



## 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

August 23, 2011

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for Brooklyn Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Deb Powell, Principal @ 517-592-6632 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.columbiaschooldistrict.org](http://www.columbiaschooldistrict.org) or you may review a copy from the office at your child's school.

For 2010-2011, Brooklyn Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. Our school also earned a grade of "A" on the Ed Yes! Report Card. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

In addition to the facts and figures you will find in the Annual Report, state law requires that we also report additional information.

### 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Columbia School District assigns students to a school based on residency boundaries established by the district. Columbia School District also participates in Schools of Choice.

## 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Brooklyn Elementary School engages in a continuous cycle of school improvement; conducting a comprehensive needs assessment and analyzing achievement trends, identifying areas of need, and designing and implementing strategies to address the needs. Specific goal information and their status can be found within the Brooklyn Elementary School Annual Report. As an identified Title I school, Brooklyn Elementary also ensures that all required components of a targeted assistance building are embedded within the school improvement plan.

I congratulate all of the students, staff, and parents of Brooklyn Elementary School for a tremendous year and look forward to continued success in the 2011-2012 school year.

Sincerely,

*Deb Powell*

Deb Powell

Principal



# Brooklyn Elementary School Annual School Improvement Report 2010/2011

**Columbia School District**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Columbia School District, in partnership with the community, will provide a safe and positive learning environment, which will prepare ALL students to contribute and compete in a global society.

### PROFILE INFO

- Grade Span      Preschool/Head Start -5th grade
- Number of Students   346 students
- Attendance Average    97%
- Teacher/Student Ratio 1:24
- School Organization 13 general education classrooms, 3 special education classrooms, 1 administrator, 15 teachers, 1 physical education teacher, 1 music teacher, 1 secretary, 6 instructional aides, 1 social worker, 1 preschool/ GSRP class,
- Cultural Diversity: American Indian 0%, Asian 1% , African American 1%, Caucasian 95 % , Hispanic 3%
- Student Retention   12 students
- Title I 146 students
- Free/Reduced Lunch Statistics 51%
- Employability Skills K-Kids, Student Council, Student run Credit Union, Career Day, Math/ Science Night, Junior Achievement, Author Night, Snack Cart, BES Champions, Safety Patrol, Peer Tutoring, Wee Mail, LINKS
- Media Center 14,932 titles, 349 reference, 132 professional titles



Brooklyn Elementary School Staff

	ED YES	MADE AYP
Composite Grade		
2010-2011 :	A	yes
2009-2010:	A	yes
2008-2009:	A	yes

### HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Research shows teacher quality correlates with student academic achievement. Highly qualified teachers go hand-in-hand with a quality education. Under the State of Michigan guidelines and the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, all Columbia School District teachers are certified and highly qualified.

### FACULTY AND STAFF

- Deb Powell, Principal
- Lori Hunter, Secretary
- Lisa Jordon, Social Worker
- Joleen Green, Media Aide
- Bill Cryderman, Music
- Paul McDonald Physical Ed.
- Hollis Jefferies, Physical Ed.
- Terri Kandell, Resource Room
- Margarita Berkemeier, Resource Room
- Nicole Goodman, Special Ed
- Nancy Knaup, Preschool
- Michelle Sexton, Kindergarten
- Olivia Hinkle, Kindergarten
- Linda Wills, 1st grade
- Chris Plowman, T/1 grade
- Angie Hogle, 2nd grade
- Jeff Clanton, 2nd grade
- Amy Pfister, 3rd grade
- Sharon Beaghan, 3rd grade
- Wendy Hawkins, 4th grade
- Lisa Weidenbach, 4th grade
- Ramie Bivens, 5th grade
- Kathy Jeness, 5th grade
- Jo Force, Aide
- Pam Wincent, Aide
- Karen Scholl, Latchkey Aide
- Cassandra Shong, Playground Aide
- Lori Kouba, Aide
- Val Buksar, Aide
- Donna Williams, Special Ed. Aide
- Cindy Kirk, Playground Aide
- Michelle, Weaver, Aide
- Cheryl Curtis, ISD Aide
- Connie Douglas, Special Ed. Aide
- Marlene Roulo, Aide
- Debbie Powell, Preschool Aide
- Holly Tilden, Cook
- Yvonne Sampler, Cashier
- Jennifer LaCombe, Kitchen Aide
- Ned Bernstein, Maintenance
- Arliss Bones, Maintenance
- Joanne Leupp, Latchkey
- Jake Leupp, Latchkey

## PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Junior Achievement, K- Kids, Career Day, Fire Safety, Columbia Police Liaison Program, Kiwanis Dictionary Program, Shoe Tree, Book-It, Brooklyn Food Pantry, ACES, Mileage Club, Release Time Bible, CP Credit Union, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brooklyn Buddies, I'm in Charge, Math/Science Night partnership with JCC and CP Credit Union,

Monthly PTO meetings, Book Bingo, Back to School Bash, Little House Pajama, MIS Partnership for March is Reading Month, Mother-Son Night, PTO Fall Carnival, PTO Flower Sale, Market Day, Scholastic Book Fairs, Popcorn Day, AR Store, Daddy/ Daughter Dance, Field Day, and Park field trip for Math Fact goal winners.

