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2010 School of Distinction

# Mountain Way Elementary

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## Our Accomplishments

### Programs and Services

- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- Technology
- Special Education
- LAP Reading & Math
- Student Services Team
- SWIT
- Speech & Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Washington Reading Corps

### Child Guidance

- Counseling
- Choices: Decision-making Training
- SPA: Social & Personal Adjustment
- Behavior Support Plans

### Student Support

- High School Tutors
- Middle School Volunteers
- Washington Reading Corps

### School Activities

- Kindergarten Graduation
- Open House
- Christmas Toy & Food Drive
- Craft Days
- Volunteer Tea
- Grandparents Day
- Book Fair
- Field Day

- Concerts
- Readers Theater
- 5th Grade Celebration Assembly

### Extra-Curricular

- Strategy Games Club
- After School Choir Program
- Percussion Club/5th Grade Band

### Student Recognition

- Tiger Time Certificates
- Monthly Recognition Program
- All Here Good Attendance Awards
- Grade 5 Success in Education Awards

### Family Events

- Movie Nights
- Harvest Carnival
- Silent Auction
- Parent-Child Reading Nights
- Band/Choir Concerts

### Enrichment

- Veterans Day Assembly
- Pacific Science Center Program
- Field Trips
- PUD Safety Program
- Talent Show
- Granite Falls Fire Safety Presentation
- Grade 3-5 Life Skills Program

## Survey Results

An educational reform bill passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2010 required that school district seek feedback from parents and community members and summarize the responses in the annual performance reports. The survey was conducted in December 2012 and provided the following results: The District scored highest (based on a five point scale) in making visitors feel welcome, communicating about school news, and maintaining the schools and grounds. The top issues included classrooms keeping up with technology, starting career and technology classes at the middle school and high school, and updating curriculum materials regularly. Full survey results can be obtained by calling Elizabeth Holderman at 360.691.7717.

Granite Falls School District  
 2012-13 Performance Report

## About Our School

Mountain Way is an inviting school where exceptional teachers and devoted parents work collaboratively to nurture children's development. Our school family includes a highly qualified certificated and classified staff of 55 and 494 delightful youngsters in kindergarten through grade five. Our parents—who are an integral part of what we do here—are enthusiastically involved.

Academic achievement is emphasized and assessment results verify that students are making remarkable progress. Their accomplishments stem from a solid academic program that is enriched with classes in music, library-media, physical education, and technology. Support programs include grades 2/3 and 4/5 Hi-Cap classes, Accelerated Reader, Title I Reading and Math, Washington Reading Corps, and Special Education.

## Our Mission

Mountain Way will provide children with a stimulating academic program, a safe and supportive learning environment, and the knowledge and skills needed to become successful family members, productive adults, and contributing citizens.

## Our Learning Improvement Plan

The Learning Improvement Plan, which was developed by the faculty in collaboration with the principal, was reviewed by the Parent Advisory Council. The primary goals cover reading, math, science, instruction and assessment, and student behavior. District and state assessments are used to track progress. Copies of the Learning Improvement Plan are available from the principal.

## Learning Improvement Goals

### Clear & Shared Focus

- Student Academic Goals
- School Learning Improvement Plan
- Certificated Professional Goal Conferences

### High Standards & Expectations

- School-wide Guidance & Discipline Program: *Choices, Social & Personal Adjustments, & Counseling*
- Classroom Behavior Management Plans
- Individual Student Behavior Contracts
- Student Recognition Program: *Tiger Time; Lunch with Principal*
- District Academic Assessments
- Grades 2/3 and 4/5 Hi-Cap Classes
- Staff Code of Ethics and Collaboration and Grade Level and Department Collaboration Norms

### Effective Schools Leadership

- Principal Advisory Council
- Student Discipline Committee
- Teacher Book Studies
- School Effectiveness Review

### Program Aligned with Standards

- K-5 Mathematics Curriculum: *K-5 Scope & Sequence*
- K-5 Writing Curriculum: *Scoring Guides, Grades 1-3 Assessments*
- K-5 Reading Curriculum

