

WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Toucan Flyer



May/June 2017



In teaching, you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years. ~Jacques Barzun

Dear Woodside Families:

As we draw the curtains on another school year, let us not forget that learning is an every moment of every day experience. There have been many memorable events, some historical, musical, and sporting, others relating to school spirit days, increasing student achievement, strengthening relationships with others and receiving recognition for a job well done. These are all great memories and ones I hope will live long on in the minds of students.

This has been a busy year at Woodside. The teachers have done a tremendous job of improving the instructional program for students. Our work is guided by our school improvement plan and the district strategic plan. We continue to hold to the following core

values:

- Learning - We believe each student has the ability to learn and achieve to high standards.
- Equity - We honor and support each student's right to learn and achieve.
- Integrity - We act in good faith, serving others with honesty and dignity. We serve as stewards of the public trust.
- Passion - We are passionate about teaching and learning.
- Respect - We value differences among people and treat one another with respect.
- Diversity - We embrace diversity as an essential asset; we are inclusive and treat our differences as a core strength.
- Collaboration - We believe in learning and working together, the value of diverse views and the power of collective wisdom.

Learning Improvement Fridays have been instrumental in providing time for teachers to collaborate in meaningful work and decisions around curriculum, assessment and instruction. Throughout the year, teachers used student work, achievement data and "best practices" to drive instructional planning, teaching and assessment practices. "Are students learning what we want them to learn? How do we know they are learning?" are important questions that we continually ask ourselves. Teachers improved student learning by strengthening their teaching skills through professional development activities, working in teams, and having additional time to do this work during Learning Improvement Fridays. Our professional learning includes assessment strategies for learning, conducting classroom math discussions, early childhood language development and writing through stories, common core standards in literacy and mathematics, improving writing instruction, increasing rigor in the instructional program, and implementing intensive intervention strategies for students who struggle in reading and math.

It is often said that we are charged with doing the world's most important work and I truly believe that. In addition to being important work, it must also be the world's most rewarding work. It is exciting every day to watch a child learn to

read or overcome a roadblock they may have encountered in math, writing, etc. There is nothing better than walking thru Woodside receiving smiles, hellos, high fives and hugs on a daily basis. As mentioned in the quote above, we may never know the impact we have on a child’s life. Sometimes as educators, we are fortunate to have a student come back and visit or tell us the impact we may have had when they were with us. One never knows what it is they will remember. Our intent is to make a positive impact on Woodside students and our community.

Woodside teachers have begun working on next year’s teacher assignments. Class lists will become final in late August. As we did last year, you will receive a post card in the mail the week before school, stating your child’s new classroom assignment and inviting you to our Annual Back to School Meet and Greet Event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/guardians, the staff and the Woodside PTA for making this school year so productive and pleasant for our whole school community. I hope you all participate in the Everett Pubic Schools Summer Reading Challenge, it is so important for students to continue reading throughout the summer to prevent the loss of learning, referred to as a “Summer Slide.” Reading is fundamental to learning and students should read up to 10 good books before school begins in the fall. No summer slide for Woodside students!

Enjoy your children during the summer break and remember the time you give them is a priceless gift of time and the endless gift of happy memories. Thank you for another wonderful year at Woodside.

Sincerely,

Dr. Betty J. Cobbs, *Woodside Principal*
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The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:
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Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

Stay Safe, Own Your Own Actions, Always be a Leader, Respect Others and Yourself! S.O.A.R!

Calendar & Announcements...



8th Technology Innovation Expo
 12th PTA meeting
 14th Kindergarten Celebration 1:45
 15th 5th Grade Celebration 1:30
 16th Popcorn Friday & Crazy Hair Day
 20th Field Day
 22th Last Day of School,
 Dismissal at 12:20

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Report cards will be mailed home June 23rd.



WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



To report your child’s absence from school:

24 hr phone line: 425.385.7805
 Email: Woodsideattendance@everettsd.org

For absences due to vacations, please complete a Planned Absence Form. Forms are available in the office or on our school website.

We're planning for next year at Woodside...

As this school year winds down we are beginning to make plans for next year. One of the most important tasks we have is that of placing each child into a class where he/she will learn, be successful, and feel safe physically and emotionally.

Because we do not take this process lightly we put a lot of time into creating a learning community for each child. Our goal is to build classes that are the best possible mix of students who complement each other in learning style, social skills, personality and academic achievement.

Current classroom teachers will begin to place students for next year by detailing each child's strengths and areas for improvement. The entire grade level will meet to put each child into learning communities that equal the number of teachers in each grade level. The teachers will use knowledge of their students and information provided by the child's parent.

