

DIRECTOR'S REPORT to the BOARD
DaVINCI CHARTER SCHOOL
January 23, 2012

ENROLLMENT

January 18, 2012 (current) - 133

Sept 6, 2011 (first day of school) -135

End of Year 2010 - 120

ILLUSTRATIONS of SUCCESS

- **Consistent enrollment**
- **Community Circle** – student facilitation and parent participation
 - **12/14/11: Ben's 3 & 4 graders held a talent showcase**
 - **1/4/12: part-time teacher, Brenda Boyle brought her marimba band** to perform and share the culture behind the music and explain how the instruments were made. The students learned rhythm and loved getting to join in the final dance
 - **1/11/12: Rebecca DeMeritt, Art Studio Coordinator, led the students in an all-school brainstorming session** to develop our end-of-year event – a Neo Renaissance Faire to showcase DaVinci (date to be announced depending on facility)
- **Experiential Learning with special guests and outside trips:**
 - **trips to library (Ben & Wren's 3-4 class and kinders), Boise WaterShed scientists (6-8 grade prep for MOSS Camp), Credit Union rep (Brenda's 7-8 finance/math group), McCall Outdoor Science Camp/ MOSS – Brenda's 7-8 and Ryan's 6th grade**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTE: We applied to be part of the BSU School for Improvement and Policy Studies **Idaho Leads Project** which would include a DaVinci team of teachers, admin, and a board member and parent to participate in four sessions throughout the next year to network and train with other grant recipient districts. All costs covered with great potential for various school philosophies refinement and improvement potential.

1/4/12: Staff attended a "Developmental Reading Assessment" Training presented by Wren Nicks (our new instructional coach) to prepare them for our /9/9/12-1/20/12 reading assessment period to identify areas needed for specific interventions for each child.

1/11/12: "DaVinci Data Analysis" and "The Response to Intervention (RTI) Process versus Special Education Referral Process" by Cindy for teaching staff. We reviewed all-school and grade-level IRI and ISAT results and discussed the School Improvement Teams newly developed process for working in each Tier and what it would take to refer a child to Special Education versus general ed.

1/17/12: Michele attended state technology meetings

1/18/12: SDE & Pesky Center Training on "Tier 2 Reading Interventions": attended by School Improvement Team (Pat subbed for Brenda) Cindy - AM at **Reading Intervention** training and PM of SDE's **Danielson Teacher Evaluation Trainings (these had to be postponed due to weather)**

1/18-19/12: Cindy attended Superintendent's Network in Boise

FACILITY UPDATE

An updated facility report was sent to parents and Board via newsletter and electronic e-mail – in addition to being posted on our website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- We have two new employees: Cheryl Bardy, playground recess safety monitor, and Alicia Craig, long-time parent and now part-time lunch monitor.
- All students have had their reading assessed in January specifically using our newly adopted all-school Developmental Reading Assessment program. It is a highly-researched process which results in data showing specific areas of need and interventions to get back on track. Teachers are developing interventions as needed - in addition to continuing to challenge those who are stronger in this area through differentiation methods.

COMING EVENTS

- *You are always invited to our weekly Community Circles held almost every Wednesday morning at 10AM in the Idaho Archery Company gallery. These are facilitated by the students.*
- Town Hall Meeting: Jan. 27 @ 6:30 -8:00PM at the Ada County Extension Offices - facilitated by the DaVinci Board of Directors
- Capitol Day for Charter Schools: Feb 1, 2012 (grades 3-8 will be attending). More adults are welcome!
- Idaho Public Charter Commission Update: Feb. 9, 2012. This starts at 9AM, but we are the 13th school on their agenda so there's no way of knowing when we'll be expected to present.
- Family Fun Math Night: Thursday, Feb 16, 2012, 6:30-8:00PM. We're in great need of non-parent volunteers.
- Strategic Planning Retreat (all board & staff): Friday, Feb 17, 2012
- Programmatic Audit: April 3 & 4, 2012
- DaVinci Neo-Renaissance Faire, May 2012 (date tbd)

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy

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