



**Erin Miles, Principal**  
**First year at Fir Grove**

**School Demographic Profile**

Fir Grove Elementary, K-5

Approximately 480 Students

- Title I School: 60% students live in poverty
- 11% Special Education
- 22% English Language Learners
- 4% Talented and Gifted students identified
- 51% White, 29.5% Hispanic, 10% 2 or More Races Identified, 2.9% Asian, 2.5% Native Hawaiian, 2% Black/African,
- 19 different home languages
  - Top 5: English, Spanish, Arabic, Maay, Vietnamese

**Efforts/Actions**

- Excellence, Equity & Collaboration-2016-17 is the first year of implementing a collaborative co-teaching model school-wide, K-5. An experienced English as a Second Language teacher is paired with a classroom teacher to collaboratively co-teach writing or reading content. This will bring the language experts into the classroom and increase access to grade level content for all learners. A specific focus on literacy instruction will include Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol strategies. Last year, this model was piloted with the second grade team.
- Innovation-Due to staff initiative our school is filled with technology and innovation. Teachers and grade levels are taking it upon themselves to integrate technology into student learning.

**Goals**

- To improve student achievement for English language learners and Students with disabilities in math and reading.
- To continue to develop the Home-School partnership

**Successes**

- Most of our students are so happy and excited to be here and learn. We create the love for school.
- Held a Kinder Academy with 30 students in August 2016. Students were chosen based on little or no prior school experience. Students had the opportunity to learn student expectations, begin to develop academic skills,

**District Goal:** WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

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and become familiar with their school.

- Music Program: Our phenomenal music teachers, Bruce Brownell, and Jen Colett directed three musical performances last year that included singing, dancing, instruments, acting, and much more.
- Music: Friendship Singers 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students develop singing skills and perform in our community.
- Nature Club: Students develop an understanding of flora under the guidance of our LMA
- Chess Club: A before school club for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders and middle schoolers come back to help and play.
- Oregon Trail simulation incorporates community members and role-playing, and teamwork while creating active learning experiences.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Service: Pack Leaders apply and are selected to assist Fir Grove students solve problems during recess around our school as well as perform community service.

### **Challenges**

- SBAC data indicates that economically disadvantaged students, English language learners and students with disabilities performed significantly lower than the overall population. Students are making progress in reading and math according to classroom and district assessments. We are focusing on closing the gap.
- We have a population of homeless and drug impacted families that continue to need support from our school counselor, social worker, and other school and district staff. We need more resources to support these students.

### **Other**

- Fir Grove has a rich history in the community. We have second and third generation families attending.
- Families are continuing to serve the Fir Grove community long after their students have matriculated, 20 years ago!
- Last year our playground was unusable during the rainy season due to flooding. This year, bond money was used to fix the flooding problem and increase safety for students.
- Annual Fir Grove School Clean Up in partnership with Cub Scouts, Beaverton Christian Church and PTO.

### **Closing**

We have a really hardworking staff that are doing everything we can to make this a joyful, welcoming, rigorous learning environment for all students. Thank you for supporting our Fir Grove students!