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ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- 4th- and 5th-grade chorus
- Annual science fair
- *Blanton Vision* – daily student-produced and student-staffed live TV news program
- Multicultural Club
- Planet Savers
- Student Council and new student orientation program
- Spurs Sports Program

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Highly involved and supportive PTA
- Proactive School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Business partnerships
- Classroom partnerships: Battaglia Law Firm & Northside Hospital
- Volunteer tutors, mentors and classroom assistants
- Elf Project – community- and business-supported program providing holiday gifts for our neediest students
- Mayor Baker (St. Petersburg): Top Apple School

SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Blanton Elementary School is to inspire lifelong learning in our Blanton family and to provide opportunities to gain knowledge, and develop character and skills for success in our changing world.



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Blanton
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Deborah A. Turner

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 553

School Hours: 8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 8:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.) Students enter class at 8:15 a.m.

Attractor/focus: Highest student achievement, positive caring discipline, character development, safe learning environment

Uniforms: Mandatory: Very precise code, includes specifics in agenda planner.

Before/after-school care: R'Club, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 578-5437

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 30 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE)

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: Computers in every classroom with Internet connection, fully equipped modern computer lab, mobile labs, computer acceleration programs and smart classrooms.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Blanton opened in 1963 with 329 students and 12 teachers on 54th Avenue N just east of 66th Street. Today Blanton has 650 students with 67 teachers. Blanton has a total of 140 fully qualified, highly motivated, concerned and caring staff members. This gives the school a student-to-staff ratio of better than six-to-one. Blanton is a Title I and Read 180 (grades 4 & 5) school. These programs provide students additional instructional support, particularly in reading and math. Blanton has a new kindergarten facility and two additional new classroom buildings.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Emphasis on student achievement, advancement and character development
- Multilingual staff available to parents and students as needed
- Successful volunteer program
- Award-winning physical education program
- Student-produced and student-staffed daily school TV news program
- Annual art show
- Pre-K Program (4 yr. olds)
- PPK (3 yr. olds)

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Nationally recognized Best Bus Club
- Golden School Award for community involvement for more than 20 years
- National award-winning dropout-prevention program – ALPHA
- Support Employee of the Year finalist, 2004 & 2008
- Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year countywide winner, 2006
- Region V Top Senior Volunteer, 2008
- High Technology center with state-of-the-art equipment
- 18 new classrooms and kindergarten building
- Teacher of the Year finalists 2004 & 2009

CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Art and music, weekly
- Physical education, daily
- Teaching partners – Title I
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character education
- Environmental and horticultural science education, Planet Savers
- Wellness and Fitness Curriculum

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Kid Connections, free counseling for students and families (through Directions For Mental Health)
- Operation PAR's "ALPHA" dropout-prevention program for qualified students in grades 4-5
- Read 180 for grades 4-5
- Destination Reading – a computer-based program for grades K-5
- Destination Math – a computer-based program for grades K-5
- Reading Literacy Coach
- Schoolwide Title I resources
- Reading Counts!
- Math/Science Coach