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ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Chorus
- Family Fun Night
- Parent workshops
- Technology Club
- Multicultural Club
- Open House/Title I Annual Meeting
- PTA Family Events
- Science/Art Showcase
- Winter and Spring Music Concerts
- Environmental Club

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Business & classroom partnerships
- Volunteer tutors and mentors
- Big Brothers Big Sisters school-based mentoring program
- St. Petersburg College Office of Sustainability
- Gateway Organic Farm

SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of High Point Elementary School is to promote highest student achievement by providing a safe, quality learning environment.



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High Point

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



Every Child, Every Day.
The High Point Way!

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QUICK facts

Principal: Sue Graham-Taylor

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 643

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

Attractor/focus: Dual Language Immersion

Uniforms: No

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:

Part time: Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD) and Gifted

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

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

Computers and Technology: Four student stations per classroom, three wireless mobile laptop labs, SMART boards, projectors; and sound enhancement in every class (intelligent classrooms)

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

The first school bell rang at High Point Elementary in 1958. With a population of approximately 602 students in grades K-5, the school is located in the middle of Pinellas County. The school has a diverse and multicultural population, and there is a strong bond between the school and the High Point community. Title I gives additional support to help students meet their reading and math needs. The 2007 school year began in a new, state-of-the-art facility.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Warm, community-like, family-oriented atmosphere
- Technology Lab for curriculum integration
- New state-of-the-art facility
- Student literacy and math focus
- Student-produced television news program (WEGL)
- Title I – assistance in reading, math, writing and science

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Multicultural Club received an Award of Merit for Complete Compliance.
- Reading coach is a Reading First state developer.
- State of Florida Golden School Award for outstanding family and community relations programs
- Curriculum and Technology Integration Project (CTIP)
- 2007 Elementary Guidance Counselor of the Year
- 2008 Florida Foreign Language Association Teacher of the Year of Early Language (K-5)
- 2007 Educational Media Awards – first place (K-2) instructional; 2008 EMAs – first place (K-2) PSA and documentary; 2009 EMAs – first place (K-2) instructional, music, first place (3-5) PSA, second place (K-2) music
- 2007 Wal-Mart Teacher-of-the-Year
- 2008 state winner, EMA awards PSA and documentary

CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Physical education daily
- Extra subjects on a weekly basis – art and music
- Title I teaching partners
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character education
- Destination Reading and Math
- Small group instruction

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Dual Languages Immersion Program (English/Spanish)
- Reading Coach
- Math Coach
- Students Targeted for Achievement, Recognition and Success (STARS) – extra support for students
- Read 180
- After-school tutoring
- America Reads tutor
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Summer program
- Title I Summer Enrichment program for struggling students
- Adult English classes