



SHELLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60

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"Where Students Come First"

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. This letter details our school's progress toward state reading and math goals and reviews options available to some students.

Each year, all schools are required to reach goals in reading, math, and language arts. Schools must meet the proficiency targets in 41 different areas. Based on the spring's ISAT scores, our school made 38 of 41 of the required targets. The full report, for last year, is available from the Office of the Board of Education at <http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/saa/ayp/AYP-2008-2009%20District&SchoolReport.xls>, this year's report will be available after August 14. This report provides information on how Stuart Elementary compares with other schools in the Shelley School District and in the state.

Stuart Elementary is in School Improvement Yr. 2 because it did not meet the academic targets in reading with students with disabilities. Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, you have the option to transfer your child to another school that is not in School Improvement status where it is possible and/or practicable. Shelley School District is not able to offer school choice because there is only one school in the district.

We do not take missing any goal lightly. Our staff is committed to using the best strategies to help individual students and our goal is for all students to be successful. To that end, we provide the following to help children who struggle to improve:

- ***Stuart Elementary provides reading and math intervention to help struggling students. We have an after school skill-building program for students who need extra help. Our teachers have received SIOP training and we are implementing Total Instructional Alignment this year. Students receive extra math and reading practice consistently through the school day.***
- ***Lunch with the principal provides parents opportunities to keep informed of the goals of the school and an opportunity for parents to provide feedback for school improvement.***
- ***Our school has added technology: i.e. smartboards, clickers, and progress monitoring. To improve student engagement and comprehension.***

We invite you as parents to be involved in your child's education because that has a positive impact on student achievement. Powerschool is one way of monitoring student's daily progress. Please continue to read with your child at home, and volunteer to help in your classrooms.

Sincerely,

Greg Kiester