

Palos School District

2009-2010 Areas of Success

Palos East Elementary School

The combined overall ISAT score for Palos East for reading, math and science on the 2010 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was 93.9%. Specific score highlights include:

2010 ISAT Overall Score remained above 90% for the third year in a row!

Palos East Reading ISAT Scores

- Fourth graders meeting or exceeding standards increased by .8%
- Fifth graders meeting or exceeding standards increased by .4%

Palos East Mathematics ISAT Scores

- Overall, our school remained very strong in mathematics, improving slightly from 96.6% to 96.7% of students meeting or exceeding standards; fifth graders made a significant contribution, moving from 94.6% to 97.1%
- All grades tested increased the number of students exceeding standards in mathematics, increasing overall from 49.3% to 50.5%, an increase of 1.2%
 - Third grade students exceeding standards increased from 54.3% to 55.2%, an increase of .9%
 - Fourth grade students exceeding standards increased from 57.1% to 58.2%, an increase of 1.1%
 - Fifth grade students exceeding standards increased from 36.9% to 40.1%, an increase of 3.2%

School-wide Accomplishments

- Added several extracurricular activities, including Spanish Club, Art Club, and Science Club, allowing for 62% of students in 2nd – 5th grade to participate, an increase of 8%!
- Students raised and donated monies to various groups including: Friends of the Children of Haiti, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, Heifer International
- Students collected and shared art work and holiday items with local veterans, school supplies with the Palos Township, and food drive
- Integrate the Fine Arts Festival to include music, art, and technology
- ALPS students received an honorable mention in the Disney Planet Challenge for their trash audit, and were invited to participate in the Disney Friends for Change clean up at Lake Michigan
- 4th grade raised monies at their annual bake sale, allowing for the purchase of two picnic tables in our courtyard
- Increased our interventions for students reading support, with Tech Learning Club, Lunch Bunch, Kindergarten Club, Homework Club
- Student Council re-formatted itself using a committee approach, starting safety patrol, Box Tops race, go-green and a school store

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Palos South Middle School

The combined overall score for Palos South for reading, math and science on the 2010 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was 96.7%, an increase of almost 2%! Specific score highlights include:

Palos South Grade 6

- 97.6% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math, an increase of .9% from the previous year.
- 97.1% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading, an increase of 2.3% from the previous year.

Palos South Grade 7

- 98.7% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math, an increase of 4.1% from the previous year.
- 95.1% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading.
- 96.9% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in science, an increase of 5.5% from the previous year.

Palos South Grade 8

- 95.7% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math, an increase of 2.5% from the previous year.
- 96.1% of students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading.

School-wide Accomplishments

- Purchased computerized reading and mathematics programs to strengthen our intervention opportunities.
- Took part in SWIC pilot program for boys' and girls' soccer.
- Added a "book club" to our extracurricular offerings.
- The **math department** and our students took part in a math-a-thon and raised \$7314.55 for St. Jude Children's Hospital.
- **Impact Club** – collected over 200 pounds of pop can tops for the Ronald McDonald House charities.
- **Club Action** – Took part in many activities to raise funds for area charities including: donating candy and gift bags for needy children at Ronald McDonald House, Palos Hills Park Community Activity Center, and Hope Children's Hospital. Also, walked for the March of Dimes along the Chicago lakefront.
- **Environmental Club** – Expanded our recycling efforts to include recycling old electronics.

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Palos West Elementary School

The combined overall score for Palos West for reading, math and science on 2010 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was 95.4%, an increase of .8%! Specific score highlights include:

Palos West Grade 3

- 100% of all Palos West third grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math; 76.7% of our students exceeded state standards in math, an increase of 15%
- 89% of all Palos West third grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading; 54.8% of our students exceeded state standards in reading, an increase of 7.9%

Palos West Grade 4

- 100% of all Palos West fourth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math; 53.1% of our students exceeded state standards in math
- 95% of all Palos West fourth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading, an increase of 3%; 55% of our students exceeded state standards in reading, an increase of 12.5%
- 97.5% of all Palos West fourth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in science

Palos West Grade 5

- 94.3% of all Palos West fifth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in math
- 92% of all Palos West fifth grade students met or exceeded Illinois State Standards in reading; 55.7% of our students exceeded state standards in reading, an increase of 5.7%

School-wide Accomplishments

- Received recognition from the Illinois PBIS Network for moving from an "Emerging" level to "Implementing" level of delivering our Universal Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Program (PBIS)
- Increased participation in extra-curricular activities by more than 100% for students in grades 3-5