

## Tennessee Department of Education 2008 State Report Card

The Tennessee Department of Education has released a state report card on all schools. The annual state report card provides a profile of academic achievement, demographics, discipline, attendance and graduation rates for the state, each school district, and every school. The 2008 report card is based on performance and statistics from the TCAP testing of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2007-08 school year.

We would like to explain some of the features of the report card for you, as well as highlight some areas of strength and areas that need improving.

At Pleasant View Elementary we are very proud of our students and their dedicated teachers. Their work is evident in the following areas of strength in the most recent report card:

- PVES achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and has met all the Federal Benchmarks for No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
- 97% of all PVES 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored Proficient & Advanced in Math. That is a 2% increase from last year's score of 95%, and it exceeds the state average of 91%.
- 96% of all PVES 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored Proficient & Advanced in Reading/Language. The state average was 92%.
- PVES students had an overall attendance rate of 96.1%, which exceeded the state goal of 93%.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade TCAP scores at PVES resulted in straight A's in Academic Achievement Grades for Math, Reading/Language, Social Studies, and Science.**

An area of need that is highlighted in the state report card is in our Value-Added scores. Value-Added scores measure the progress students made from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It calculates this in Math, Reading/Language, Science, and Social Studies by using a growth standard which represents the minimum amount of progress you should expect students to make in a year. **This is based on a 3-year average.** The gains are then assigned a letter grade. In Math for 2008, our Value-Added grade is an F, even though student gains have improved over the last two years. However, these gains were not enough to offset a loss that was recorded 3 years ago. In Reading/Language, students also made a gain, but again remember that it is a 3 year average, so our report card will have a C. In Science and Social Studies our scores have stayed consistent over a 3 year period, and those Value-Added grades will both be A's.

We are very pleased with our overall scores, the progress of our students, and the hard work and dedication of all of our students and teachers. We are working hard to continue improve and make sure that each student is learning and achieving academic excellence. Your continued support is vital to this effort. Please feel free to contact Mr. Mickey or Dr. Barron if you have any questions about the TCAP scores, or the state report card.

