



Gamaliel Elementary, Monroe County Receives Recognition as a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School!



Gamaliel Elementary is one of five Kentucky schools to be nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School.

The U.S. Department of Education reports that schools are selected in which students attain and maintain high academic goals, including the schools that beat the odds. With over 80% of the students receiving free or reduced lunch, Gamaliel Elementary has done just that.

One of only 305 nationally recognized schools, Gamaliel Elementary was particularly acknowledged as being among the highest performing schools as measured by the state’s assessments in reading and mathematics.

In 2011, 97.5% of students earned proficient or distinguished scores on the mathematics portion of the Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT)!

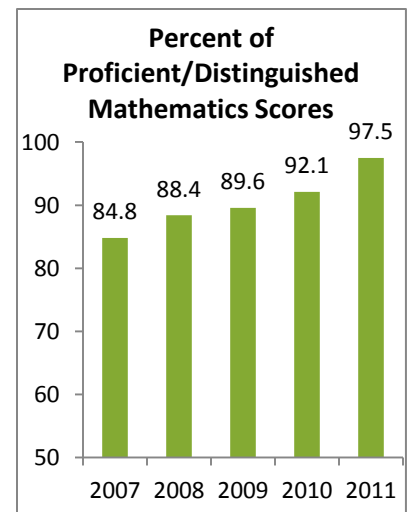
Gamaliel Elementary, as a recipient of a Mathematics Achievement Fund (MAF) grant, has participated in the KCM’s Primary Mathematics Intervention Program since 2006. Amy Simpson (pictured below) is the school’s Mathematics Intervention Teacher.

Amy Simpson elaborates on how students have been impacted by the KCM’s Primary Mathematics Intervention Program, “students aren’t afraid to do math anymore, they participate more in class, and now they are confident in their ability to do math and explain their thinking.”

She further reflects, “The MAF has helped so many students to be better in math and has helped me to be a better teacher to my students. Please don’t let the MAF grant go.”

The principal, Christie Biggerstaff also commented about the program, “This more intense focus on intervening early and often has helped us keep our students successful and on track in their learning process.”

Earning the National Blue Ribbon School title is highly sought after and is a symbol of excellence. It is an outstanding model of commitment from leadership and represents a wealth of knowledge for best teaching practices in education.



Amy Simpson does a phenomenal job of intervening with students to ensure concept and skill level mastery. She works with all staff members to share her vast knowledge about intervention strategies.

Christie Biggerstaff, Principal