

# *Gilkey Elementary*

## Annual Education Report 2016-17

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### Mission Statement

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The community of Gilkey Elementary School provides a nurturing and inspiring educational environment for all students to grow in academic and personal excellence.



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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress for Gilkey Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Melissa Preston, Gilkey Elementary School Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: MiSchoolData at <https://goo.gl/my2FCd>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Students are assigned to their schools based on where they live in the geographic boundaries of Plainwell Community Schools. We have some students that live outside of Plainwell Community Schools' boundaries and attend as "School of Choice" students.



Strengths, targets for improvement, and related goals are addressed in our school improvement plan. The school improvement plan can be accessed through the district website [www.plainwellschools.org](http://www.plainwellschools.org). Hard copies are also available upon request in the school office. The school improvement process is rooted in a comprehensive needs assessment and team based approach. Goals are established with a 3-5 year growth plan in mind, and the plan is reviewed and revised annually.

Elementary students receive a core curriculum of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. They also enjoy instruction in art, music, physical education, character education, and computer technology. Information regarding our school curriculum can be accessed on our website [www.plainwellschools.org](http://www.plainwellschools.org).

In order to continue increasing student achievement, the Gilkey Leadership Team is leading Response to Intervention (RTI) within the building. RTI is a process involving belief systems, systems of providing learning opportunities for all children and for staff to work collaboratively together. In the area of reading, Gilkey staff will continue to refine our "Walk to Intervention" and using research-based programming for the benefit of our readers. Our Gilkey staff also developed professional learning communities to gather evidence of student learning, develop strategies and ideas to work on strengths and challenges in our students' learning in math. Our key challenge for Gilkey Elementary is to strengthen our bottom 30% and our economically disadvantaged subgroups. Through the RTI process we will increase student achievement in both these subgroups.

State law requires that we also report additional information which is available in the Gilkey School Annual Report that follows.

We are proud of our Gilkey Elementary students. They continue to work hard and give their best every day. Our staff members strive to support, encourage and push all our students to learn at high levels. As a team, we will fulfill our vision of developing today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Preston, Principal  
Gilkey Elementary School

## *Points of Pride*

- Additional 30 Minutes of Daily Reading Intervention for Students
- Fully Equipped Science Lab and a Science Aide to Facilitate Teachers with Hands-on-Learning
- Emerald Status Michigan Green School
- Together the school and community strongly support Boy Scout & Girl Scout groups. Girls on the Run, Boyz on the Move, Literacy Night and teacher projects to enhance student learning
- Ongoing *Good Hands Plainwell* project provides snacks for the school day and food for children over the weekend
- Swim curriculum for grades 3-5
- Gifted and Talented "Visions" Program
- Local American Legion Flag Raising Ceremony each June
- Active parent group
- Battle of the Books Grand Champion



## P/T Conference Participation

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|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2016-17 | Fall: 95% Total | Spring: 97% Total |
| 2015-16 | Fall: 97% Total | Spring: 94% Total |

## School Statistics

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Grades: K-5             | Enrollment: 469                      |
| Certified Staff: 22     | Parent's Group: Gilkey Parents' Club |
| Non-certified Staff: 15 |                                      |

## Parent Involvement

- Gilkey Parent Club actively supports our educational programs by volunteering different school activities. They also organize various fundraisers to financially support our classrooms through mini-grants.
- We also have parent volunteers in our classrooms and in the lunchroom as well.
- Parents also volunteer as Battle of The Books and Girls on the Run coaches.

## Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Test Results

|                   | 2014-15<br>AT OR ABOVE 50TH<br>NATIONAL PERCENTILE | 2015-16<br>AT OR ABOVE 50TH<br>NATIONAL PERCENTILE | 2016-17<br>AT OR ABOVE 50TH<br>NATIONAL PERCENTILE |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Reading - K       | 80   | 82   | 78   |
| Reading - Grade 1 | 84   | 77   | 82   |
| Reading - Grade 2 | 81   | 76   | 81   |
| Reading - Grade 3 | 72   | 63   | 63   |
| Reading - Grade 4 | 71   | 69   | 61   |
| Reading - Grade 5 | 71   | 69   | 69   |
| Math - K          | 67   | 71   | 78   |
| Math - Grade 1    | 77   | 67   | 80   |
| Math - Grade 2    | 86   | 82   | 84   |
| Math - Grade 3    | 79   | 60   | 60   |
| Math - Grade 4    | 71   | 52   | 56   |
| Math - Grade 5    | 81   | 69   | 71   |