

Dear Parents, Faculty, and Friends of P. K. Yonge.

As part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal legislation, there are specific benchmarks that have been set for all students to meet via the state-testing program set up in each state. The percent of students who must pass the state test in order for the school to meet the NCLB standard has been increasing each year.

PKY has consistently met the standards requirements and avoided increased state reporting and increased state regulation until the 2008-09 school year. We have now been identified as a school in need of improvement as we have, for two consecutive years, had at least one sub-group of students who did not meet the stated NCLB target for the percent of students who had to pass the state test. In Florida, passing is considered making at least a Level 3 score out of a five level scoring system on the FCAT tests in reading and math.

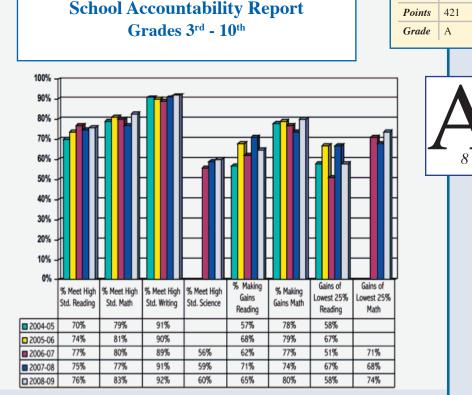
The targeted percentage for 2008-09 in mathematics was 68% of all students in each sub-group. We had two sub-groups that did not meet this standard in mathematics: our black students and economically disadvantaged students. In both cases, these sub-groups exceeded the percentage of like students across the state in meeting the standard. However, this did not meet the NCLB standard.

The targeted percentage for 2008-09 in reading was 65% of all students in each sub-group. Our economically disadvantaged students, our black students, and our students with disabilities did not meet this standard in reading. All three groups exceeded the percentage of like students across the state in meeting the standard. However, this did not meet the NCLB standard.

We will be focusing on the achievement of these sub-groups as well as all of our students as we continue to provide a well-rounded educational program that strives to meet the needs of each student.

Fran Vandiver Director

## ACADEMIC SUMMARY



P.K. VONGE PERFORMANCE:

Year	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09
Points	421	454	429	433	459	563	589	588
Grade	А	А	А	А	А	А	А	А



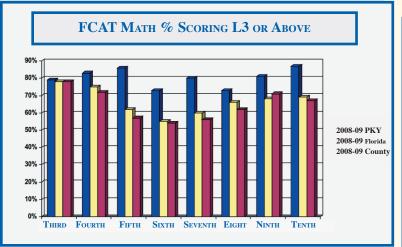
The criteria for success continues to increase each year. Although we have work to do with our subgroups, we continue to be recognized as a "Straight A" school by the state of Florida.

We are focusing our professional development efforts on areas to increase student achievement of our targeted sub-groups.

Our school received a grade of "A" from the state for the eighth consecutive year.

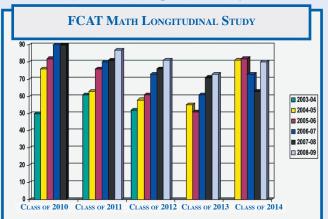
#### **STATE TESTING BENCHMARK:** •*Received more than 525 pts.* •*Met adequate progress* of lowest 25% in reading and math •Gains for lowest 25% - of this group 50% had to make gains •Test 95% of Students

## FCAT Math

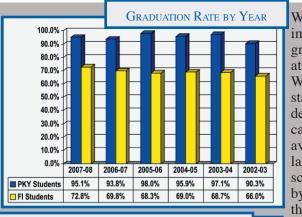


•The chart above shows our math performance compared to the state and Alachua County. Our students continue to perform at high levels.

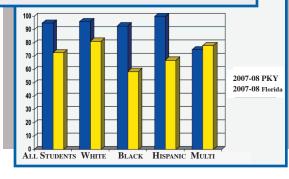
•The chart below, displayed by graduating class, tracks (the same students math) scores over a period of six years.



