

Our District Vision

Our vision is to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.



District School Board of Pasco County 2010–2011 School Profile

Double Branch Elementary School

Principal: Peggy Lewis

Lottery Dollar Expenditure Data

Funds received from Educational Enhancement Trust Funds (Lottery) in 2009-2010:

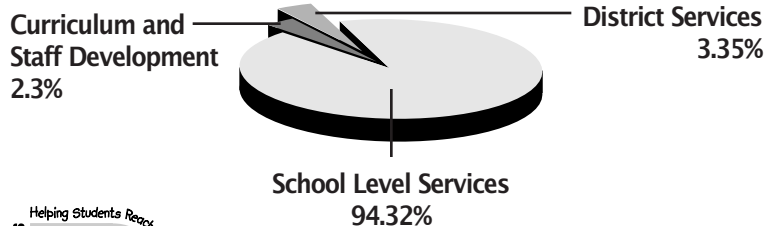
Pasco County received: \$186,637.00

Amount distributed to schools: \$187,547.00

Our school received: \$2,298

General Operating Budget

The 2010-2011 budget for all funds in the district included a General Operating Fund of \$480,271,190.00



A more detailed report of the NCLB SPAR (No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Report) or a complete copy of the school improvement plan is available in the school office for review.

Double Branch Elementary School

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(727) 774-2717 West
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Message from the Superintendent

The 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start, as we have a strong team of talented educators working throughout our schools every day. We are eager to partner with you to make this a successful school year for your child. One important way we can work together to maximize your child's potential is to reinforce the expectation of good attendance. When students prioritize being at school on time, they are more likely to have a successful experience. We appreciate your help in achieving this important goal.

Our theme for the year is *Learning in the 21st Century*. You will notice an emphasis on the integration of technology into your child's learning as we strive to prepare all students for the challenges of tomorrow and provide equitable access to the tools he or she will need for success. Additionally, our focus is on developing the 21st Century Literacy skills that are needed in our ever-changing world. We want to help our students become better problem solvers, engaged in the world around them and equipped with the critical thinking skills that are needed for analyzing, developing innovative solutions and sharing their creativity with others. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders and we are fostering a supportive learning environment that will help them to reach their dreams.

As we immerse students in an enriching educational environment, we will be expanding the availability of digital learning content. With the use of these resources comes the need for a higher level of personal responsibility for students. We want to help your child develop an understanding of how to navigate online resources in a responsible and safe manner. As part of the cultivation of those skills, we will enforce high expectations that all students will appropriately use these tools to enhance their education. Your help in reminding your child to use technology in an appropriate manner would be greatly appreciated.

As you are probably aware, our District still faces significant financial challenges. In addition to a third consecutive year of multi-million dollar budget shortfalls, districts throughout the state are required to implement the final phase of the class size amendment this year. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to prioritizing the needs of students and ensuring a high quality educational experience for the children of Pasco County.

Again, thank you for your support of our school district. We look forward to working with you to maximize your child's success this year.



Heather Fiorentino
Superintendent

Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent of Schools

Message from the Principal

Double Branch Elementary, Wesley Chapel, Florida, serves 780 students, Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Five, is named for twin creeks that flowed across the property, formerly a ranch. Our school mascot is the "Rancher."

Students are placed on multi-grade teams and are developmentally grouped according to their learning needs. Our Exceptional Student Education Program features Varying Exceptionalities, Speech/Language, and Self-Contained Academics.

Parent Satisfaction Survey results indicate staff, School Advisory Council, Parent/Teacher Association, and community are proactive and collaborative in providing high quality instruction in a welcoming, safe, orderly, drug-free environment for our children, families, and community. Our school earned a grade of an "A" and received the Five-Star School Award.

School Mission Statement

The Double Branch Elementary school community is committed to academic excellence by maintaining a positive and safe environment that embraces diversity and promotes collaboration empowering all students to become lifelong learners.



Learning Environment

The District School Board of Pasco County provides an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

School Membership
Total Students
(September 2010)

782

Percentage of
students on
free or reduced
price lunch:

27.4%

Students with
good attendance
perform better
in school.

