



Homestead Hills Elementary School

School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

February 14, 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for Homestead Hills Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Principal Steve Graetz for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website – <http://bit.ly/36JJg78>, or you may review a copy in the main office.

Additionally, this AER, dated February 14, 2024, is a report referencing the last two school years. As Homestead Hills Elementary School opened its doors in September 2023, this AER report accounts for the school years of 21-22 and 22-23 at Crystal Lake Elementary.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school (Crystal Lake / Homestead Hills) has not been given one of these labels.

During the 2022-2023 school year, Crystal Lake Elementary was preparing to open a new school and to close Crystal Lake Elementary. We spent considerable time and effort responding the social and emotional needs of all children and tending to the 'whole child'. Our school continues to use Zones of Regulation as a routine way for students to monitor and regulate their emotions. Additionally, our school has fully implemented the SEL program, Move This World, as a curriculum for social-emotional learning. Instead of teachers reporting a grade for each subject, parents are notified of their student's success on each learning standard. Teachers are growing in their instructional practice by participating in professional learning communities within the school and throughout the district.

1. K-5 students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Crystal Lake Elementary School. Additionally, parents may complete forms for In-District Schools of Choice if they reside within the Benzie Central Schools designated attendance area, and they may apply for Out of District Schools of Choice if they do not live within the school district. This remains Benzie Schools' practice and the practice of Homestead Hills Elementary. Please contact Homestead Hills Elementary School for assistance.



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2. As a school within the Benzie Central Schools school district, Crystal Lake Elementary is working within the District's Continuous Improvement Plan. In the Benzie Central District CIP, each school, including Crystal Lake Elementary, has set a goal each year to increase the number of students who are at or above grade-level for Reading and Math by 10%. As a percentage of our entire school population, 71.29% of our 202 students are identified as economically disadvantaged.
3. Crystal Lake Elementary School is not a specialized school. Homestead Hills Elementary School is also not a specialized school.
4. Crystal Lake Elementary, along with each elementary school within Benzie Central Schools, including Homestead Hills Elementary School, has organized the core curriculum into curriculum maps. Instructional staff use the curriculum maps as pacing guides to progress through each quarter and throughout each school year. A digital or print copy of any portion or all of the curriculum maps for any or all grade levels can be made available upon request to Principal Steve Graetz at Homestead Hills Elementary School.
5. Below you will find the results of the two most recent years of proficiency data for Reading and Math.

	2021-2022		2022-2023	
	CLE	State Avg	CLE	State Avg
3rd Grade Reading	12.1	41.6	34.4	40.9
3rd Grade Math	12.1	41.5	31.3	42.9
4th Grade Reading	33.3	43.4	less than 20	44.3
4th Grade Math	32.5	36.7	less than 20	38.6
5th Grade Reading	34.3	43.1	29.2	43.9
5th Grade Math	31.4	30.0	less than 20	31.5

6. Crystal Lake Elementary experienced a fantastic turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences in October, 2022. 175 of 193 students were represented by their parents/guardians (90.7%). During the Fall 2023 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 154/193, or 80% of students were represented by their parents/guardians.

The staff at Homestead Hills Elementary continues to strive to provide the best learning environment possible for all students. It is important to all staff that students are afforded every opportunity to grow and mature in an environment where they feel valued and safe, in order to maximize their potential as members of their community.

Sincerely,

Steve Graetz, Principal
Crystal Lake Elementary (22-23)
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