



ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Battle of the Books
- Multicultural Club and yearly fair
- Orff-estra music program
- Safety Patrols
- Student Council
- Students Targeted for Educational Performance (STEP)
- Annual Art Exhibit and Auction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Award-winning Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Business/classroom partnerships
- Annual family picnic
- Family school beautification day
- Volunteer tutors and mentors

SCHOOL MISSION

Believe - Act - Achieve



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Belcher

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Lisa K. Roth

Grade Levels: PreK-5

Enrollment: 673

School Hours: 8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 8:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.)

Attractor/focus: Literacy in all subject areas

Uniforms: No

Before/after-school care: YMCA, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 467-9622

Average Class Size: The class-size reduction amendment requires that each elementary school have a primary grades (K-3) average of 18:1 and an intermediate grades (4-5) average of 22:1. These averages include all programs providing services to students in each school.

Teaching Staff: Approximately 37 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full-time: Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD)

Part time: Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program: Yes

Academic Information: Visit www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools

Computers and Technology: Computer lab, Internet connection in every classroom, two mobile computer labs

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Belcher Elementary opened in 1959 on the east side of Belcher Road on Allen's Creek, half way between East Bay Drive and Belleair Road. Over the last several years the school has undergone additions and renovations that include the media center, an exceptional education suite, a new play field and playground equipment, and an outdoor nature center. In addition to 29 classrooms, our new 16 classroom building opens in October. Belcher is a Title I school, which gives students additional support, particularly in reading and math.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Friendly atmosphere
- Focus on student literacy
- Involved and supportive PTA
- Successful volunteer program
- Bilingual office clerk
- Daily student-produced news show
- Science lab

POINTS OF PRIDE

- 2009 Bronze Award winning school - National Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- Positive Behavior Support Model School
- Golden School Award for community involvement for 26 years
- Educational Media Awards (EMA)
- All-County Chorus
- Five Star Schools Award
- Single gender classroom option available in grades K-4



CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Physical education daily
- Extra subjects on a daily/weekly basis – art, music & science lab
- Self-contained classroom format with one primary teacher
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character education

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Reading/Writing Coach
- Math/Science Coach
- Reading Is Fundamental
- Title I – Hourly teachers provide extra help for students in K-5.
- Students Targeted for Achievement, Recognition and Success (STARS)
- Spanish-speaker phone line