If your child will not be attending Woodside next year, please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to call the office at 385-7800

WILL YOUR FAMILY BE MOVING?

Will your family be moving out of the Woodside area this summer?

If your child(ren) will NOT be returning to Woodside in the fall, please call the office at 385-7800 or return the note below with your child. Thank you!

My child(ren) will not be attending Woodside in the fall.

Student Name(s):

Grade:

Where are you moving? _____

Parent Signature: _____

Music With Mrs. Hill.....

What is happening in music the end of this school year?

The students at Woodside just finished their weeklong square dance unit, and did a fantastic job! Square Dancing is part of our Enrichment Program that connects to Washington State Common Core standards for Music and PE. Square dancing not only reinforces important music and PE skills, but also teaches our students how to work together for a common goal, be flexible working with different partners, and listen carefully so they can hear directions from the square dance caller.

The 5th Graders have been working hard on recorders, and just finished their recorder karate unit. We have started working on our 5th grade graduation song, *Try Everything* from the movie *Zootopia*. **The 5th grade graduation will be on Thursday, June 15th from 1:30-2:30 in the cafeteria.** All families are encouraged to attend!

The 4th Graders have been working hard on recorders, and just finished their recorder karate unit. We will end the year connecting music with classroom learning as we explore Native American music.

3rd Grade and 3/4 Split CONGRATULATIONS on a **MAGNIFICENT Recorder Concert!** I am so proud of all your hard work on the recorders; WAY TO GO! We will continue to play recorders and finish our recorder karate testing in music class.

2nd Grade will finish the year notating, creating, and performing do-mi-sol-la melodic patterns on the music staff as we practice our music reading and writing skills.

The 1st Graders will end the year working on a composition project where they create, write, and perform quarter notes (ta) and eighth notes (ti-ti) to accompany the book, *Apple Pear Orange Bear*.

The **Kindergarteners** are getting ready for their end of the year concert, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* The concert will be on **Wednesday, June 14th** at 1:30PM in the cafeteria. All families are encouraged to attend!

To help reinforce music at home, please always encourage your child to show you new or favorite songs from music class! The more each student practices at home, the more progress they will make in music class!

Recorder Club

Congratulations to the select 5th grade students who were invited to join our Woodside Recorder Club! All students who were invited to join the Woodside Recorder Club exceeded grade level recorder expectations in class. The recorder club students met once a week before school on Tuesdays to practice new and challenging music that keeps them motivated and working hard! The club performed *Can't Stop the Feeling* at the Recorder concert on May 25th! Great work Recorder Club!

Final Music Events:

Kindergarten Concert

Wednesday, June 14th 1:30PM-2:30PM

5th Grade Graduation

Thursday, June 15th 1:30-2:30PM



To keep up to date on music events and concerts make sure to regularly check the music website!

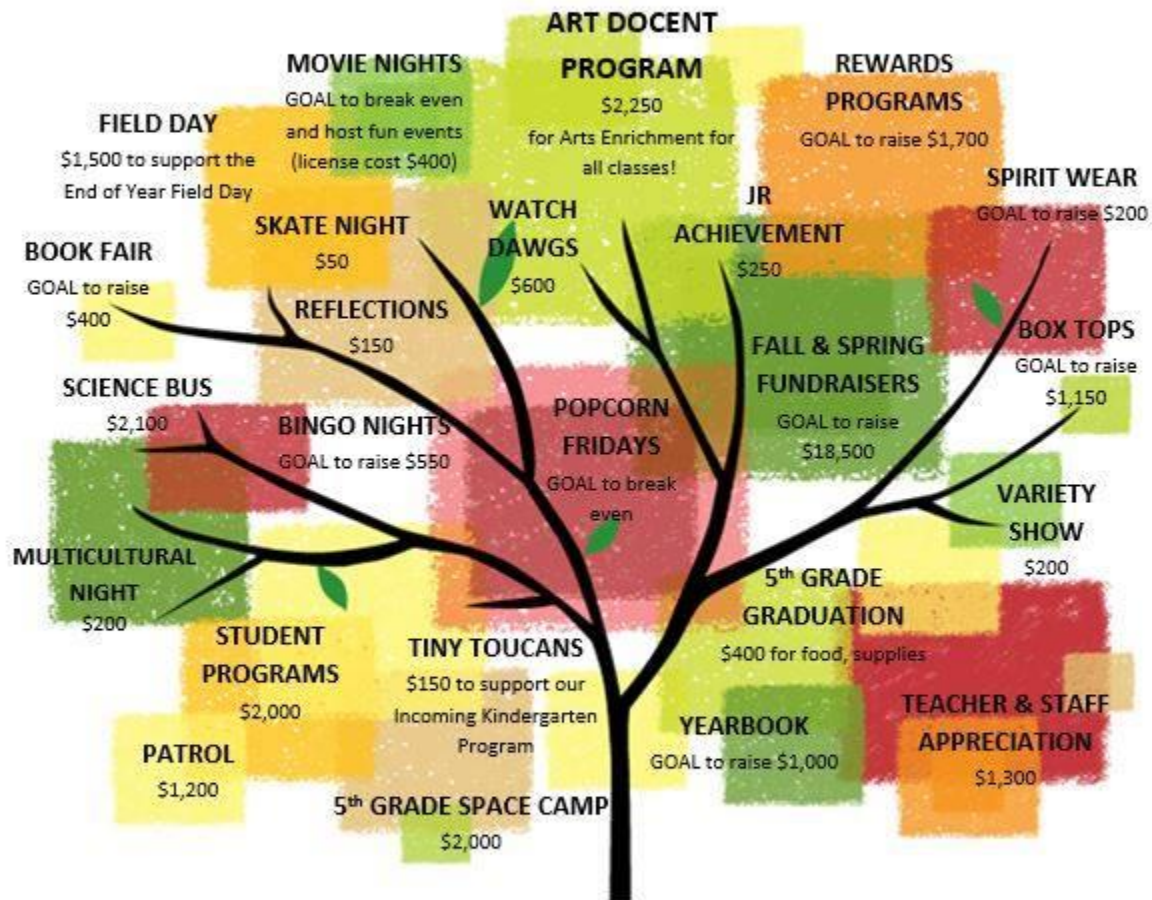
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Tricia Hill, Woodside Music Teacher

