within the premiere group of 450+ principals vying for one of three spots as a U.S. Department of Education Campus Principal Ambassador Fellow. (Maybe next year!)
21. The Principal had an intracerebral brain hemorrhage in October 2012 and survived intact to keep on facilitating all this good work with her teachers and students --- perhaps my greatest accomplishment of the year... ☺