



Plumas Lake Elementary School District Community Newsletter

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ONCE AGAIN PLESD STUDENTS SHOW TREMENDOUS ACADEMIC GROWTH

Cobblestone Grows 51 API Points Exits Program Improvement 100 API Point Growth in 2 Years

PLESD is extremely proud of the students, teachers, staff, and principal of Cobblestone Elementary. Raising expectations for all students and adults on the campus has truly shown a remarkable turn around for the school. In two years, the school has raised the API (Academic Performance Index) score 100 points to **870**. Cobblestone was designated a Program Improvement School 2 years ago but met all of the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals both in 2011 and 2012. Therefore it is **no longer a Program Improvement School**. Only 79 other schools in California were able to exit Program Improvement this year which is under 2% of schools actually in Program Improvement.

The Cobblestone staff has created a school climate of excellence by developing interventions and enrichments targeting specific students' needs and improving teaching techniques. Cobblestone also dedicated themselves to supporting the social and emotional needs of students. Students know that their teachers absolutely believe that they can and should succeed. An example of the success at Cobblestone is demonstrated by the fact that every student in the fourth grade either moved up a proficiency level (26 students) or stayed at the same level (12 students). Amazing!

Riverside Meadows Grows 49 API Points Freezes Program Improvement 78 API Point Growth in 2 Years

The State of California has set an API (Academic Performance Index) score of 800 as the marker for effective schools. PLESD is thrilled to announce that not only did Riverside Meadows grow enough to be considered an effective school it blew through expectations with 49 points of growth and now has an API score of **842**. Riverside has been designated a Program Improvement School for the last 3 years but met all of the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals this year and is now frozen at Year 3 Program Improvement. If Riverside Meadows meets all of the AYP criteria in 2013 they will exit Program Improvement. Riverside Meadows has made amazing growth in the last two years.

The staff at Riverside has focused on creating a climate of high expectations socially, behaviorally, and academically for all students. The teachers are increasing rigor, expecting students to think at a high level, while at the same time are working to ensure that strong relationships are being built between students and adults at the school. Students are celebrated for excellence, are expected to be great students, and have opportunities for leadership, interventions, enrichments, GATE, and success. The growth at Riverside has been wonderful.

PLESD Grows 27 API Points Highest District API of all Neighboring Districts– 858

PLESD has focused on improving educational practices for the past three years. Staff development has been provided to both teachers and administrators focusing on best instructional practices, content knowledge, and the social emotional needs of students. This hard work by teachers, administrators and staff is paying off.

Plumas Lake Elementary School District 2012 State Testing Results

	2011 API	API Growth	AYP Criteria Met
District	858	+27	17 of 17
Cobblestone	870	+51	13 of 13
Rio Del Oro	881	-7	14 of 17
Riverside	842	+49	17 of 17

Neighboring District Comparisons 2012 State Testing Results

	2012 API	API Growth	AYP Criteria Met
Plumas Lake	858	+27	17 of 17
Wheatland K-8	840	+15	20 of 21
Marysville	760	+10	25 of 42
Browns	847	+23	13 of 13
Marcum-Illinois	841	+9	11 of 13

Rio Del Oro 2nd Highest API Score in Yuba County 3rd Highest in Yuba & Sutter Counties

Once again Rio Del Oro has proven to be one of the best scoring schools in the Yuba/Sutter area with an **881** API score. This is slightly lower from last year but still ranks the school as the second highest in Yuba County and tied for the 3rd highest in Yuba/Sutter County. Rio is in the top 20% of elementary schools in the State and was nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2011.

PLESD Compares Very Well to Yuba and Sutter County Districts

PLESD once again outscored and grew more than every neighboring district on the 2012 State Testing and was only 1 of 2 that met all of the AYP Criteria. Only 2 districts in Yuba and Sutter Counties had a higher API score than PLESD and only Wheatland High School grew more than our District. The School Board, District administration, principals, teachers, and support staff have done tremendous job to make our schools the pride of Plumas Lake.