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Thornwilde Elementary School

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Description of the School

Describe the school's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the school serves?

Thornwilde Elementary School opened in August 2021 in the Boone County School District located in Northern Kentucky. We are one of Boone County's fifteen elementary schools with an enrollment of approximately 659 students in grade PreK - 5th. Thornwilde Elementary is located at 1760 Elmburn Lane in Hebron, Kentucky. It is located a few miles from a system of highways but nestled a mile and a half into the subdivision of Thornwilde. Thornwilde is a growing residential area, and Thornwilde Elementary is expected to grow in numbers for the next few years. Since we are nestled in a subdivision, we challenge ourselves to include all of the community and stakeholders since many of our students come from several miles away. Our community is very supportive of our school--both parents and businesses, and we strive to include our stakeholders so that we can maintain our motto that "Together Everyone Succeeds". Thornwilde Elementary is comprised of 659 students with 13.8% special education population, 25.19% free and reduced lunch, 18.97% minority population and 5.31% English Language Learners. We are committed to meeting the needs of our diverse population and have worked on many activities, programs, and opportunities to achieve this. Thornwilde is comprised of 53 certified staff members, 30 classified staff members, and variety itinerant staff members. Twenty-six self-contained classrooms and five departmentalized classrooms offer a strong instructional foundation for grades PreK-5. The core subject areas of reading, writing, math, science, social studies, practical living/career studies are taught based on the Kentucky Academic Standards. Thornwilde Elementary also offers classes in the arts and humanities area. These classes allow students to experience art, music, drama, physical education, technology, library, STEAM, and Spanish. The Kentucky Academic Standards as well as their national standards guide the instruction for students in these classes.

School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Our Mission: Together Everyone Succeeds Our Vision: Thornwilde Elementary School is committed to working as a collaborative team to provide a positive,

engaging, and challenging learning environment for every student, in every classroom, every day. We strive to help all children reach their full potential and become lifelong learners. Our Collective Commitments: We will be a positive contributing member of a collaborative team, school, and district community. We will keep parents informed of the progress of their children and provide them with resources, strategies, and information to help students succeed. We will honor the whole child by treating them with respect and care, while attending to their social, emotional, and academic needs. We will consistently monitor and analyze students' learning (formal and informal data) and use evidence of their learning to drive and improve our instruction. We will work positively and interdependently with colleagues to achieve common TES goals for student success. We will embrace the individual and unique qualities of our team to help grow as a unit, while holding others and ourselves accountable. We also recognize that we can only be successful by making the parents and the community a true part of this learning environment. Our school motto/mission, "Together Everyone Succeeds", is not just a motto but a belief at TES. Our motto, "Together Everyone Succeeds", signifies the importance of the students, staff, parents, and community working together to provide a world-class education. Thornwilde Elementary is committed to "excellence". Together, we work to achieve this standard for our students each and every day. The students and staff at Thornwilde Elementary are committed to their "CATS Pride". As Wildcats, we work hard each day to Challenge Ourselves, Act Responsibly, Treat Everyone Respectfully and Stay Safe Always. Students, staff, parents and volunteers are all commitment to CATS Pride. This provides a safe learning environment where all students are excited to participate, take risks, and take responsibility for their learning. We offer many leadership opportunities for our students from holding the door for students as they come off the bus to being presenters at school-wide assemblies. Students apply for leadership opportunities throughout the year so they can have real-life practice using these important life skills. Many extra-curricular opportunities are available to the students of Thornwilde Elementary such as Boys and Girls Intramural Basketball (4-5), Cheerleading (4-5), Lil Wildcats basketball (K-3), Chorus (4-5), STLP (4-5), Drama Club (3-5), Girls on the Run (5), Flying Wildcats Running Club (4-5), Mozart Strings (3-5), Cool Cats (K-5), Country Cats (K-5), Green Team (3-5), and Media Club (5). Some other opportunities that are available for our students to participate in are Leadership classes, 4H, Junior Achievement, Superintendent's Advisory Council, Response to Intervention, and Extended School Services.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Thornwilde Elementary has received a "Distinguished" rating for 12-13, 13-14, 14-15, and 15-16 based on K-Prep scores. There were no ratings in 16-17. For the 17-18 school year, we were labeled as an "other" school. For the 18-19 school year we were classified as a 3 star school. We are a 4 star school that received a star deduction because of our Special Education gap. We ranked very high among elementary schools in Kentucky. Thornwilde Elementary also received a Proficient rating on the Kentucky Program Review in the past. Although the Program Review is no longer a part of accountability in Kentucky, we continue to provide this important programming for our students. We have a very dedicated and passionate staff committed to excellence for our students. A couple of our teachers have their National Board Certification. We have two Golden Apple teacher on staff, and two of our staff members have received Boone County Break the Mold Achievement Awards for their commitment and dedication to Boone County students--our head custodian and a teacher. We have also received several Oasis awards of Proficient and Distinguished for our communication with parents and students. Communication publications that have received awards are our weekly publication, "The Weekly Wildcat", Testing Videos that were made to motivate our students for testing, and our Read-a-thon videos. Our Academic Team placed 1st in the district for five years. They also placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the region for the past five years. Our PTA and Wilde Dads have received several awards for their commitment to our students. Our nurse received "Nurse of the Year", one of our office staff received "Classified Staff of the Year", and one of our teachers received "Teacher of the Year". Several students have received Reflection awards, and our Odyssey of the Mind and Lego Leagues have received awards at competition as well. Our staff is committed to providing each student with whatever they need to achieve at higher levels. We study research-based strategies and collaborate to plan lessons and activities for our students. Because of our intentional and high level instructional work, we were filmed by KET for the implementation of the Program Review, and we were visited by the Council of Educational Leadership sponsored by the GATES Foundation. We continue to have visitors from other schools to see some of the great strategies our teachers have in place for our students. One of our main areas of focus for the next three years is to work intentionally to lessen the achievement gap for our gap students. It is important that all of our students are successful, and we are committed to providing differentiation and additional help for these students to close the gap. We are passionate about the success of all students; therefore, we meet regularly to analyze data and make instructional decisions to help all students grow and achieve at high levels. We have not been successful on this gap closure so we continue to passionately find ways to strengthen pedagogy for novice reduction. We believe that our renewed PLC and RtI processes and work will help to close our academic gaps.

Additional Information

CSI/TSI Schools (including ATSI) Only: Describe the procedures used to create the school's improvement plan and briefly state the specific efforts to address the causes of low student performance and resource inequities.

N/A

Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

Thornwilde Elementary has a strong staff and community of parents and business partners committed to the success of the students. Thornwilde has set high expectations for the staff and students and provides a positive culture that is committed to student achievement. We are focused on academic rigor, real world relevance, and strong relationships with parents, students and the community. We want our students to love coming to school and to love learning! We are committed to developing the whole child with a focus on leadership and growth mindset. Many activities take place throughout the year to bring the community together and to highlight student achievement and learning such as the Wildcat Awards, Fall Festival, Spring Fling, Science Night, Literacy Night, Parent/Teacher Conferences, FUN Nights, Book Fairs, etc. Our school is also involved in service learning so that we can help our community and our world. A visit to our school would allow anyone to see the strong commitment that everyone has for each and every student. It is a positive place where both staff and students want to be! We believe students can become whatever they dream to be, and we provide the strong foundation for this to happen.

Attachment Summary

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