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From Your PTA!!

What does the Woodside PTA Support?



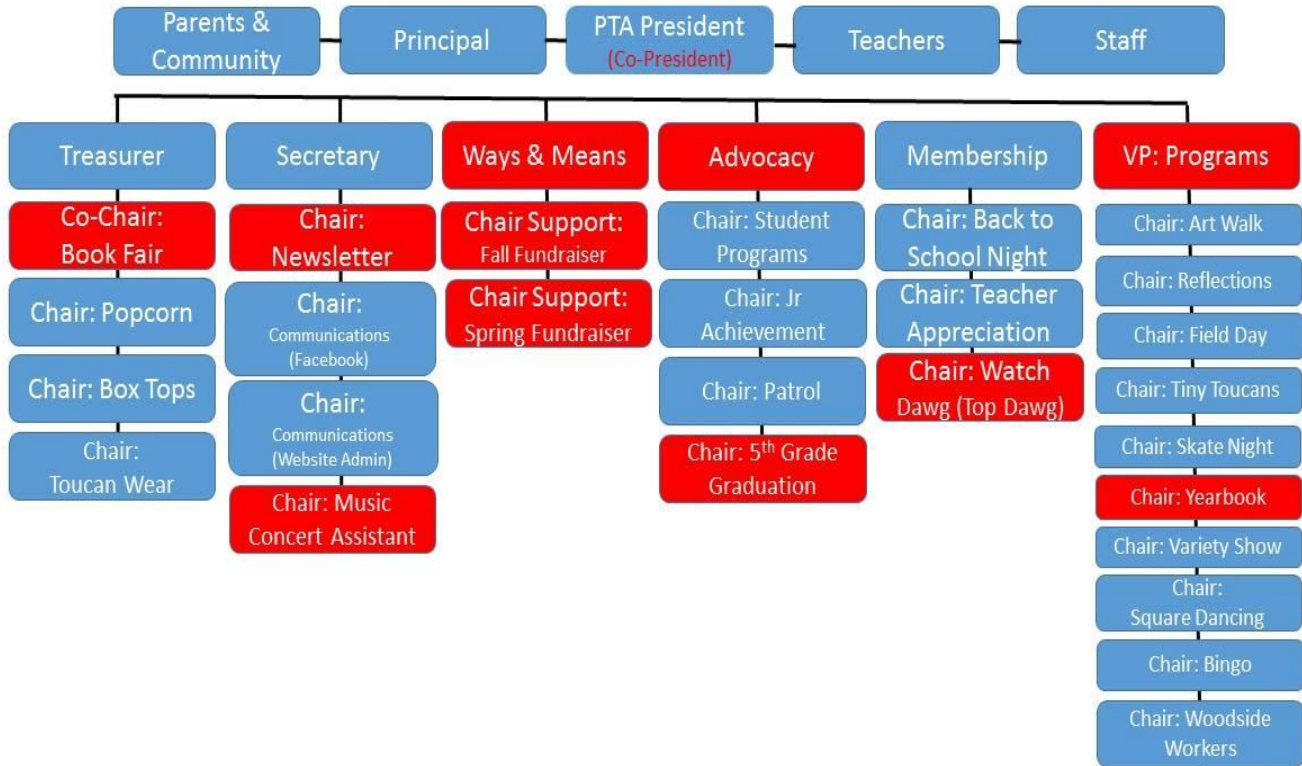
... and so much more!

