

Stakeholder Report 2015-2016

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Foothill Elementary: Leaving a Legacy One Child, One Day at a Time!

Our Mission Statement:
"Inspire a passion for learning by exploring the past, discovering the present, and creating the future."

A REPORT OF FOOTHILL

INTRODUCTION

Our theme at Foothill Elementary is Leaving a Legacy! Foothill has left a legacy since it was founded in 1999 through the incredible teachers, students, parents, and community partners.

We are proud to be a STEAM school through a purposeful integration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. We desire to teach students to truly think and to be creative problem solvers in order to be college and career ready. This year, through a united effort and the generous donations of many, we will be able to purchase technology to further deepen student learning.

I would like to present this Annual Stakeholder Report of Foothill for the 2015-2016 school year. This Report contains information about extraordinary things happening at Foothill including our school-wide reading program, our student recognition programs, and high academic achievement.

This report is intended for use by students, parents, teachers, staff, community members, and all others who have a stake in the success and vision of Foothill. Thank you for joining us in leaving a legacy as we educate our students.

-Dr. Joseph Backman, *Principal*



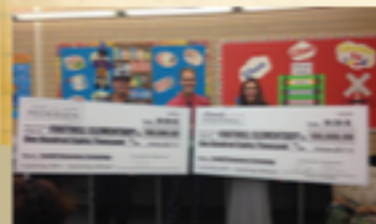
Our Fabulous Faculty



Students of the Week (Every student recognized)



Wheel of Fortune Winners



Foothill Epic Technology Grant: PTA, Foothill families, local businesses, and Alpine School District worked together to earn over \$370,000 for technology!

Why is Foothill Elementary so Phenomenal?

Often parents, teachers, and students ask, "What is great about your school?" So, we have compiled some unique points about what we feel makes Foothill a PHENOMENAL school:

• Academic Achievement

- High Achievement Scores (see page 3)
- STEAM School (see page 3)
- School-wide Reading Program (see page 3)
- Home Reading Library: Students take home level-appropriate books to learn to read.
- After-school robotics and coding clubs

• Celebrating & Building the Student

- Wheel of Fortune: Student recognition program that celebrates academics and citizenship
- Dr. B's Readers: Student book club sponsored monthly by the principal
- 8th Annual Spring Run-Off 3K Race: Promoting student fitness and raising funds for the school
- Summer reading and math challenge with ice cream party

• Academic Diversity

- Small group autism classes: Specialized classes for students with autism
- Accelerated Learning Labs: Classes designed for students with accelerated learning capabilities
- Behavior Management: Nine-week course for students with behavioral concerns in the district
- Knowledge Bowl: Academic competition that tests students' knowledge of science, arts, & history.

• Fine Arts - Forming Well-rounded Students

- Visual Arts Program: PTA volunteers assist teachers in instructing students in various art techniques (see www.foothillarts.org)
- Performing Arts Programs: Partnership with our PTA, which includes a choir, an orchestra, and a ballroom team



School Choir

Service Learning - Pouring the Foundations of Leadership

- Student Council: Training of our sixth grade students in leadership service skills
- Fuel Up to Play 60 to promote healthy living
- Food and Clothing Drives to raise food and needed items for others
- Penny Wars to raise funds for those in need



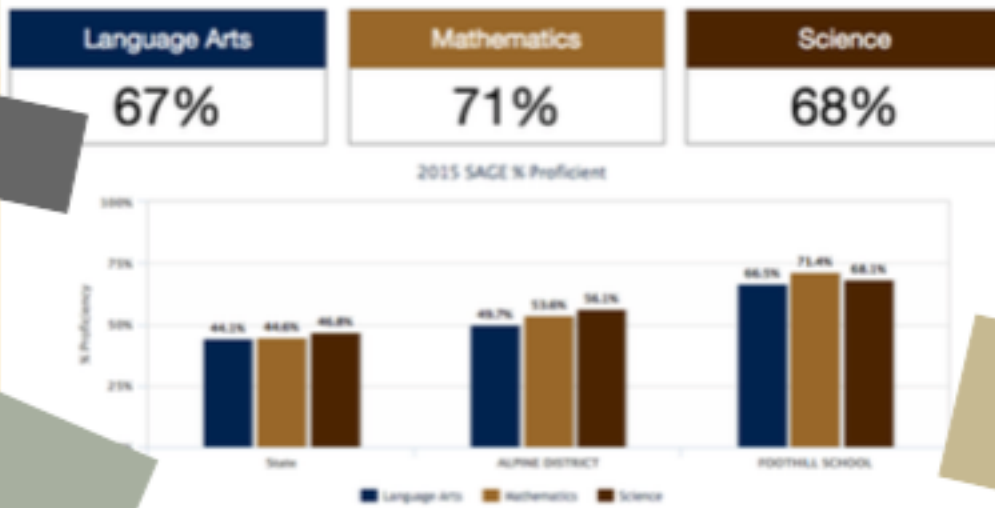
2015-16 School Improvement Goals

Goal #1 Reading: Each teacher in grades K-3 will achieve the Student Learning Objective goal for reading achievement.

