

ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

BELIEF STATEMENT

Anchor Bay Middle School South – Where Education is a Shared Responsibility.

ENROLLMENT

6 th Grade	-	242
7 th Grade	-	271
8 th Grade	-	285
School of Choice	-	9
Homebound	-	1

Average monthly attendance - 93.96%

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

For the past three years our school has taken part in the North Central Accreditation process. We are currently in the third year of the five year cycle. Because of the grade configuration changes and staff realignments that took place this year, much time was spent in the beginning of the year reviewing or introducing the target goals, refining the activities and interventions and implementing them into classroom instruction. Baseline data to be used in the final report was collected this year to document student improvement throughout the process. The target goals for NCA are:

Goal 1: Reading

All students will improve their informational reading skills across the curriculum.

Goal 2: Writing

All students will improve their ability to write a complete thought or idea in response to an academic or informational question across the curriculum.

Goal 3: Social Studies

All students will improve their understanding of the Core Democratic Values across the curriculum.

The staff has done an excellent job of committing to the process and has provided learning activities for all students in all areas of the curriculum to help achieve our target goals. The first visitation occurred this year and was very successful. We received a good score and report from the team and received helpful feedback on our action plan. We are ready to start next year with all of our interventions, activities, and assessments implemented into all curricular areas.

CURRICULUM

The implementation of new math and science textbooks at grades 6, 7, & 8 helped align our curriculum to state benchmarks. The curriculum was evaluated to address the needs of our students to prevent gaps in content.

MATH PLACEMENT

During the past year, all sixth grade students took part in a computer-adaptive math and Language Arts program, Star testing. This was done as a pre/post test with grade equivalent information given to the parents. This information along with teacher recommendation and grades will be used to place students in our accelerated math classes.

We also offer Algebra to the higher level 8th grade math students, with teacher recommendation, grades, and Algebra III all used to help place these higher level students.

MEAP SCORES

For the 2003-04 school years the 7th graders took the Language Arts/English MEAP test with a score of 69.1%. The 8th graders took their MEAP in math; with a score of 79%, science; with a score of 79.5%, and social studies; with a score of 71.3%. The composite grade for Middle School South was a "B".

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The first parent/teacher conference was held in the fall with 75.2% of our parents in attendance. The spring conferences are less attended with 63%.

Meet the teacher night was held in September with the approximately 85% of the parents showing up for this event. This high number was partly due to the opening of our new school.

Our *Parent Advisory* meets once a month to discuss school issues and activities. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Listed below are a few of our events and activities which highlight student community involvement, school involvement, and academic achievement.

NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY

The Barry Reeves Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted its first class consisting of 52 members. Students were selected based on high standards which included scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

Students were required to complete two community service hours per month in lieu of a community service project completed as a whole. As a collective service project, the group chose to collect goods for homeless and abused animals. The goods were donated to Happy Tails K-9 and Feline Rescue.

As a fundraiser, students sold candy grams during the holidays. The group also sponsored the end of the year dance. The students celebrated their accomplishments with an end of the year trip to Joe Dumars Field House.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council began their first community involvement with a collection of canned food, toys, and hats & gloves to be donated to the Goodfellows for Christmas. They also made a cash donation to the American Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

They held three fundraisers during the school year to help with their community donations. They had a sweatshirt sale, spirit days, and a talent show. All with much success.

In the spring they had a student exchange day with Marine City Middle School. It was a learning experience for staff and students and enjoyed by all who participated.

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DRAMA

Added to the curriculum this year is 8th grade Drama. The Middle School South drama classes performed an edited version of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* and spoofs of *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella*, and *Don Quixote and the Black Knight* for other students and staff. The students took pride in their accomplishments and many commented that they were far more self-confident in front of an audience than before they took the course.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER (JOURNALISM)

Journalism was a new addition to the curriculum. Students produced seven issues of *The Spyglass* in two semesters. They used computers, a digital camera, and copiers to publish the newspaper.

SPELLING BEE

The Knights of Columbus held their annual spelling bee competition in October. The 6th grade winner was Derrick Sebree, and the 7th grade winner was Kayla Martin. They each received a savings bond and a dictionary.

SCHOOL TRIPS

We offer two school trips for our students. These trips are *reward trips* and are based on grades, citizenship, attendance, and discipline. The 6th graders are offered a two day trip to Chicago, and approximately 155 student and parents attended the Chicago trip. The 7th and 8th graders are offered a day trip to Cedar Point, and we had approximately 375 students and staff attend this trip.