



*Welcome to Hurricane Deck Elementary School
Located on the West Side of the Lake
in Sunrise Beach, Missouri*



“Everyone Learning Every Day!”

The Camdenton R-III School District will create a learning community that maximizes each individual’s performance for future success.

Hurricane Deck Elementary is a nationally recognized “*Leader in Me*” Lighthouse School. This is our core process that guides who we are, what we believe, and how we implement a school improvement process at our school. It was first introduced to our teachers through a book called **The 7 Habits of Effective People**, written by the late Dr. Stephen Covey. Teachers use a book written by his son, Sean Covey, called **The 7 Habits of Happy Kids** to introduce the students to the Habits. Teachers also use “The 4 Disciplines of Execution” to teach goal setting at Hurricane Deck. This, too, is based on studies by Sean Covey. The four disciplines studied in his book are: (1) having Wildly Important Goals, (2) setting and tracking Lead Measures, (3) keeping Compelling Scoreboards, and (4) creating a Cadence of Accountability. This is a systematic approach to modeling and developing leadership skills in our students that benefit them far beyond our schoolhouse walls. We are creating a culture of integrity, communication, respect, and responsibility, which will provide students with life skills that are required to be productive adults. When you visit our school you will notice reminders of the “**7 Habits**” posted throughout the building. Our mission statement at Hurricane Deck Elementary is ***Building Leaders One Student at a Time!***

We are very excited to extend our student’s learning opportunities to an international level at Hurricane Deck Elementary! We have learned that *The Leader in Me* process is being used around the world to transform countries, rebuild countries following civil wars, rebrand communities, and so much more. Therefore, Hurricane Deck Elementary will network with schools in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East to share and grow in leadership capacity and in multicultural knowledge. We will also work on a national level with schools in Colorado and West Virginia.



Collective Commitments

(Based on the work of Robert Marzano and colleagues)

- Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
- Challenging Goals and Effective Feedback
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Safe and Orderly Environment
- Collegiality and Professionalism

Enhanced Learning/Community Partnership



Profile

Our school is comprised of approximately 200 students and 30 professional staff members. The school has been a fixture of the community for many decades. The original building was constructed in 1952. Hurricane Deck Elementary was expanded in every decade until 2000 to provide for the needs of students who were a part of a growing enrollment. In 2013, a bond issue was passed to build a new school that would attach to the wing of the existing building that was built in the 1990s. As part of the bond issue, the existing wing would be fully remodeled to match the new building. In August of 2015, we welcomed our students to a brand new school building. In 2016, the renovation of the old wing was complete and students now occupy the entire building!

The Hurricane Deck Elementary administration and faculty encourages the use of various strategies and practices to consistently challenge students to reach their optimum level of academic performance. This includes grade acceleration for those students who meet the criteria established by the district. Students can participate in Guided Reading or Literature Discussion Groups in upper grades if they are reading at an advanced level. Teachers are continuously receiving professional development in differentiating instruction in the classroom. The effects of this training can be seen when observing many students participating in enrichment activities under the guidance of the teacher.

The students are actively involved in a strong fine arts and physical educational program. This is true not only during the school day, but before and after school as well. A well-stocked library provides teachers and students with an abundance of rich literature to be used in the classroom and for independent reading. A section of the library is devoted to leveled books that are easily accessed by classroom teachers for guided

reading. The Missouri Comprehensive Guidance program is implemented through the school counselor, who provides classroom instruction and counseling for individuals or small groups.

We are a Professional Learning Community that believes all students will learn. Our teachers meet weekly for collaboration time to analyze data,



assess student work, and determine interventions. We promote an environment that supports a differentiated instructional approach to meet the needs of all students. Teachers continually refine their skills to enhance

higher-order thinking, problem solving, critical thinking, and “hands-on” learning for all students. We also emphasize rigor (high learning expectations), relevance (meaningful learning experiences) and relationships with our students.

Teachers at Hurricane Deck Elementary have made a commitment to enhance student learning through the use of technology. All classrooms have SmartTVs and multiple





Chromebooks or iPads. A computer lab, staffed by a full-time computer lab educator, is also utilized by the students on a daily basis.

Other examples of our enhanced learning culture include Title I Reading for those students who need supplemental services. We also have students who participate in our district gifted program. Additional facets of our Professional Learning Community include interventions for those students who may struggle with the standard curriculum. Our Student Intervention Team (SIT) meets weekly to discuss strategies to help these students. The team includes our school guidance counselor, special education team members, reading recovery teacher, selected classroom teachers, and principal.

We have an active Parents as Teachers program. These professionals work with families who have children from birth to school age. They also assist in the screening and placement of students in our preschool.



The preschool program includes students who are three and four years old.

We believe family involvement is a critical piece of a child's education. Regular communication between teachers and parents is expected. Family involvement activities, planned by teachers and students, are held throughout the year. Some of these include Math Nights, *Leader in Me* nights, MAP nights, and Literacy Nights.

Hurricane Deck Elementary has a strong parent and community involvement program. The Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) program coordinates volunteers who provide additional learning opportunities for the students and assistance for teachers in our building. In addition, the PTO is extremely active and continually supports the students and teachers. In recent years, they have helped fund the acquisition of Smartboards, playground equipment, a beautiful school sign, and numerous other projects. The PTO hosts activities throughout the year, such as Dinner at the Deck, the annual Spring Carnival, and monthly meetings. We have great partnerships with many local



agencies, businesses, churches, and clubs such as Lions, Elks, Rotary, Kiwanis, and American Legion who support our school program. The local fire department presents a "Risk Watch" program, in which the firemen come into our school and work with our children. Fantastic Fridays offer after-school clubs that meet monthly. They include the Blooming Lakers Garden Club in which a local garden club has partnered with the school to teach students about nature, landscaping, and general knowledge of the plant world. Hurricane Deck Elementary also has a spacious outdoor classroom that includes a woodland mini-amphitheater and pond.

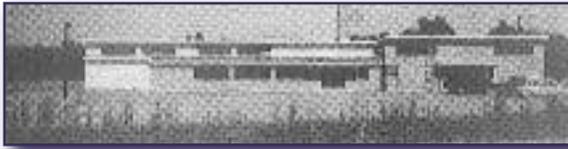
Our afterschool program, called Project PASS, has a very strong academic focus in which students receive additional help from certified teachers from 3:10-5:30, Monday through Thursday.

At Hurricane Deck Elementary we believe in the power of students starting their day off in a positive manner so that they are truly ready to learn every day. To help with this, we have started a program called Breakfast in the Classroom. Through this program, ALL students eat breakfast free of charge every day. Meals are taken directly to the classroom. Teachers can use this as an opportunity to bond as a community, reinforce good manners, and to get ready for a positive day of learning. Breakfast is from 7:50-8:05. Research has shown that programs such as this are linked to improved school attendance, increased achievement, and declines in disciplinary problems.





Oak Hill School House, circa 1952



Hurricane Deck Elementary, 1952



Hurricane Deck Elementary, 2006



Hurricane Deck Elementary Principal Christy Jackson



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Camdenton R-III School District
2 years -- Camdenton Elementary, Process Coordinator
4 years -- Assistant Principal, Oak Ridge Intermediate
2012 - present -- Principal, Hurricane Deck Elementary