


## Downey School 2013-14

Together for Tomorrow and a Leader in Me School

### Our Vision: Together We Lead





## Downey School's Focus

- › Our focus is based on our Professional Goals
- **Goal #1**
- Our first goal is to take CHARGE to actively promote and assist with increasing student reading, math, and science by at least 5 percentage points by the end of the 2013-14 school year as measured by the PSSA, DIBELS Next, and CBM.
- **Goal #2:**
- The second goal is to increase our student attendance by at least 2.3% percent for the 2013-14 school year.
- **Goal #3**
- Our third goal is to take CHARGE by increasing our parent-involvement at Downey School by at least 10 percentage points for the 2013-14 school year.
- **Goal #4**
- The fourth grade goal is to decrease Downey School's suspension rate by at least 5 percentage points during the 2013-14 school year.


## A Leader in Me School

- We are creating student leaders
- Students are taking ownership of the 7 Habits
- Staff, students, and parents are celebrating the 7 habits throughout the year
- We are recognizing weekly student leaders


## Student Leadership Activities

- › Students are leading our assemblies and special events. Holiday Concert was student led and we had over 225 parents in attendance.
- › Students are conducting daily morning announcements – they write and share them.
- › Students are reporters and editors for our school newspaper and newsletters.
- › Student leaders are selected for various field trips to Messiah College, special events, etc


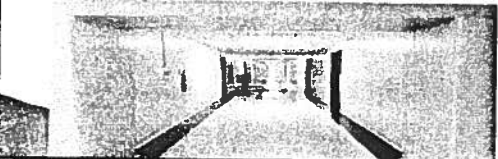


## Together for Tomorrow

- › We have a lot of organizations/businesses involved with our school thanks to, Together for Tomorrow.
- › Downey has received various donations for students, parents, and staff – new bikes, gift cards from many businesses, back packs filled with supplies, and etc.
- › Messiah College and their staff have provided us with volunteers, connections to many organizations, and etc.



## Downey School's Vision

## Our Transformation

› Lobby Before



› Lobby Now



## Transformation Continued



## Community Supports at Downey

- › We are working closely with Messiah College to provide extra support for Downey School.
- › Hoverter Courses from Messiah College are being offered at Downey School free for adults.
- › The Salvation Army works closely with Downey School during our EXPLORE time.
- › Thanks to the Harrisburg School Foundation, all of our classrooms have been adopted.



## Supports Continued

- › Messiah College has donated a LCD monitor where we display important information to our parents.
- › Messiah College coordinated with a Mission to provide Downey School with over 400 lbs. of school supplies.
- › Allison French - AmeriCorps is directly helping with Together for Tomorrow initiative.

## Supporting our Academics

- › Currently, we have several teachers piloting Student Leadership Notebooks with their students to share with their parents and teachers.
- › Many businesses are volunteering to provide resources such as supply drives and volunteers to assist us.



## Downey School

- › Continuing to focus on building goals:
  - Academic growth
  - Student attendance
  - Decreased behavioral referrals
  - Increased parental involvement

### Parental Involvement

- › We had over 150 parents attend our Back to School Night.
  - › 252 out of 388 or 64% parents participated in our parent-teacher conferences.
  - › Over 225 parents attend our December's student led Holiday Event.
  - › Mr. Bennett our Parent-Liaison conducts monthly Moms and Muffins & Dads and Donuts events to discuss: increase parent involvement, he invites the Rdg. Specialist, Title I Math teacher, and etc. to discuss how to support their child's academics.
- PTA - at Downey School

### Parental Support

- › We have Boys basketball team and cheerleaders.
- › Parents, students, and staff attended a Messiah College Girls Basketball game (they won)
- › Our parents are volunteering to help, we had several parents and students attend our MLK Day of Service, we had approximately 183 volunteers
- › Parents are very supportive and meet with the staff frequently.