

SUMMARY OF NAUSET REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S 2013-14 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the past year there have been a number of accomplishments and new initiatives at the Middle School, specifically:

1. We raised enough money to build our Greenhouse and will be breaking ground in late December/early January.
2. A School Resource Officer now assists with safety at our student pick-up and drop-off areas, checks doors and windows for security, talks with students during lunch to make connections and enhances a positive student community. The Sherriff's Office and Orleans Police Dept. have also brought in their anti-drug sniffing dogs for student awareness to ensure that our building remains drug free.
3. We have initiated a self-study to determine whether to pursue the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.
4. We now have a Title I program focusing on English Language Arts and Mathematics support.
5. Our Homework Club serves approximately 20 – 40 students daily, four times a week.
6. Twenty-two before and after-school clubs for students provide opportunities for them to pursue a wide variety of interests and activities from sports to mural painting, to Model U.N. to comic book making to equestrianship to yoga and many more.
7. A training video on Differentiated Instruction featuring our students and staff is in production.
8. Smartboards are now in almost every academic classroom and several of our exploratory classrooms.
9. The esthetics of the building have been enhanced by painting the main hallway and lobby, refurbishing our display cases, re-vamping bulletin boards, adding greenery, hanging student artwork and replacing the carpeting throughout the main floor through the seventh grade hallway and office area.
10. We are in our third year of our Robotics program. Sixth graders spend one day a week for one term building Legos robots that they navigate through the computer. Seventh graders have a two-week unit during their technology education class where they build a robot with sensors and the eighth grade has a four-week unit which expands on the learning environment.
11. This year we have seven new teachers who are being mentored and assimilated.