Goal #2 Writing: Students in grades 3-6 will show growth on the writing portion of the end-of-year language arts SAGE assessment. Students scoring 3-4 will maintain those scores, and 50% of students scoring 2 will increase to a 3 and 50% of students scoring a 1 will increase to a 2.

Goal #3 Science: Students in grades 4-6 will show growth on the end-of-year science SAGE assessment. Students scoring 3-4 will maintain those scores, and 50% of students scoring 2 will increase to a 3 and 50% of students scoring a 1 will increase to a 2.

SAGE Results for FOOTHILL SCHOOL



Overall Strong Academic Tradition

Foothill Elementary has a long history of maintaining high academic standards, as indicated by our yearly state assessments. We continue to surpass both state and district averages. Foothill is one of the leading schools in the state for both achievement and growth. Our high academic accomplishments are due in part to the fact that the teachers of each grade level meet every week to ensure academic growth for all students. We also have amazing parent and community support throughout the year that helps us further meet student needs.

- **Language Arts:** Our teachers provide a rich reading and writing curriculum in each grade. We are also in the seventh year of our school-wide reading program. This program has brought great reading success as our students gain a mastery of reading concepts. This model helps us to serve the needs of all children; ranging from those at-risk readers to advanced readers who need more of a challenge.
- **Math:** Foothill Math scores have continued to improve over the years as we examine data and target specific areas of need. The last seven years we have implemented a balanced approach to Mathematic instruction. This balanced approach offers students both conceptual understanding and computational accuracy.
- **Science:** While we continue to score well above state and district averages in Science, we are exploring ways at doing even better. As we seek to improve we will be integrating our Science instruction with our Language Arts to provide deeper understanding and exposure to each part of the scientific process. In addition, we are a STEAM school, which means we integrate science, technology, engineering, arts and math through a hands-on, real-world context. In addition, we provide after-school STEAM Robotics and Coding clubs.

Dr. B's Challenge:
 Be Kind
 Be Optimistic
 Learn
 Work Hard
 Live Life to the Fullest!

Our Vision Statement:
 Foothill Elementary
 welcomes all as we
 honor, nurture, and
 engage in the pursuit
 of life-long learning.

Proud to be a STEAM
 school focusing on
 integrating science,
 technology,
 engineering, arts and
 math through a three-
 way partnership with
 BYU, businesses, and
 Foothill Elementary.

FOOTHILL SCHOOL (ALPINE DISTRICT School Year: 2015)

Elementary Grade: A Points: 289/300 96.3%

All Students Participation Rate: 100 % -
 Below Proficient Participation Rate: 100 % -

Proficiency		Total: 289/300
Language Arts	67/100	
Mathematics	71/100	
Science	68/100	

Growth		Total: 181/200
All Students		
Language Arts	36/50	
Mathematics	36/50	
Science	33/50	

Below Proficient		Total: 26/300
Language Arts	26/100	
Mathematics	21/100	
Science	26/100	

Amazing Support From Our Parents!

TRUST LAND REPORT AND SCC

The School Community Council (SCC) serves as a liaison between the school and our patrons. Our wonderful council members this year are Aerwyn Whitlock (Chair), Irina Wong, Jill Clark, Emily Powers, Misty Rocha, Chris Jordan, Karen Longmore, Kimberly Moore, and Joe Backman. We encourage you to share any concerns/questions to our current Council members. If you are interested in volunteering for the SCC, we hold elections at the beginning of each school year.

The main function of the School Community Council (SCC) is to develop the school improvement plan and allocate approximately \$40,000 Trust Land funds to support the plan. Our plan is related to our school goals of increasing our reading, math, and science scores. The funds which have been spent have been used to lower class sizes, for our school-wide reading program, and for providing teacher professional development (See the full Trust Land report on our webpage under the School Info tab). Additionally, the Council also has the responsibility for school safety.

INCREDIBLE PTA SUPPORT

Our wonderful parents help make Foothill Elementary phenomenal. The incredible efforts of our PTA helped us earn more than \$370,000 for technology in our school. Here are a few of the many ways parents are involved in our school:

- Fall Festival
- Art Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Student of the Week
- Teacher Grants
- Reflections Contest
- Book Fairs/Battle of the Books
- Spelling/Geography Bees
- Home Reading
- Teacher Appreciation/Dinners
- Knowledge Bowl
- Room Parent/Class Parties
- Choir, Orchestra, and Ballroom
- Fuel Up to Play 60

Special Points of Interest:

- High Academic Achievement
- School-wide Reading Program
- Service Learning
- STEAM School
- Academic Diversity
- Support of Parents

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How are you
leaving your legacy?

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