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Hardin County Board of Education

Nannette S. Johnston, Superintendent

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Ms. Johnston and Members of the Board of Education:

The following annual report is submitted on behalf of James T. Alton Middle School:

2013-14 Council Membership:

Jama P. Bennett Principal/Chair

Katie Allen Teacher

Kenneth Caldwell Teacher

Mark Roberts Teacher

Ben Stewart Teacher

Elizabeth Atcher Parent

David Bollinger Parent

Kevin Willis Parent

# SUBCOMMITTEES and MEMBERSHIP

BUDGET: Rhonda Newton, Mary Lou Emerine, Mary Kuhlman, Sylvia Stuckey, and Dana Filburn

DRESS CODE: Chris Corder, Cyndi Murray, Ben Stewart, Mary Kuhlman, Vasco Perry, Elannette Baker, Cheryl Logsdon and David Bollinger (parents), Tyler Richardson and Jesse Stalsberg (students)

POSITIVIE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS/SUPPORTS (PBIS): Chris

Corder, Ben Stewart, Rhonda Newton, Jacinta Perkins, Elannette

Baker, Kelli Hart, Mary Kuhlman

# AREAS ADDRESSED:

Our school has continued to enhance Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. The following is an overview of items addressed, implemented and/or completed:

MAP Assessment administered in math/reading during the fall, winter, and spring for all students. Data was compiled in all areas and growth was monitored. We saw lots of growth in our students throughout the school year.

MAP results reviewed with the SBDM Council fall, winter, and spring.

K-PREP data analysis completed school-wide, by each department

and reviewed with the SBDM Council

EXPLORE classes taught to all 8th grade classes

EXPLORE data reviewed with SBDM Council

At-Risk student data reviewed with council on an on-going basis

Read 180 students showed some of the highest gains school-wide

Job Embedded PD implemented monthly – focus on PGES

Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) created for all students

Academic Interventionist continued to work with students in

KSI/RTI

Behavior Interventionist utilized to implement PBIS school-wide

and to work with individual students as needed

Behavior Interventionist implemented CAST targeting at-risk

males/females

In addition to the implementation of PBIS and the use of SWIS

data, we are utilizing ABE and Check/Connect to assist students

Instructional Program Specialist focused on MAP testing/data,

DISCOVERY classes, and additional school-wide data

Discovery class implemented in daily schedule in the form of

remediation/enrichment – Alton’s response to intervention

Student recognition assemblies held quarterly

Character Education program hosted monthly student recognition

Common assessments were administered in all content areas and monitored for necessary adjustments in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

District wide PLD days continued – these continue to be extremely beneficial for our teachers

Walk through observations continued with IPAD being utilized for additional data collection/feedback between administrators/teachers. Data was collected and reviewed monthly with teachers

Central Office personnel conducted school-wide walk throughs with all teachers. Data was reviewed school-wide

Teachers analyzed common assessment data via the use of a unit reflection sheet. All binders were reviewed by an administrator with feedback provided to teachers

PAYDAY incentive continued and 277 students were rewarded at the end of the school year with a trip to Holiday World

Two Holiday dinners were hosted for families

Activities were coordinated for our school community through our Family Resource Youth Service Center

SECOND CHANCE program continued – “Not Doing IS NOT an Option!”

Parents/Teachers/Students for Progress (PTSP) held quarterly meetings that focused on student and school-wide needs

Dinner of Champions hosted prior to testing with Jody Prather

(JTA alumni) serving as guest speaker

Technology trainings continued for faculty/staff members utilizing

district technology integration specialist

Writing Program Review was submitted as a part of our

Accountability (we saw several increases)

Arts/Humanities and PL/VS Program Reviews submitted with

Increases noted

Dress Code was amended based on student, parent, committee,

and SBDM feedback.