A membership to Woodside PTA goes a long way!

Want to learn more? Visit <http://www.woodsidepta.com/> and help us help our school!

PTA Relies on parent volunteers. How can you help? (Red positions are OPEN. Inquire at info@woodsidepta.com)

WOODSIDE 2017-18: Parent-Teacher Association



TINY TOUCANS WANTED!

Incoming Kindergarteners are invited to join Woodside's very own Kindy Klub.

Tiny Toucans is a PTA sponsored program designed to help preschoolers integrate into their new school, serving as a kind of “playdate with a purpose.” This Kindergarten club seeks to help pre-K children become familiar with the school and potential classmates through activities such as music, PE, visits to the library, playground picnics and more. Activities will be set up in August and September. If you would like to be added to our contact list, please email us at tinytoucans@outlook.com. Or check watch for playdates posted on our calendar at www.woodsidepta.com.






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 Facebook: Woodside PTA
 Email: info@woodsidepta.com

WOODSIDE PTA FUNDRAISING


There are many ways you can help the Woodside PTA raise money, and we appreciate every amount! If you have any questions, please email info@woodsidepta.com. Please feel free to share this information with your family and friends!



www.BTFE.com

Earn box tops for Woodside by shopping at your favorite stores, or even by playing games!

Once you create your account and select Woodside as your school, click on the 'Earn' link to explore the many ways you can earn. You can also clip the box tops coupons off of products you buy in the store and send them in. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to Woodside.




Matching Donations – Many local employers (including Microsoft and Boeing) will match your volunteer time with Cash paid to the PTA. Check with your employer to see if this benefit is offered.



community rewards


Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Woodside, and all of your future purchases will result in a donation to our school.

Clip and collect Tyson Project A+ labels from Tyson packages – Tyson will pay Woodside 24 cents for each one!





Register eligible cards with the eScrip program, and select merchants will contribute with each purchase! Participants include Safeway, Bartell's, and many others.

Get milk and dairy products delivered right to your door, and help Woodside in the process! Sign up for new service, and mention Woodside Elementary as your referrer and PTA as your promo code, and Smith Brothers will donate \$20 to PTA.



Start all your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com, and .5% of all your purchases will be donated to Woodside. To sign up, search for Woodside PTA Everett Council 7 3 57 to select as your Charitable Organization while registering.



Join Red Robin Royalty and help our school earn some cheddar! Members get a free birthday burger, every 10th item free, and more!

Visit redrobin.com/betterschools for more information.



Counselors' Corner.....



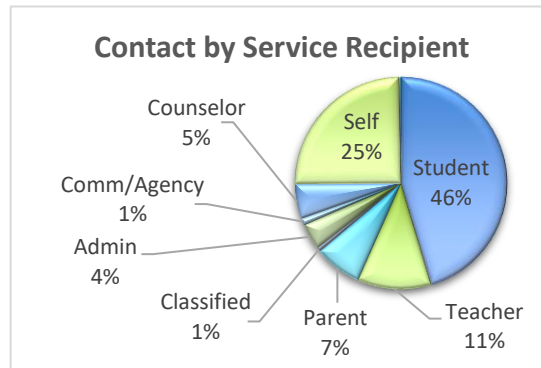
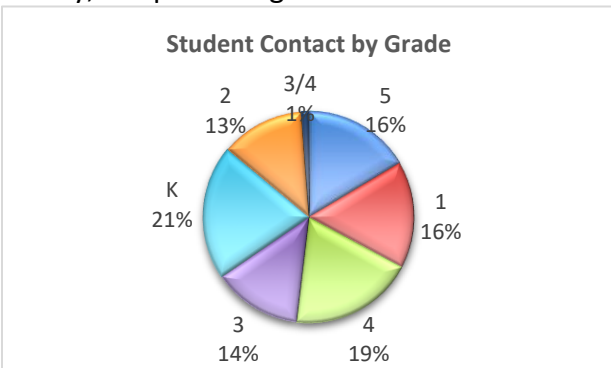
What a great year!

As I reflect on this school year, I am reminded of what has been accomplished and looking forward to making next year even better. With 700 students at Woodside, my job keeps me hopping and sometimes I'm not able to get to everyone as quickly as I would like. My goal is to teach students the skills they need to handle issues they are able to so adults can handle those of a more serious nature.

