

Description of the School

Marie Roberts-Caney Elementary School is a small rural school nestled in the foothills of Eastern Kentucky. Our Breathitt County community is extremely tight knit and supportive. Our school is comprised of preschool through sixth grade with 276 students. Our school is part of a state assisted school district. Our school has 2 preschool classes, 2 kindergarten classes, 2 first grade, 21 second grade, 1 second/Third grade split, 1 third grade, 1 fourth grade, 2 fifth grade and 1 sixth grade class. The school also has 1 FMD classroom. Our enrollment has been impacted by decline in job opportunities within the local areas especially with the decline of the coal industry. With the closing of businesses and the downsizing of local industries, many families have relocated which has perpetuated our steady decline in student population over the past 5 years. Our building consists of typical students and dedicated faculty and staff.

Community -12,726 total county population -73.9% of population are high school graduates -14.3% receiving a bachelor's degree or higher -\$26,376 is the medium household income -97.3% of population is white with 2.7% being African American, Native American, Asian, or Two or More Races -40.7 Median age Students -99.0% white/non-Hispanic -80.7% free and reduced -94.0% attendance rate -22.5% special education (includes preschool and speech students) -3.7% gifted and talented -40 students enrolled in Kindergarten with 57.5% kindergarten ready Teachers -16:1 student to teacher ratio -14.6 yrs. average teaching experience -15 tenured with 2 non-tenured -2 national board certified -1 counselor 60%, 1 librarian

The school building has an inviting atmosphere with well-maintained facilities. In some areas, halls have been painted to incorporate school colors. We currently have two computer labs and a fully automated library. Our school provides support services such as the Family Resource Center which provides crucial services to our school and community, a school-wide Title One Program, partnership with Gear-Up, physical and occupational therapist, school nurse, preschool program, and counseling services.

Our school continually strives for educational equity for all students regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or disabilities by providing on-going staff training, rigorous review of disaggregated data, and the inclusion of all students in all content areas as well as extracurricular activities. Educational equity is also evaluated by monitoring disaggregated data of student participation in free and reduced lunch and special education services. Additionally, non-cognitive data such as surveys, discipline referrals, and retentions are reviewed for assurance of equity.

At Marie Roberts-Caney Elementary, volunteers are required to submit to a criminal background check. Visitors are required to be admitted through a safety vestibule with two locked doors to be buzzed in through. They must then sign in at the principal's office with the Raptor system, in which they receive a stick on badge with their name, photo and destination. Our school has a surveillance system to enhance our building and grounds security. Our school is currently implementing the district safe schools plan as well as the school safe schools plan.

At Marie Roberts-Caney we are extremely proud of our technology. We currently have two complete computer labs. As a district initiative due to Covid-19, all students have one-to-one devices. All K-6 classrooms have an active board for instruction. All classrooms have Internet accessibility for staff and student use. Students use technology for research purposes, portfolio writings, MTSS instruction, individual skill development and assessments. Teachers use technology for motivation, curriculum alignment, lesson plans, surveys, professional development, presentations, student assessments, monitoring student skill development and grading.

Marie Roberts-Caney offers several extracurricular activities in many different interest areas. These activities are as follows: girls' and boys' basketball, cheerleading, and academic teams. The staff of Marie Roberts-Caney Elementary is constantly working to improve our school and students. The staff is dedicated to improving the achievement of all students. According to KPREP data from 2018-2019, our school is classified as a 3 star school. Data analysis was conducted through PLC's and staff meetings and determined that academic achievement, novice reduction, and closure of gaps were our greatest needs. This will be the focus of our school through utilization of the school-wide Title 1 program, Extended School Services, family resource center, parental involvement, Reading Recovery, Gear-Up collaboration, Study Island, Lexia Reading and Dreambox math.

Other advancements occurring here at Marie Roberts-Caney Elementary are the utilization of our two computer labs, web-based skills development, school wide Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking, guided reading with leveled readers, running records Eureka math, Wit and Wisdom language arts, Amplify Science and Studies Weekly for Social studies.

Marie Roberts-Caney provides numerous opportunities for our children to receive awards and recognition throughout the school year. We have an academic day to recognize academic excellence in specific fields of study. Our school attendance rate is approximately 94%, as we continually strive to make strides in this area since attendance is important for greater student academic success. Also, there are awards given to students with perfect attendance and those that excelled in athletics.

Other advancements occurring at Marie Roberts-Caney Elementary, Improved PLC practices, the analysis of surveys from teachers, students, and parents, and the use of the Brigance Kindergarten Screener. ABRI is currently being initiated within the school. A school-wide PBIS system with expectations and rewards is being used. Along with behavior, ABRI is bringing in the academic side of MTSS so school staff can support the whole child. Teachers also are evaluated using the PGES system to ensure that all teachers continually strive to improve to ensure student success. Administration also conducts ELEOT walkthroughs, E-walks and cooperative learning checks to ensure a high level of instruction.