The Power of Us
A.X. Benavides Elementary
Brownsville ISD
Brownsville, Texas
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Challenges

• Charter/Private Schools
  • Staying Competitive
  • Ensuring a Positive and Welcoming Culture

• Increase in Academic Rigor
  • Revised Student Standards in Math
  • STAAR Rigor

• Parental Engagement
  • More Academic Involvement
  • Increase Parent Training
Successes

• Celebrations and Recognitions
• Initiatives
  • Transformed to Data Driven Campus
  • Prioritized Academic Initiatives
  • Integrated Technology
  • Emphasized Strong Character Development

• Extracurricular
• Parental Involvement
• Philanthropic
Celebrations and Recognitions
National and State

- 2015 NCUST Finalist/Bronze Winner
- 2014-2015 Texas Education Agency High-Performing and High-Progress Title I Schools
- 2014 Met all Distinction Designations on STAAR
- 2014 and 2013 Highest Accountability Rating of “Met Standards”
- 2014 and 2013 Met 100% of “System Safeguards”
- 2014 Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries $5,000 Grant Recipient
- 2013-2015 Recognized as “Texas School Ready”
- TEA Teacher Participation in STAAR Review
Celebrations and Recognitions

Local

• 2014 District Accelerated Reading Passing Proficiency Contest-1\textsuperscript{st} Place
• 2015 District Accelerated Reading Passing Proficiency Contest-2\textsuperscript{nd} Place
• 2013 BISD Divisional Science Fair Grand Champion
• Students Published in *Brownsville Herald Kidspeak*
• Autism Art Contest-2 Special Education Winners
• 5\textsuperscript{th} Grade Honors Choir-4 Fifth Grade Students
Transformed to a Data Driven Campus

• Disaggregated Campus Data: STAAR, TELPAS, TPRI, Tejas Lee, CPALLS
• Response to Intervention Meetings Every 6-Weeks
• 21st Century Priority Students
• District Timelines
• Weekly Lesson Plans
• Assessments
• After School and Saturday Tutorials
• District Curriculum Writing
Prioritized Academic Initiatives

- Common Planning Period for Each Grade Level
- Teacher Input in Student Class Assignments
- Extra Planning Days for Each Grade Level
- Texas Literacy Initiative Grant
  * Head Start Teacher
  * Professional Development
  * Demonstration Lessons/Co-Teaching
- No Content Mastery
- No Departmentalization
Prioritized Academic Initiatives

• Professional Development for All Types of Learners
• 21st Century Before/Afterschool Program
• Instructional Aides
• After School Library Time
• Fixed Library Schedule with Walk-Ins and Scheduled Lessons
• Chapter Book Requirements in 1st-5th Grades
• Accelerated Reader Program (K-5)
• College and Career Ready Focus
• Read to My Principal Recognition (Kinder)
Initiatives

Integrated Technology

- iSstation (K-5); Think Through Math (3-5); Living with Science; Mind Play (K-5); Zspace 3D Microscopes
- Laptop for Each 5th Grade Student
- Smart Board for Each Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
- Two Computer Labs with Fixed Schedules
- Computer Lab Open Before/After School
Initiatives

Emphasized Strong Character Development

• Buddy System for Special Education Students
• Ozzie and Olivia Student of the Week Visits
• Spirit Stick Awards
• 6-Week Attendance Drawings
• Uniform Exchange Day
• Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
• Class Presentations on Character, Bullying, Conflict Resolution
• “Just Say No” Rally
Extracurricular Success

- UIL-1st Place 7 years
- Destination Imagination
- Chess: State, National, World Recognition
- Choir
- Ballroom Dancing
- Cheerleading
- Flag Football
- Nursing Home Visits
- Annual Musical Performances
- Running Club
- 2015 BISD Ap Challenge-Two Group Finalists
Parental Involvement

- School Messenger to Keep Parents Informed
- Weekly Meetings Held by Parent Liaison
- Assisting Teachers
- Partners in Perfect Attendance Incentive
- Guest Readers
- School Carnival
- El Dia de los Niños/El Dia de los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day)
Philanthropic Activities

- Relay for Life
- Congenital Heart Walk
- Ronald McDonald Pull Tab Collection
- Mile for Hope
- Jump for Heart
- Hoops for Heart
- Red Cross Donation for Earthquakes
- Participate in BISD Annual Canned Food and Toy Drives
- “Big Event” Sponsored by Feeder High School
We look forward to collaborating and networking with you!

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