## GRADUATION RATE:

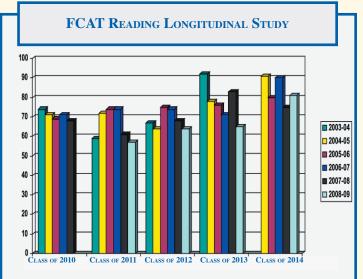


GRADUATION RATE BY DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORY

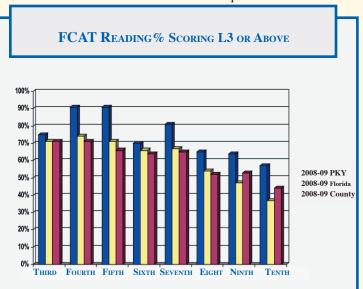


We have an impressive graduation rate at P.K. Yonge. We exceed the state in every demographic category. The available data lags the current school year by one year that is why we do not show 2008-09 data. At a time when many districts are concerned about the high drop out rate our graduation rate continues to improve.

# FCAT Reading



•The longitudinal reading scores in the chart above shows the growth over time for the same set of students in a graduating class. We study the cumulative effect of our reading programs as students progress through school and make adjustments to our curriculum to continue a trend of improvement.

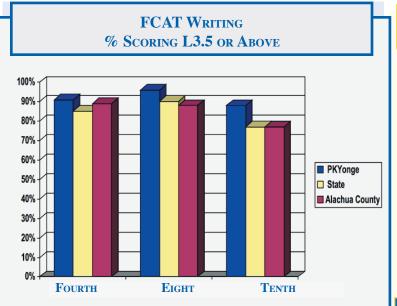


•The chart above shows our FCAT reading performance compared to Florida and Alachua County. Our students performance is better across each grade. In past annual reports we had been showing NRT national comparisons for reading, but the state no longer uses that test. State comparisons are helpful but, ultimately how our students perform in college or other pursuits is how we can measure our national performance. Teaching the whole child to be lifelong learners not just for a test is our philosophy.

### **Demographics / Diversity:**

Our K-12 student population of 1150 represents Florida's racial and income demographics. Our 2008-2009 student population was 49% male, and 51% female: 51% Caucasian, 25% African-American, 16% Hispanic, 3% Asian .3% American Indian, and 5% Multi-racial.

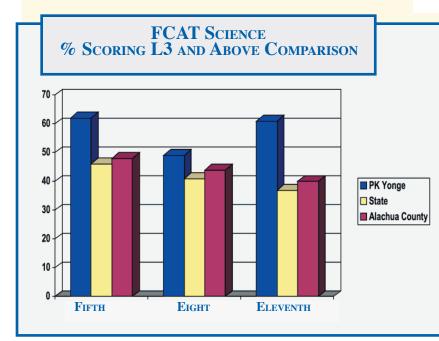
#### CLOSING THE GAP:



The chart above shows our students performance on the FCAT writing achievement level of 3.5 or higher compared to Florida students and Alachua County students. Note our impressive scores as they progress through our curriculum from fourth through tenth grade. Consistent excellent instruction and coordination of curriculum between divisions is the key factor contributing to this trend.

#### **RAISING EXPECTATIONS IN SCIENCE AND FUTURE READINESS:**

Science FCAT scores are still trending up at PK Yonge. The chart below compares our students' performance with the state and with Alachua County. We expect these scores to continue to improve because of our increased emphasis on science curriculum rigor and consistency in all grades, K-12.



Collaboration with the College of Education, parents, and the community:

#### VOLUNTEERS MAKE P.K. YONGE GOLDEN! (ONE MORE TIME)

P.K. Yonge has been awarded the Golden School Award from the Department of Education for the sixth consecutive year. Thank you to our volunteers who diligently logged and reported volunteer hours for themselves, as well as our clubs and parent booster groups. This year, 15,005 hours have been logged by over 600 volunteers.

