

Cotton Belt Elementary

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Annual Report to the Parents

Mission

To cultivate a service-oriented community of learners who strive for personal growth and excellence as communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers.

Vision

To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE

Striving for Excellence

At Cotton Belt Elementary, we strive to provide an environment that supports personalized learning opportunities to meet the individual needs of our students as well as college and career readiness and world class skills. Our school embodies the vision of our district - To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE. We prioritize the whole child by working together to not only provide rigorous student-centered learning experiences that result in academic achievement but also focus on the social and emotional needs of our students in order to help them reach their full potential.

We value our relationships with our families, understanding that the home-school partnership is vital to a child's education. In support, our School Improvement Council goal for the 2023-24 school year aims to remove barriers and increase family engagement through interactive events that not only expose families to teaching and learning practices but provide access to resources, tools, and strategies that can be used to support our students both at home and at school.

76

Staff Members

*Includes 40 Certified Staff Members

448

Students

*Enrollment as of April 2024

48

2022-23 SC School Report Card Rating

*Indicates an AVERAGE Overall

Family & Community Engagement



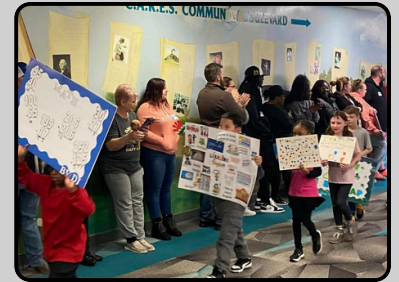
Leap Into Learning Interactive Math & Reading Night



Popsicles with the Principal



Duke Energy Science Night



23-24 CBES Growth Parade

Student Achievement - 2022-23 SC READY

2022-23 SC READY
Results by Grade
(% of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds)

ELA

38.2%

Math

41.2%

3rd

ELA

56.1%

Math

37.8%

4th

Science

42.86%

formerly SC PASS

4th

2023-24 SIC Members

Delandris Jones - Parent & Chairperson
Ashleigh Erb - Teacher & Vice-Chairperson
Virginia Jablonski - Parent & Secretary
Shelly Oliver - Community Member
Beth White - Community Member
Christal Black - Teacher
Megan Hoyt - Principal
Heather Montgomery - Asst. Principal

THIS ANNUAL REPORT IS DEVELOPED BY THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL TO BE SHARED WITH OUR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF, AND COMMUNITY.

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Our Story: A Commitment to Growth

During the 2023-24 school year, the academic performance and growth of CBES students were prioritized and a commitment to academic excellence was renewed. After receiving the SC School Report Card for the 2022-23 school year, the school community acknowledged the challenges ahead in improving academic achievement and providing personalized learning opportunities that meet the needs of all students.

The School Improvement Council (SIC), along with other organizations supporting the school, shared the school's vision and worked towards removing the barriers that hindered partnerships between the school and home. The SIC initiated an endeavor to support the school's academic goals, focusing on enhancing engagement between families and the school. The Council hosted its inaugural event, "Leap Into Learning," where parents and students explored engaging learning opportunities together with the added benefit of taking home educational resources. The event was well-attended, with participation from both English and Spanish-speaking communities. The SIC recognizes the significance of access and equity in promoting academic achievement.

At the School Improvement Council meetings, the school administration provided a comprehensive outline of the implemented instructional strategies and best practices, along with qualitative and quantitative measures of success. The Council members actively engaged in discussions and asked thought-provoking questions that helped inform the next steps for continued growth.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) supported the school's efforts in enhancing the culture and climate. The members of the PTO organized several events that supported both staff and family engagement, as well as created opportunities for teachers to build upon their sense of community.

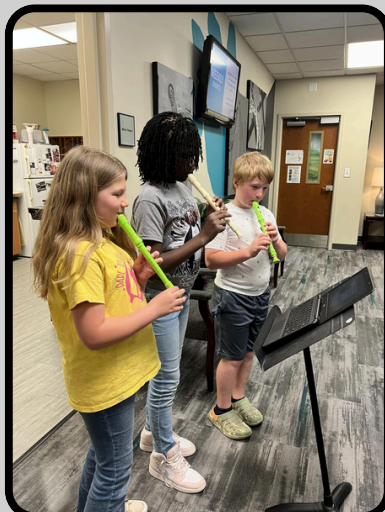
The School Improvement Council is committed to increasing its focus on academic achievement, and more opportunities for school and family engagement will be hosted in the upcoming school year. Furthermore, the SIC will collaborate with the PTO to ensure that academic achievement, culture, and climate continue to progress.



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I love the
teachers.
They're really
nice!
T. Neely, 4th Grade
— ” —



— “ —
I am growing!
I can read chapter
books!
C. Samuels, 1st Grade
— ” —



Our Community Partners



We are so appreciative of the support of these community partners as well as various other local churches and organizations.

thank you