

## Our District Vision

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

## Lottery Dollar Expenditure Data

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

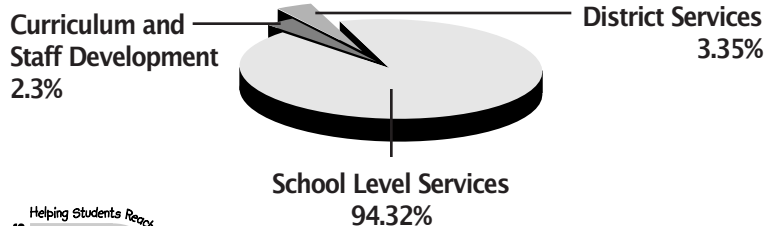
Pasco County received: \$186,637.00

Amount distributed to schools: \$187,547.00

Our school received: \$1,860

## 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.*

### Dr. Mary Giella Elementary School

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## District School Board of Pasco County 2010-2011 School Profile

### Dr. Mary Giella Elementary School

Principal: Katherine Lail

#### 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

Mary Giella Elementary School is dedicated to student achievement and believes all children can learn. Our staff plans collaboratively and participates in data-driven professional development opportunities to provide rigorous, developmentally appropriate instruction to ensure all students learn. Volunteers, business partners and PTO members support school events and have dedicated many hours of service, which resulted in our school earning the Golden School and Five-Star School Award. This year, Mary Giella Elementary will celebrate its 20th anniversary of providing an engaging and relevant learning environment for our students. We look forward to keeping our traditions alive as we work toward preparing our students to become 21st century learners.

## School Mission Statement

Mary Giella Elementary believes that through working together we will create an environment of successful learning for everyone.



## Learning Environment

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

School Membership  
Total Students  
(September 2010)

630

Percentage of  
students on  
free or reduced  
price lunch:

73.2%

Students with  
good attendance  
perform better  
in school.

## School Improvement Plan 2010-2011

During the 2009-2010 school year, teaching teams collaborated to analyze data, share best practice strategies and plan for instruction. The staff participated in professional development opportunities designed to increase implementation of researched-based reading strategies and differentiated math instruction. Teachers continued to provide appropriate levels of support and strategic interventions to students with disabilities in an inclusive setting. Throughout the year, school improvement committees set goals for continuous improvement based upon data from school-wide walk-throughs, 5x5s, quarterly progress reviews and formative assessments. Family and community events were also scheduled during the year to increase school/community involvement and promote academic achievement. These strategies, combined with our staff's hard work and dedication, contributed to 73 percent of our students meeting high standards in reading, 70 percent of our students meeting high standards in math and 92 percent of our fourth grade students meeting the benchmark in writing as measured by the 2009-2010 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

**Help Keep Your School Safe**

**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)**

Helping Students Reach Their Potential  
Pasco County Schools  
Crime STOPPERS of Tampa Bay  
1-800-873-TIPS

## Teachers and Staff

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

**Total Number of Instructional Staff**  
47

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

1

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

0.0

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

School	District	State
2.0%	13.3%	14.8%

**Degree Level of Teachers**

	Bachelor's Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
School	64.4%	35.6%
Districtwide	69.2%	30.8%
Statewide	65.3%	34.7%



## 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](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) and click on the Volunteer Application.

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



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



### Volunteer Hours

Number of hours volunteered at this school during the 2009-2010 school year:  
3,679

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
<b>Reading</b>								
Grade 3 %	59	50	69	0	0	20	55	0
Grade 4 %	70	33	90	0	0	29	66	100
Grade 5 %	69	100	49	100	100	22	62	28
<b>Mathematics</b>								
Grade 3 %	61	50	69	0	0	16	57	0
Grade 4 %	78	100	90	0	0	67	77	100
Grade 5 %	51	100	50	100	100	33	48	43

Our school was assigned the grade of **B** 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
<b>Grade 3</b>															
School %	29	13	28	27	3	24	15	41	16	4					
Pasco %	18	11	33	31	7	13	16	34	27	10					
State %	16	12	33	31	8	9	13	32	30	15					
<b>Grade 4</b>															
School %	15	17	30	34	5	9	11	44	23	11					
Pasco %	16	13	33	29	8	12	19	39	22	8					
State %	16	13	32	29	11	10	16	36	27	12					
<b>Grade 5</b>															
School %	14	18	35	25	8	17	30	27	23	3	17	38	30	13	2
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	3.6
Pasco	3.6
State	3.8

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