It takes all of us to make a great school. At P.K. Yonge all are encouraged to contribute in a way that works with their schedule and their circumstances. Our students benefit from your efforts and from the example that you set. Your commitment shows that you value their education and their school.

#### ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Volunteer Metrics							
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	
VOLUNTEERS	417	453	362	505	600	649	
VOLUNTEER HOURS	8292	10,848	7,500	15,639	13,602	15,005	

#### HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS:

Degree	РКҮ	State	
Bachelor	33.8	65.3	
Master	55.9	31.9	
Specialist	5.9	1.7	
Doctorate	4.4	1.0	
In Field	100%	93.5%	

Our teachers and staff participate in continuous learning both as presenters and participants. Our faculty are respected presenters at various national professional

seminars and also take courses at UF in pursuit of advanced degrees. Through participation in various grants our teachers work with other schools to improve education in our state. We believe that great teachers are always learning.

#### CPT Reading, Writing and Math % Passing the test

CPT TEST	РКҮ	FLORIDA
Reading	77.6	78.7
WRITING	82.4	82.2
Матн	70.9	70.8
STUDENTS TESTED	81	

PK Yonge is challenging expectations about what schools should provide for students to prepare them for the future. We will be focusing on post secondary readiness in order to better prepare our students for whatever path they want follow whether academic or vocational. Beginning next year we will administer the CPT (college placement test) to all our 11th grade students. In order to improve our students' results the first step is to assess where we are today.

## ATHLETICS SUMMARY

### SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS THE DODGE SUNSHINE CUP AWARD WINNER FOR THE TOP SPORTS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CLASS 3A!

Congratulations to all our athletes, coaches, parents and administrators that contributed to this success. This is the sixth consecutive year that our school has won this award. The Blue Wave girls and boys teams both finished at the top in their classes as the best program in the state for our size. This award is based on points accumulated from championships and runner up finishes in the district, region, and state competitions.

•State Championships

Track

•State Runner-up Girls Basketball

•Regional Championships Girls Basketball Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country Girls Track

•District Championships

Volleyball Girls Basketball Girls Tennis Boys Track Girls Track Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country Boys Soccer Girls Soccer

**District Runner-up** Baseball Boys Basketball Girls Softball

•Athletic Scholarship Recipients Football Scholarship Matt Bass -- Mayville State University D.A. Hinton -- Sacred Heart University Anderson Oliva --Jacksonville State

Basketball Scholarship Autis Gibson -- Gulf Coast Community College Josh Snodgrass -- American University Erika Stuckman -- Tuskegee Alex Theodore -- Central Florida Community College

•Gainesville Sun - Players of the Year Jaterra Bonds -- Girls Basketball Josh Snodgrass -- Boys Basketball

•WCJB - Scholar Athletes Josh Snodgrass Erika Stuckman

# PERFORMING ARTS SUMMARY

Congratulations to all of our students who are involved in our performing arts program. The drama and vocal groups had another successful year.

•Thespians (drama students) and our vocal students received superior ratings at district/state competitions. 165 students were involved in these programs: our drama students as well as the concert chorus, middle school performing arts students, and the vocal ensemble.

• The musical, "Ragtime" received rave reviews in the Gainesville Sun's Scene magazine and the Gainesville Voice.

•The concert chorus performed at the Disney Candlelight Processional for the 4th year in a row.

•P.K. Yonge received the Florida Music Educators' Association Enrollment Award for over 35% of all Middle School students being registered in Music Classes.

•28 PK students were invited to perform as Spotlight Soloists for STOP! Children's Cancer and Spotlight on Youth.

•11 students were selected to perform in the All-State Choruses at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and the Florida Music Educators' Association Conference.

• Scholarship Recipients Alan Medrano – Scholarship – SFCC Jessica Cooper – FSU