



**Principal Armendariz's Update: Building on our gains, state of the school address, fall 2011**

State of the School Address with Title I school status is required. It's scheduled for November 9 at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the community.

- PPS priority action areas:
  - 1) effective educators
  - 2) individual students support (curriculum for low achieving students)
  - 3) rigorous (new core standards) relevant programs for all (required to use)
  - 4) Collaboration with families and communities.
- Cultural transformation:
  - 1) service orientation
  - 2) equity
  - 3) accountability
- Milestones Framework: focus is on a few critical measures
  - 1) enter 1<sup>st</sup> grade--ready to read
  - 2) end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade--reading to learn
  - 3) middle years--reading for high school
  - 4) enter 10<sup>th</sup> grade--on track to graduate
  - 5) 12<sup>th</sup> grade—graduating on time and ready for college and work.
- DiBELS-implemented last year at Atkinson
- Testing less but later in the school year
- Together 90% of Atkinson 3<sup>rd</sup> graders last year met or exceeded on OAKS reading assessment: 55% exceeded and 35% met
- 48% of Atkinson students met/exceeded on writing last year
- What changed last year?
  - 1) writing-new writing binders
  - 2) increased instructional time (less recess and no foreign language program)
  - 3) testing schedule—tested students less and later
- re: 3-5 grade math, 66% of PPS students met higher standards, 70% of Atkinson 3<sup>rd</sup> graders met higher standard
- 3 items to focus on at Atkinson
  - 1) math instruction
  - 2) sheltering instructional time
  - 3) response to intervention
- Concern regarding instructional minutes—accountability-taking away from creativity?
  - 1) There's research about what works in school regarding instructional minutes/time.
  - 2) There's teacher variance.
- math—first year of adoption of Bridges math program
- Concern: What things need to be corrected at school?
  - 1) reading time
  - 2) math
  - 3) breaks need to be in response to how students are doing.

\*Vote called to approve September general meeting minutes: Motion: Constance San Juan  
Second: Laura O'Hearn  
Passed by majority vote: Yes

*Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*