

# POTTER-BURNS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## OUR VISION

*Potter-Burns' students will reach high levels of academic performance and citizenship.*

- Is a picture of what we believe the school can become in the future.
- Is feasible and achievable.
- Is communicated through our school-wide (SMART) goals and School Improvement Action Plans.
- Is disseminated through our School Improvement Action Plans that effect teaching & learning

## OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Potter-Burns Learning Community to enable our students to become well educated members of society. We, the faculty and staff, with the cooperation and support of parents and the community, will hold all our students accountable to reach high standards of academic performance and citizenship. Through high quality, effective instruction, students will learn to work cooperatively with others, become creative problem solvers and responsible, life-long learners.

Tactical Approach

- We will utilize the Common Core Standards, multiple teaching strategies, best practices, and standards-based instruction to improve student achievement in reading comprehension and vocabulary.
- We will utilize the Common Core Standards, multiple teaching strategies, best practices, and standards-based instruction to improve student achievement in writing proficiency.
- We will utilize the Common Core Standards, multiple teaching strategies, best practices, and standards-based instruction to improve student achievement in math problem solving and computation.
- We will work collaboratively with parents, teachers, and students to create a school culture that fosters respect, responsibility, and integrity.

## OUR CORE VALUES

“Striving for Academic Excellence”

[“Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future”](#)

John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States

We believe:

- Every individual can learn (ACE, Achieve Core Excellence)
- Every child and family is of equal value and deserves respect.
- Every individual in the community has a responsibility for the education and well-being of its members.
- High expectations and high standards for all learners result in higher achievement.
- All children deserve to come to school ready to learn every day.
- The strength of diversity is an asset.
- The strength of a community is its ability to advocate for all its children.
- Well-prepared learners meet the challenges of a global competitive market.
- Our school is a community where honesty, responsibility, respect, and caring are important and

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practiced by all (3 R's: Respectful, Responsible, & Ready)

- School improvement is continuous.
- Communication is to be open and honest

## OUR TACTICAL APPROACH

### POTTER-BURNS HOME SCHOOL COMPACT

As a school, we agree to:

- Teach classes using best practices to address the needs of all our students
- Have high expectations and help every child to develop a love for learning
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress
- Provide a safe and caring learning environment
- Actively participate in collaborating with families and my colleagues to make our school an accessible and welcoming place which will help students achieve our schools high academic standards
- Respect school, students, staff, and families by being Approachable, Available, and Affirming (3 A's)

As students, we agree to:

- Read for at least 30 minutes every day
- Strive to ACE (Achieve Core Excellence)
- Ask for help whenever there is a problem
- Come to school ready to learn and work hard (3 R's: Respectful, Responsible, and Ready)
- Know and follow school and class rules
- Respect the school, classmates, staff and families

As family, we agree to:

- Provide a quiet time and place for homework
- Read to my child and/or encourage my child to read at least 30 minutes every day
- Ensure that my child attends school every day, gets adequate sleep, and is at school on time
- Regularly monitor my child's progress in school
- Participate in school activities such as school decision making, volunteering and/or attending parent/teacher conferences
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families

School \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_