### Focused Professional Development

- School Improvement Staff and Grade Level Meetings
- Workshops, Conferences, and School Visitations
- Action Research Projects

### High Levels of Collaboration & Communication

- Parent Conference Participation: *Fall 97%; Spring 93%*
- People Interested in Kids (PIK) Meetings
- Grade Level, Department, Faculty, Collaboration
- Weekly Teacher Bulletins
- Monthly Calendar
- School Board Reports

### Frequent Monitoring of Learning & Technology

- Grade Level Math and Writing Tests
- Reading Assessments
- STAR Reading Testing
- DIBELS Reading Fluency Assessment
- State Assessments
- Highly Capable Student Screening
- Computational Fluency Assessments
- Reading Oral Fluency Screenings

### Supportive Learning Environment

- Transition Program
- Washington Reading Corps
- Summer Reading Program
- Student Services Team (SST)
- Student Wide Intervention Team

### Family and Community Involvement

- PIK Family Nights, Movies
- Community Reading Volunteers
- Sno-Isle Library Visitations
- Fire Department Safety Training
- PUD Ecology Presentations
- WRC Volunteers
- Granite Falls Museum Presentations
- Reports to PAC: School Events and Goal Plans
- Parent Resources: SST, SWIT, WRC, LAP

## School Data

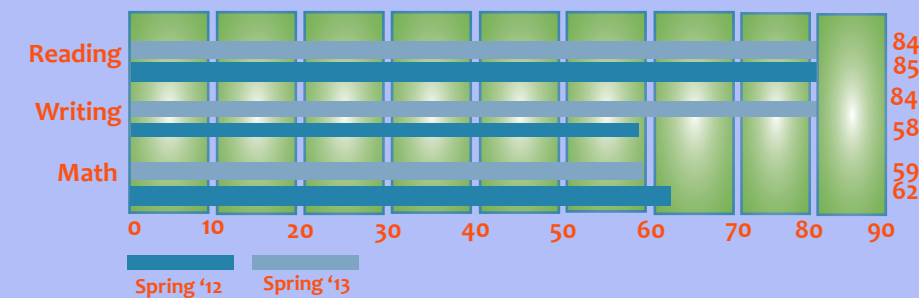
Enrollment by Grade	
Kindergarten	74
1st	80
2nd	96
3rd	83
4th	85
5th	87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>505</b>

Ethnic Enrollment	
Asian	6
American Indian	8
Hispanic	29
Black	11
Multi	16
White	428
Not Provided	4
Pacific Islander	3

### Attendance

The average daily attendance for the 2012-2013 school years through May was 94%.

### State Test Scores (Grade 4)



### Condition and Use of Our Building

Mountain Way Elementary was built in 1989 and serves grades K-5. The school has 26 regular classrooms, one (two room) portable, music room, library, special education instructional rooms, and a gym/cafeteria for multi-purpose activities. Our building, which is in satisfactory condition, is undergoing an upgrade—new lighting, plumbing, food service equipment, and carpets. Mountain Way Elementary is open for the public use including classes, youth activities, and community activities and meetings.

## Report to the Community

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind Legislation, requires schools to annually report on progress outlining specific information and include state assessment results.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has compiled all the data required by the ESEA law including schools identified for improvement. 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 Elizabeth Holderman at 360-691-7717, for a hard copy.

## Participate in Our School

Parent and community involvement is the key to our success. Opportunities to become involved include:

- Volunteering in the Classroom/Library
- Tutoring Students
- Reading with Children
- Attending People Interested in Kids (PIK) Meetings
- Serving on the Parent Advisory Council
- Participating in Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Attending School Events: *Open House, Concerts, science fairs, Literacy Nights, and poetry programs*

## About our Financial Resources

Mountain Way Elementary Budget 2012-13*	
Supplies	88%
Travel	1.1%
Contract Services	10.9%
Granite Falls School District Budget 2012-13*	
Salaries	57.7%
Benefits	21%
Contract Services	16.4%
Supplies	4.7%
Travel	0.2%
Equipment	0%
*All numbers approximate.	