**GOAL: Students will increase proficiency in math by 2%**



**Math and Science Night**

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”*

—Ghandi

**STRATEGIES:**

GLEC’s posted/presented in classrooms in student friendly language during instruction

Computerized math ie Study Island , Education City, Accelerated Math and Math Facts in a Flash

Family Math/Science Night

Recall of basic math facts as appropriate per each grade level. Math Fact Academy after school program offered. Mid Year Incentive and End of Year Math Fact field trip/t-shirt reward for students who mastered the goals.

**RESULTS:**

100 % teacher participation in posting GLEC’s

BES students answered 175, 812 questions with 72 % correct

Over 250 people in attendance at Family Math/Science Night

128 out of 286 students met grade level math fact goals

**GOAL: Students will increase proficiency in reading by 2%. 70% of Title One identified students shall be proficient on the 2010 MEAP.**

**STRATEGIES:**

Brooklyn Buddies

GLECs posted/presented in classrooms in a student friendly language during instruction

Students will meet grade level goal during March is Reading Month

Reading Recovery/Literacy Groups for first and Second Graders.

Early Childhood Literacy

**RESULTS:**

46 students participated in Buddies

100% teacher participation in posting GLECs

Percentage of students who met the goal in each grade in March 2011.

14 Students participated in Reading Recovery and 42 students Literacy Groups.

Parents attended literacy night for first and kindergarten students. 48 Literacy bags were handed out to incoming Kindergarten students.



**2nd Grade Readers**



**GOAL: All students will be proficient on the Countywide Writing Assessments and will increase proficiency by 2% in 2011 in grades 2-5.**

**STRATEGIES:**

Students will write using Write-Steps writing model for 45 minutes each day as appropriate per grade level.

School Wide Postal Service will continue

Writing Sample averages three times per year, per classroom, scored by MLPP rubric for grades 1-2; scored by MEAP rubric for grades 3-5.

Awesome Author Grade level Assemblies

**RESULTS:**

Writing Workshop blocks in each classroom for 45 minutes daily. All classrooms

Monthly Wee Mail delivered to each classroom

Averages given to Writing Committee three times a year.

Monthly grade level assemblies featuring awesome authors per classroom. Certificates and incentives provided.



Awesome Author 2010-2011



Writers Workshop

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

- JCC Math/Science Night attended by more than 250 people
- Interschool mail system, Wee Mail, open with 3rd grade postal workers overseeing the postal system
- BES received the Emerald Award for going "Green."
- The LINKS Peer Mentoring Program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder was expanded to grades 2-5.
- BES was once again rated "A" by the State of Michigan!



Field Day 2011



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**STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Columbia School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, or any other legally protected characteristic, in its programs and activities.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

2010-2011:	98%
2009-2010:	98%
2008-2009:	98%

Over 250 students and parents attended Math and Science Night launching rockets, studying chemical reactions, germ growth, calculator math games, and light refraction.



**POINTS OF PRIDE**

- Student Council Students implemented activities and earned the “Emerald Award” for going “Green.”
- Parents and Students participated in a walk fundraiser, Race for Education.
- BES Student Council involved in Food Drives, Thanksgiving Baskets, Adopt a Family at Christmas
- K-Kid School Store, Cancer Fundraiser Hat Day, Trick or Treat for UNICEF
- Clanton’s Christmas Carolers sang to local businesses
- Bully Proofing Assembly
- Over 300 people attended Special Person’s Luncheon
- 47 4th grade students and 35 parents attended the 3 day trip to Mackinac Island and Northern Michigan
- Character Champions recognized each month
- Over 150 parents, community members, and CCHS students logged in more than 3000 volunteer hours in BES classrooms.
- All students participated in Mileage Club for a total of over 5,000 miles.
- Literacy Parent Meeting for all Kindergarten/first grade parents
- Autism Parent Support Group
- Math Fact Reward Picnic for students meeting grade level goals—t-shirts awarded.

**CORE AND EXTENDED CURRICULUM**

Columbia School District has a comprehensive curriculum in the four core content areas. Curriculum documents in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies include content expectations, student friendly language, instructional strategies and common assessments. These guides were developed by teachers to aid in creating a quality curriculum guide for all staff. Our documents are revised and updated based on teacher use, input and state mandates. Our curriculum documents are aligned with the Michigan’s Curriculum Framework and Content Expectations. Documents may be viewed

at the administration office. Brooklyn Elementary School also has curriculum offerings in... physical education, music, art, technology, and library. After school programs include Writers Workshop, Math Fact Academy, Study Island/Education City, Math/Science Night. Extended curriculum programs include 4th grade Mackinac Trip, 5th grade Exchange City, 3rd grade Ella Sharp, 2nd grade Hands On Museum, Wee Mail, Story Fest, Safetyville, Sauder Village, Binder Park Zoo, LINKS program and ACES.



Student Council/ K-Kids Bake Sale 2010