



PALMER ELEMENTARY

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Palmer School Home of The Panthers

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

I am pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for Palmer 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 me for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting www.grpublicschools.org. Look for "Palmer" in the listing of schools. Or you may review a copy in the main office of the school.

For the 2010-2011 school year, Palmer made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in both reading and mathematics. 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.

On the flip-side of this letter, you will find important information about our school from the 2010-2011 school year including:

- Description of our school and the students we serve
- Points of Pride
- Our school improvement goals and objectives
- Parent & Community engagement information including parent-teacher conference attendance data
- Links to our school's MEAP, MI-Access, AYP and Teacher Quality data as well as the national and state NAEP results
- Results from the Spring 2011 NWEA's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests in reading and mathematics

If you have questions about our school, please contact me or go to our district's website: www.grpublicschools.org.

I am looking forward to a fantastic new school year for all of our students and staff. Thank you for your interest in our school!

Sincerely,

Angela Cook

Principal, Palmer Elementary School



About The School

Above and beyond high expectations, the Palmer Elementary School community is proud of its cultural diversity which represents 13 countries and 11 language groups.

Palmer's positive school community and Character Education program enhance the learning environment and fosters the individuality of the students.

Palmer has a long history of seeking and obtaining grants that help provide opportunities in music, visual arts, writing and movement. It also boasts long-term school community relationships. Its collaboration with businesses, universities, churches, health agencies, artists, and parents, focus on the arts, physical and emotional health, academics, and funding raising. All are necessary components of Palmer's neighborhood school!



Points of Pride

- ◇ Northeast Language Center
- ◇ History of high MEAP scores
- ◇ MiBLSi
- ◇ Meijer Good Schools Grant
- ◇ Breakthrough to Literacy
- ◇ Accelerated Reader
- ◇ Study Island
- ◇ Everyday Math
- ◇ GVSU, Aquinas, Cornerstone student teachers
- ◇ After School Program
- ◇ 4-Block Literacy
- ◇ GR Symphony Arts in Residence program
- ◇ Cherry Street Clinic visits
- ◇ Field trips for all grades
- ◇ Many family activities
- ◇ High community involvement

School Improvement Goals

All students will be proficient in all core subjects.

Reading

Objective: All students will increase skills in the area of comprehension on MEAP. The percentage of all students that will be proficient in this domain will increase from 61% (2009-2010) to 80% by the 2011-2012 school year.

Writing

Objective: All students will increase skills in the area of the writing process on MEAP. *The percentage of all students proficient on this MEAP domain will increase from 51% (2009-2010) to 80% by 2010/2011 school year.

Math

Objective: All students will increase skills in the area of fractions on MEAP. The percentage of all students proficient on this MEAP domain will increase from 49% (2009-2010) to 80% by 2011/2012 school year.

Science

Objective: By the end of 2011, 85% of all students in grade 5 will be proficient or advanced in Science according to the MEAP assessment.

Social Studies

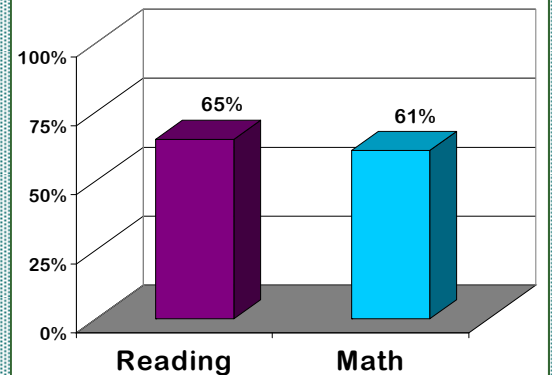
Objective: By the end of 2011, 75% of all students will master grade level content expectations appropriate for their grade level.

Ed YES! Grade	AYP Phase	Met AYP
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Mission Statement

The mission of Palmer Elementary School is to enable students to achieve academic success within a positive, challenging and inclusive community.

Students Meeting NWEA's MAP Typical Growth Targets



Parent & Community Engagement

A parent survey was distributed at parent-teacher conferences. All respondents agree or strongly agree with a positive description of Palmer Elementary.

Over 95% of parents agree that teachers are skilled, effective, and have high expectations and offer a challenging curriculum.

A vast majority of parents reported feeling welcomed and well informed about events/issues

Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance

Fall	Spring
100%	100%

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all schools in Michigan report out on several different components. A list of each along with the link to the reports are detailed below:

- Results of MEAP and MI-Access.
- AYP report on our school's status.
- Teacher Quality Data
- NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

<http://grpublicschools.org/palmeraer>

Use this link to access copies of our curriculum guides:

<http://grpublicschools.org/curriculumguides>