**HEADLINES**

*December 2015: Kirkbride honored as a* ***National Title One School*** *for outstanding academic achievement and progress during the 2014-15 school year.*

*January 2016: Kirkbride named a “****Peer Leader****” in the release of the* ***School Progress Reports*** *by the School District of Philadelphia for overall performance.*

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| **School Year 2015-16 Priorities** |
| * **INSTRUCTION:** leading a culture of teaching and learning, driven by student achievement, and aligning supports to focus on rigorous instruction. * **COLLABORATION:** building partnerships within our building and school community to increase our talents and efforts as leaders for our students. * **COMMUNITY:** understanding individuals and the identities, experiences, values and beliefs we possess, to continually grow our empathy and value for one another as unique people and partners. |

**Our Vision**

* Every child will learn to his/her full potential.  This will be a continuous process with constant feedback, using results through various assessments.  This vision can be sustained and quality professional practices will be modified and monitored to provide the best education possible for every student at Kirkbride.  The vision is clear for all stakeholders, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community.
* Our teachers working together as the Kirkbride Instructional Team readily accept the challenge to ensure that all students receive a quality education that will allow them to achieve proficiency in school, while preparing them for a successful future. When students graduate from Kirkbride, they will be prepared for high school and beyond.

**Our Mission**

* The mission of the Eliza B. Kirkbride Elementary School is to develop, educate, and nurture our children through the collective efforts of the teachers, parents, and community members.
* Our long-term goal is to produce independent, literate, and responsible citizens who possess the learning skills that enable them to continue their educational process as self-motivated, life-long learners, problem solvers and critical thinkers.

**FACTS SNAPSHOT:**

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|  | **Kirkbride** | **School District of Philadelphia** |
| ***Enrollment*** | 548 total students | 135,047 total students |
| ***Average Daily Attendance*** | 98.1% | 94.2% |
| ***ELL Students*** | 42.9% of students receive ESOL services   * 5 ESOL teachers serving students in grades 1-8 | 9.6% of students receive ESOL services |
| ***PSSA Proficiency Rates*** | Math:   * Kirkbride average exceeded SDP average by more than double * 4th highest proficiency rate in region (behind only McCall, Meredith and Greenfield)   ELA   * Kirkbride average exceeded SDP average by more than 10% * 4th highest proficiency rate in region (behind only Meredith, McCall and Greenfield) | |

*September 2015, beginning of 2015-16 school year*

**SCHOOL YEAR 2014-15 CELEBRATIONS**

* 37 of 55 students graduating 8th grade students accepted placements in District magnet schools (special admit schools).
* Kirkbride is one of ten Philadelphia public school recipients (one of two in the District) of a $100,000 private donor grant awarded for our high student achievement rates and focus on quality instruction for all students.
* Newly formed Friends of Kirkbride group started last year as a grassroots effort by community members and parents to invest in our neighborhood school.

**SCHOOL YEAR 2015-16 CELEBRATIONS**

* Fall Book Fair led by Teacher Leader, Catherine Memmolo (Grade 7/8 ELA), raised more than $4,000 to be put toward instructional resources and materials.
* Numerous teachers initiating funding campaigns (and receiving awards) via DonorsChoose to gain resources and materials to enhance classroom instruction.
* 14 students identified with Autistic Support needs are included in regular education classes, and demonstrating proficiency with grade-level material.
* Teachers leading collaboration priority, with the creation of Professional Learning Communities meeting in grade bands weekly.
* 4 veteran staff members serving as mentors for 4 new staff members (new to teaching or new to Kirkbride).
* 16 of 36 teachers hold formal or informal leadership roles; 6 of the roles were obtained through colleague nominations.

**School-wide Events and Extracurricular Activities:**

* Monthly Activities:
  + \*School-wide Writing Contests and Assemblies
  + School-wide Gallery Walks
* Sports and Activities:
  + Instrumental Musical Program
  + Full-time Specials for all students: Visual Arts, Physical Education, Science Lab, Computer Lab and Character Development for all students, Kindergarten through Grade 8
  + FALL: girls volleyball
  + WINTER: boys and girls basketball
* School-wide Events:
  + Fall and Spring Book Fairs
  + Chinese,Vietnamese and Cambodian New Year Celebrations, Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Celebrations
  + \*MLK Day of Service
  + Diversity Day Cultural Celebration
  + Blue/Gold Jamboree Field Day
* Parent and Community Involvement
  + \*Monthly Parent Cafés
  + \*School Advisory Council
  + Partnerships with: Friends of Kirkbride, Passyunk Square Civic Association, Bethanna

\* denotes events in which parents/families are involved