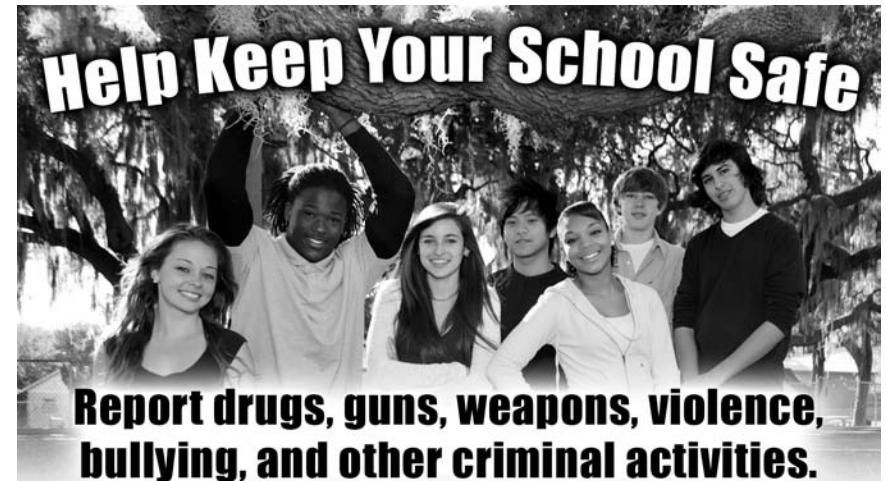
School Improvement Plan 2010-2011

Reading comprehension and vocabulary strategies were implemented through teacher-taught specific skills supporting the five essential components of reading. Needs of struggling readers were met through specific interventions and implementation of Learning-Focused Strategies. Parental involvement was through Doughnuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom Reading Workshops.

Teachers followed the District math curriculum maps and previewed key math vocabulary. Our teachers also implemented Learning-Focused Strategies to preview, extend, and refine lessons in measurement, data analysis, and geometry. The implementation of a school-wide teacher-developed Math Night provided practice in multi-step problem solving and critical thinking skills.

Science skills improved using inquiry-based science labs. Families and students participated in Science Week and Family Science Night.

Our Safety/Discipline Committee studied the car loop and developed a plan to make some improvements. Over the summer, we repainted the lines to align the pick-up spots with the openings in the railing and added new numbered posts to make them more visible.



**Report drugs, guns, weapons, violence,
bullying, and other criminal activities.**



**Remain
Anonymous**



Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline 1-800-873TIPS (8477)

Web Tip: <http://www.crimestopperstb.com>

Text Tip: Text "CSTB plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)

Teachers and Staff

The schools, district and state ensure professional teachers and staff.

Total Number of Instructional Staff
56

Number of newly-hired instructional staff members and administrators at this school:
5

Percentage of out-of-field teachers in 2009-2010:
3.5

Percent of instructional/administrative staff who were newly hired in 2009-2010:

School	District	State
8.6%	13.3%	14.8%

Degree Level of Teachers

	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
School	56.6%	43.4%
Districtwide	69.2%	30.8%
Statewide	65.3%	34.7%



Pasco County is proud to have 192 National Board Certified Teachers employed in our schools.



Family and Community Involvement

Families and community members are encouraged to volunteer in our schools. There are many areas in which volunteers assist: assisting teachers, working with students, supervising students, and helping with school activities to name just a few. To register to be a volunteer at a school go to www.pasco.k12.fl.us and click on the Volunteer Application.

Family and community involvement make a significant difference in a child's success.



Volunteer Hours

Number of hours volunteered at this school during the 2009-2010 school year:
3,077

Number of hours volunteered district wide during the 2009-2010 school year:
361,704



Student Performance

Our students successfully compete at the highest levels nationally and internationally and are prepared to make well-reasoned and healthy lifelong decisions.

School wide proficiency data by subgroup

The state target proficient percent for this year is 72% for reading and 78% for mathematics.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian	Disabled	Economically Disadvantaged	ELL
Reading								
Grade 3 %	89	50	80	66	0	41	67	67
Grade 4 %	81	72	67	100	0	48	72	30
Grade 5 %	84	70	62	100	50	36	54	0
Mathematics								
Grade 3 %	85	46	73	67	0	33	64	0
Grade 4 %	81	63	59	100	0	52	56	20
Grade 5 %	63	59	38	75	50	6	34	33

Our school was assigned the grade of A for the 2009-2010 school year.

Florida School Grade and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The percent of students scoring at certain levels are used to calculate school accountability results.

FCAT Achievement

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) provides feedback on students' performance on the Sunshine State Standards. Data reported from spring 2010. A level 3 or higher in science, math and reading is the minimum state standard, while a 3.5 or higher is the minimum state standard for writing.

Level	Reading					Math					Science				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Grade 3															
School %	11	8	37	34	11	8	16	30	37	10					
Pasco %	18	11	33	31	7	13	16	34	27	10					
State %	16	12	33	31	8	9	13	32	30	15					
Grade 4															
School %	11	13	28	39	9	9	17	36	22	9					
Pasco %	16	13	33	29	8	12	19	39	22	8					
State %	16	13	32	29	11	10	16	36	27	12					
Grade 5															
School %	11	10	34	37	8	14	28	24	22	12	12	38	33	13	4
Pasco %	15	15	34	29	8	16	28	27	23	6	18	35	34	9	2
State %	15	15	33	28	9	14	23	27	27	9	19	32	35	11	4

Grade 4 FCAT Writing

Scores range from 1 (low) to 6 (high).

School	3.8
Pasco	3.6
State	3.8

No data are reported when less than ten students were tested.