During this year, I have gotten to know our students through regular classroom lessons, meeting with some in small groups, and during individual meetings. I've had the pleasure of meeting families of our students during most of the family nights and informally before and after school.

I have been adding to my district website throughout the year by creating pages of useful information and links for parents and students. I would like the site to be a useful resource for our students and families in the areas of social-emotional education. Based on the recommendation of a parent, I have recently added information on the parent resources page addressing concerns about a new television series based on a novel meant for older audiences. If you know of useful and helpful websites or blogs, please pass along the information and I can add the links.

I try to keep data on all that I do at school so that I can track where I spend my time and can reflect on where it can be better spent in the future. For example, I can see that more time has been devoted to kindergarten and fourth grades this year. I also know that I have spent about 70% of my time working with or for students. Ideally, the percentage should be at 80%.



One chore that takes time away from counselor duties is coordinating the WatchDOGS program. If you are interested in helping with recruiting, creating schedules and working with volunteers, please contact me. I hope your family has a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in the fall!

Anne Jensen
Woodside School Counselor

Library News...



END OF THE YEAR

LIBRARY RAFFLE

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the close of another school year. I will be doing my annual “End of the Year” Raffle. The drawing starts on June 5th. When all of your child’s library books are returned to the library, they will be able to put their name in my raffle jar. I will begin calling winners on June 12th. I will draw 7 winners every day until all of the prizes are gone. Names will be called over the intercom after the pledge.


If your child has an overdue library book, it is district policy to withhold their report card until all library books are returned. If a book is lost, you can either pay for the book or replace it with a similar, gently used book from home. Another great option is to buy a used copy of the book. Amazon sells many used books for 1 penny. Shipping is \$3.99. Half Priced Books is another great option for used books.

Watch for your child to bring home overdue notices. These notices state the name of the book that has been checked out and how much it costs. Once a lost book is taken care of, your child can add their name to the raffle.

Please talk to me, Mrs. Litzkow, or email me (jlitzkow@everettsd.org) if you have any questions or concerns about a lost book. I am happy to work with you.

Woodside’s Summer Library Hours
Every Tuesday Starting July 11th–August 29th
10:00–1:00

→ **Come check out books and take AR tests!**



In the Computer Lab...



Hope to see you at this year's **Innovation Expo!**
Click [here](#) for more information

About the Innovation Expo

June 8, 5 - 8 p.m.
Xfinity Arena



PreK-12 innovative learning showcase

Come see what the schools are doing to promote 21st century learning. You will find the traditional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) subjects represented as well as, Art, Music, Literacy, Fitness and Assistive Technology (for students with special needs), and how these subjects are applied to creativity, communication, collaboration, citizenship, critical thinking and/or growth mindset. What a wonderful way to support our students as they show their skills to parents and community.



Elementary and middle school STEM competition

Come join us on the floor of Xfinity Arena for the Innovation Expo Student STEM Competition, where the best 4th grade, 5th grade and middle school experiment, research and engineering design projects from across the district will be on display. From 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., students will present their STEM projects to judges and the community. Awards will be given for the top three projects in each category for 4th grade, 5th grade and middle school. You won't want to miss hearing these exciting STEM presentations by our young scientists and engineers.



Interactive, hands-on displays by community and industry partners

Come experience interactive displays hosted by local community and industry partners. With a focus on career connected learning, the displays introduce students and their families to contemporary and innovative careers.



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Everett School District News...

Attention fifth-grade parents:

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations that your child will need before he or she enrolls in the 6th grade next fall. Students over the age of 11 entering 6th grade require one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine before the first day of the 6th grade. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.

When does school end this year?

June 22 will be the last day of school. June 21 will be a regular full day. Students will be released from school 2.5 hours early on June 22.

When will school start in the fall?

The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 6. You can find the year-at-a-glance calendars on the district website.

SBA scores are coming soon.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the district assessment website.

How do I get the test scores? Instructions are online. If you don't have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

A partnership coordinated by the Everett Public Schools Foundation with community organizations and businesses has become an annual effort to gather backpacks and school supplies to help our students in need start the year prepared. Last year, more than 1,800 students received backpacks filled with school supplies, and the Foundation has the same goal this year. Look for collection bins in businesses during the month of August and Durham buses parked outside local businesses Aug. 11-13. Each item collected helps prepare a student with the tools needed to learn.

New attendance procedures

Please provide written notice of your student's absence by using the newly added attendance email address on the school home page. If you leave a voicemail with your child's school, please also provide a written note or email within 30 days of your student's first day back to school.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.

