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Home of the 2007 National Teacher of the Year

# Monte Cristo Elementary

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## Our Accomplishments

- **Student Achievement** is recognized through PAL lunches and Academic Students of the Trimester
- **Citizenship** is recognized through Miner's Pride passes and earned privileges
- **Celebrating Reading** through Family Reading Nights, National Library Month Celebration, and book fairs.
- **Student Government** (ASB) makes decisions which affect student activities such as assembly presentation and community service projects
- **Multi-age Classes** offer a choice in learning and teaching styles
- **Monte Cristo Parent Group** supports student activities throughout the year
- **Talent Show** recognizes accomplishments of our students
- **Safety patrol** keeps walkers and bicyclists safe to and from school
- **Volunteer Appreciation** honors the time and effort of our volunteers
- **After-school choir** provides students the opportunity to learn more vocal music and to perform on at least two occasions per year
- **Band** is a voluntary program for fifth and sixth grade students that expands and enhances students' musical abilities and interests
- **Mentoring Program** couples students of varied abilities with caring/dedicated community members
- Monte Cristo Elementary was awarded a National Endowment of the Arts' grant that provided WE THE PEOPLE PICTURING AMERICA collection of seventeen classic hardcover books for young readers
- Three students won the local Veterans of Foreign Wars essay contest
- The Monte Cristo Elementary Girls on the Run is a health and self-esteem building program that teaches third through fifth grade girls healthy habits, friendship skills, and joy of movement
- Multiage teacher Debra Howell and her students were presented with the National Youth Activities Award from the National Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (the "Youth Supporting Our Troops" is a national citation for youth doing projects to support America's military personnel)

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## About Our School

Named for a local landmark mining community, Monte Cristo Elementary serves students in grades preschool-5 and multiage with an enrollment of 400. The staff consists of 55 certificated and classified employees who work diligently to provide programs to meet the needs of its diverse population.

In addition to instruction in basic curriculum, offerings include physical education, general and instrumental music, choir, library, technology, and student government. Special services and enrichment opportunities are available for qualified students.

A comprehensive program of student services allows students to achieve academic and social success. An aggressive assessment program monitors student achievement throughout the school year.

## Our Vision

Monte Cristo Elementary School is a safe and caring place where all students feel challenged and supported, where they learn skills and develop attitudes and characteristics that prepare them to become successful and contributing adults. It is a school with a nurturing staff, supplied with space, materials, resources, and training to provide programs of success for each and every student. It is a school that is flexible to the needs of the students and staff, providing the best possible education for the students in its care.

## Our Learning Improvement Plan

The purpose of Monte Cristo Elementary is to inspire and encourage life-long learners and responsible citizens through quality education. Monte Cristo's Learning Improvement Team is charged with the responsibility to improve programs and levels of student achievement as determined by the goals established at the end of the last school year. Those goals are:

- Raise math achievement as measured by a 10% increase in the number of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students meeting math standard on the 2009 WASL
- Raise writing achievement as evidenced by a 10% increase in the number of 4th grade students meeting writing standard on the 2009 WASL
- Raise science achievement as evidenced by a 10% increase in the number of 5th grade students meeting science standard on the 2009 WASL
- Increase opportunities for parent involvement in student learning and school activities.

All staff received training and support in math instruction. In addition, teachers collaborated regularly in order to refine instructional practices and align assessment procedures. Teachers implemented a school-wide discipline plan that focused on teachers providing direct instruction on classroom and school expectations, and that allowed opportunities for re-teaching and practice throughout the school year. Other professional development opportunities included instruction on our new state math standards.

Assessments were conducted in September and May in reading and writing to provide feedback regarding progress toward achieving academic standards at all grade levels.

