

November 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we are in full swing with our rotation schedule and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) here at Foothills, we are so excited to celebrate student and teacher success. We are headed in the right direction to improve student achievement. Compared to 2015-16, our SAGE proficiency scores have improved:

RESULTS SAGE Proficiency		
	2015-16	2016-17
ELA (3-6)	43%	46%
Math (3-6)	51%	55%
Science (4-6)	54%	58%

Though we are not driven by test scores, this is evidence that what we are doing is helping us move forward in the right direction towards student achievement and learning. Each week, teachers have the opportunity to participate in PLCs to discuss data and strategies in the classroom that boost student achievement. Last Spring, we also purchased chrome books for each student in grades 4-6, which has freed up some mobile computer labs for lower grade use. This has provided more computers for the lower grades as well. Teachers continue to receive professional development in how to help their students achieve through the use of technology, Language Arts and Math strategies, as well as the integration with the Arts.

Not only is student achievement our goal, but we have made a goal to “Create the Magic” for students each day by providing the classroom and school atmosphere full of caring, kindness, and compassion. You should see all of the kind things that students and staff are doing each day for each other! It’s so wonderful to be able to work in an environment that is safe and full of so much kindness!

We appreciate your willingness to volunteer in the classroom and throughout the building! Together, we are “Creating the Magic” here at Foothills! I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends this month. Thank you for all that you do to support us here at Foothills to help all children!

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson  
Principal, Foothills Elementary