

Yankee Ridge Elementary School

RISING STAR

2014-2015 Rising Star Committee:

Kelly Allen, Special Education Teacher
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BOE Report
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Rising Star Main Ideas:

- 1) Communicating with primary caregivers
- 2) Reviewing and using data
 - School Improvement Subcommittees
 - Grade Level/Unit Teams
- 3) Utilizing self-assessments
 - All certified staff

What we are doing:

- Putting deliberate efforts into welcoming and establishing positive relationships with families
- Using weekly newsletters to communicate with caregivers about classroom instruction and provide suggestions for ways they can support their child's learning
- Using grade level and subcommittee meetings to regularly review academic and behavioral data
- Completing self-assessments regarding understandings about balanced literacy components

What's next:

- Teachers will provide caregivers with information that helps them better understand assessments and our standards-based progress reports.
- Teachers/staff will utilize PTA presentations and family nights to share strategies with caregivers, as well as introduce them to new classroom technology.
- Certified staff will become more proficient at disaggregating data and developing plans for improvement.
- Certified staff will complete an all-encompassing self-assessment regarding instruction and classroom management.