## Learning Support

In support of our school vision to prepare all students to become successful and contributing adults, the Learning Support Center offers a variety of instructional options to students in need of alternative or supplemental academic support. Small group instruction in reading, writing and math is conducted by our LSC paraprofessional staff on a daily basis. Students are also supported within the classroom setting, where our paraprofessionals assist students with regular classroom assignments, conduct small group lessons or work alongside the classroom teacher to help ensure success for students at every level.

## Helping Students Succeed

Teaching clear expectations and holding students accountable for their behavior are two goals of Monte Cristo's Code of Conduct. The Options Room is a place for students who choose not to follow rules to spend recess time completing, discussing, and implementing plans for success.

Two student recognition programs were continued this year. Miner's Pride passes are earned for citizenship and following our four school rules: be safe, be respectful, be responsible, be kind. Each month students making excellent academic gains are awarded the Principal Award Luncheon (PAL). Small groups of students earn lunch with the principal, receive a certificate, and a fun thank-you prize. In addition, teachers provide numerous opportunities for recognition within the classroom allowing students to showcase individual strengths and receive recognition from their peers.

## School Data

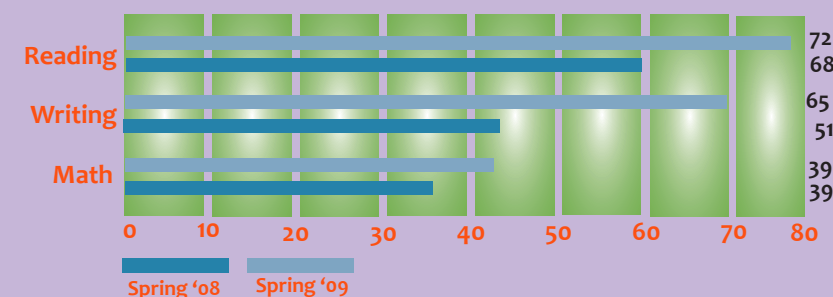
Enrollment by Grade	
Kindergarten	45
1st	53
2nd	64
3rd	66
4th	86
5th	73
6th	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>

Ethnic Enrollment	
Asian	5
American Indian	11
Hispanic	23
Black	6
Multi	14
Pacific Islander	2
White	339
Not Provided	4

## Attendance

The average daily attendance for the 2008-2009 school year was 95%.

## Test Scores (Grade 4 WASL)



## Condition and Use of Our Building

Monte Cristo Elementary School opened in September 1995. It houses 24 classrooms, a multipurpose room, library/media center, music classroom, two conference rooms, office space for support staff, and four portable classrooms. The parents support group adds equipment annually. For recess and PE, our playground provides swings, climbing equipment, tetherball and basketball hoops, two playfields and a covered area for rainy days.

## About This Report

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind Legislation, requires school districts to annually report on progress outlining specific information and include Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) test results.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has compiled all the data required by the ESEA law. Information on the Granite Falls School District can be found at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

If you cannot access the report online, contact Kathy Grant at 360-691-7717, for a hard copy.

## Participate

An open invitation for parents and community members to be involved:

- Learning Improvement Team
- Monte Cristo Parent Group
- Open house
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- Classroom, Library, Office, Playground Volunteers
- Technology Coach
- Musical Presentations
- Veterans Day, M.L. King Jr. Day and Memorial Day Assemblies
- Tutoring
- Community Service Projects
- Mentor Program
- Year-end academic assembly

## Monte Cristo Parent Group

An active group, the Monte Cristo Parent Group meets monthly to plan and provide support for student activities. Highlights for this year include support for reading and library programs, organizing book fairs, fundraising activities, motivating assemblies, coordinating family events, organizing the yearbook and a great addition to our playground.

## About our Financial Resources

Monte Cristo Elementary Budget 2008-09	
Supplies	93.3%
Travel	0.7%
Contract Services	6.0%
Granite Falls School District Budget 2008-09*	
Salaries	59.1%
Benefits	18.9%
Contract Services	17.2%
Supplies	4.4%
Travel	0.3%
Equipment	0.1%
*All numbers approximate.	