

Tolland School System

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL: Birch Grove Primary School, 247 Rhodes Road

TEAM MEMBERS:

Laura Dolcelli, R.N	Tom Swanson, Principal
Bob Palmer, Custodian	Barbara Daly-Byrnes, Vice-Principal
Lynne Carnemolla, Paraprofessional	Heather Robertson, Secretary
Chris White - Energy Manager	Crystal Benedict, Parent
John Stake - Network Administrator	Peter Sztaba, Facilities Director

SCHOOL CENSUS: Grade K: 140 Grade 1: 130 Grade 2: 191 105 adults

YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: Main Building 1999; Addition 2003

GOAL ACHIEVEMENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR YEAR 2016/2017:

Tools for Schools Team met: x4: October 5, 2016; December 7, 2016; March , 2017; Survey completed; February, 2017; Walk About Assessment; April 5, 2017

2016/2017 Goals Achieved

Short Term Goals:

Air purifier added in room B6 to address air quality
Extra cleaning done during winter months to address recurring illnesses
PBIS involvement in promoting cleaning the school (including golden dust pan and golden spatula)
School wide staff reminders to keep classrooms clean and healthy posted and e-mailed
Carpet cleaning, removal of mulch around foundation and air purifiers added to resolve odor issues in classrooms
Front lobby cushions have been cleaned

Medium Term Goals:

Observe for cleaning agents in classrooms
Continued monitoring of rodents within school; exterminator continues to set/check traps; door fixes will also help minimize rodents
Work orders in place for outstanding issues, will continue to be addressed throughout school year and summer

Long Term Goals:

Meet 4x per year
Radon Testing for Birch Grove completed 2016; per Connecticut Department of Health School Radon Testing Guidance Connecticut General Statute Section 10-220 (d) "...and every five years thereafter... "

INTERIOR INSPECTION:

Thermal

- 74% feel Temp/humidity comfortable (no change from last year)

Walk Around Observations:

Temperature felt comfortable

Ventilation System:

- 91% feel room is free of objectionable odors (up from 84%)
- 93% felt no signs of mold or mildew growth (up from 84%)

General Cleanliness:

- 56% yes (no change) comments "carpets/tile floors/sinks dirty, dusty", "not consistently cleaned"
All uneaten food/snacks stored in properly sealed containers.
 - Exit vents cleaned annually by custodians, Unit Ventilator filters change August, December and April
 - 60 Students diagnosed with asthma
 - 50 Students with medicine in nurses office (105 medication orders)
 - 9 cases of pneumonia
 - 27 cases of Flu

Walk Around Observations:

Some debris on tile floors. Will be mopped during school vacation

- 77% report areas have evidence of pests:
(mice, bees, ants) - Richland Pest Control handles

Walk Around Results:

Nothing noted, replacement doors will address as well as frequent cleaning, properly storing food

- 100% store food in a tightly sealed container (up from 97%)

Walk Around results

Food was found in sealed containers

- 84% fill "u" joint with water weekly (up from 82%)
- 79% have unit ventilators and vent ducts free of obstruction (up from 76%)
- 93% of Staff utilizing only custodian provided "green cleaners" (down from 95%)
- Staff documented what needed fixed
See attached

EXTERIOR/OUTDOOR INSPECTION:

Ground Level: Courtyard and sidewalk cracks will be addressed over the summer months

Roof: New roof in 2022

2017/2018 Recommendations

Short Term Goals: Schedule first meeting for fall, 2017

Medium Term Goals:

Long Term Goals: Continue to meet 4X per year