End of Year parent survey indicated lots of positives for Alton

8th grade students completed a Transition to High School survey

which was shared with our feeder HS

New student/family luncheon hosted

Several teachers became involved with LDC and MDC work

Alton hosted their first ever summer camp for at-risk students –

HUGE success

**C/D. SUCCESSES and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Our 8th graders took a trip to Chicago

Micheal Eads won the Hardin County Youth League Bowling

Tournament

Our FMD/MMD students performed their very own

talent show and served as hosts for a parent performance

STLP Digital Photography students presented at Bowling Green

In December and moved to state level competition in April

Tristen Tucker had a digital art piece represented at state

Competition

Ryan Marshall, Bryant DeHaan, Alex Blair won the 6th grade

Geography Bee

Trent Johnson was a state champion wrestler and placed

fourth in the National Wrestling Competition

Derrick Smallwood and Brock Whorton were runner-up in the

State wrestling championship

Blake Whorton won various wrestling awards

Addison Sutton won various tennis awards

Students raised 1,100 for Hoops for Heart

Alton’s 5K turned into a community success

Fathers In Action was implemented

Reality Store was implemented

Seven 6th grade, One 7th grade, and six 8th grade

Students received Distinguised solos at the

KMEA Solo and Ensemble Awards

Three 6th grade, three 7th grade, and seven 8th grade

students received proficient solos at the KMEA

Solo and Ensemble Awards

Four 6th grade, Seven 7th grade, and ten 8th grade students

received Distinguished Ensembles at the KMEA Solo and

Ensemble Awards

Five 8th grade students received proficient ensembles at the

KMEA Solo and Ensemble Awards

Eight 7th grade students were members of the All-District Band

and two were first chair

Seventeen 8th grade students were members of the All-District

Band and two were first chair

A community member planted a tree and installed a bench in

memory of a former student

We hosted our first ever JTA Parent Café

G/T Lego students participated in American Education Day

Alton’s cheerleaders took second place in the Cheer Challenge

Competition

Derrick Smallwood and McKenzie Hummel were recognized by

The Radcliff Optimist Club

JS2S students created a DVD for new students and families

Students, parents and faculty donated 375.00 to St. Baldrick’s

G/T Art students also displayed their work during American

Education Week at the Towne Mall.

KYA students had a bill passed with the Senate and the House

Eli McDowell and Megan Schwab earned speaker awards

KUNA students received a Delegation of Excellence and were

recognized for having one of the Top 3 bills

Kamden Ruby, Eli McDowell, Megan Schwab, and Becky

Thompsom wrote a bill that won the Student Choice Bill

STLP students competed at state competition in the area of

digital photography and retained GOLD status

277 Students attended our annual trip to Holiday World after

School was out (Payday incentive)

Alton hosted two One Hour Revolution Celebrations as a result

of another fantastic year between mentors/mentees

Alton students continued to benefit from having a Military

Family Life Consultant

PLTW continued

Guest speakers included: Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mr.

Reynolds- the Science Guy, PAWS, Etown Detective, Internet

Guest Speaker from Fort Knox, Morgan and Chase, Devers Teen

Center, Brenda Alexander and Pat McMillien (quilting), Brain

Froedge, Daniel Reams, Sarah Kowaski

113 Army Rock Band performed for our student body

Bryce Shumate with RPD conducted a DUI simulation for our

8th grade students

Field Trips: Louisville Science Center, Hardin County;

Kentucky Derby Museum, Camp Crooked Creek, Indianapolis

Children’s Museum, PAC,

7th grade teachers hosted a parent/student movie night

Alton’s 7th grade girls won the girl’s BB championship

Five 8th grade students, two 7th grade students, and one 6th

grade student completed the entire Carnegie course in math

Student Attendance for school year:

Teacher attendance for school year:

ILP’s were completed on all students

Allie Sutton was a Page in Frankfort

Four teachers attended a poverty simulation and recommended

training for all teachers – PD scheduled for July

Project SPRING was implemented by an intern teacher. At-risk

Students were targeted and community members were involved

as guest speakers

Collaboration with Fort Knox and Dever’s Teen Center continued

with monthly calendars being sent to parents

Parent Newsletter and calendars sent monthly

Various data continues to be collected and analyzed on a

consistent basis and plans are underway to move our PLC’s to

the next level by utilizing our updated Smart Goals/Rubrics.

Data will continue to be used for decision making

Check our out Work Ethic Wall and PGES – HERE WE COME!!!

Currently, our 2014-15 SBDM Council will be composed of the following individuals; however, we are in the process of conducting another election for a minority parent and teacher.

Jama Bennett Principal/Chair

Katie Allen Teacher

Kenneth Caldwell Teacher

Ben Stewart Teacher

David Bollinger Parent

Shilisa Geter Parent

We look forward to continued collaboration as our faculty and staff strives to do “whatever it takes” to help ALL of our students experience success.

Respectfully submitted,

Jama P. Bennett

Principal/SBDM Chair