



Jay Elementary School

Santa Rosa County
 Kelly Short, Principal

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Jay Elementary School is proud to be a Santa Rosa STEAM Innovate School with a mission for providing students a superior, relevant education where they discover and cultivate their gifts and talents in preparation for a bright and prosperous future. As a STEAM Innovate School, we have partnered with Discovery Education as we strive to not only transform teaching and learning, but to support economic development and the creation of a pipeline from our classrooms to gratifying and meaningful careers.

Student performance data has been the driving force behind the need for a transformation at Jay Elementary School. As a result of the standards becoming more rigorous, the number of students “at risk” was on the rise and change was imminent. Our student performance scores prior to 2013 were in the bottom quartile when compared to the other elementary schools in Santa Rosa County. Thus we began a laser-like focus on professional development with an emphasis on high impact strategies and the integration of technology. Our innovative approach to professional development gives teachers choices and allows for differentiation. As a result, the ability to integrate technology with fidelity has ultimately fostered a higher level of engagement where students are actively learning and establishing a foundation for the development of a personal ethos of self-directed, independent learning, characterized by collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity.

Student performance scores and learning gains have continued to climb, and now Jay Elementary School ranks in the TOP quartile compared to other elementary schools in Santa Rosa County.

Without question, the greatest attribute of Jay Elementary School is the commitment of our teachers and staff which derives from powerful relationships with students, parents, community members, and peers. This sets the stage for EXTRAORDINARY things to happen.

Total Enrollment	502
2017-2018 Student Demographic Percentages	
White	94.80%
Black/African American	
Hispanic/Latino	
Asian	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	
Two or More Races	3.00%
Disabled	14.10%
Economically Disadvantaged	57.00%
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PRESENTERS

Kelly Short is entering her 7th year as Principal of Jay Elementary School located in a rural area of Santa Rosa County. Prior to her administrative position, Kelly served as an Assistant Principal at S.S. Dixon Primary School for 3 years and 14 years as a 4th/5th grade teacher at Holley Navarre Intermediate School.

Throughout her educational journey, she has been recognized as Rookie of the Year, Teacher of the Year, District Intermediate Math Teacher of the Year, state runner up for Innovative Principal of the Year, Recipient of the FAME Principal Advocate of Excellence Award, and a 3rd year repeat Exceeding Expectations Award School. Kelly takes pride in serving and inspiring her students, families, staff, and Santa Rosa School District.

As a result, Jay Elementary School has established a reputation as an innovative organization driven by risk taking and disruptive change.



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Keystone Heights Elementary School

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Royal Green Elementary School*
Royal Palm Elementary School*
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Bryceville Elementary School
Callahan Intermediate School*

Okaloosa County School District

Wright Elementary School

Orange County Public Schools

Cheney Elementary School*

Palm Beach County School District

Meadow Park Elementary School

Pinellas County Schools

Frontier Elementary School

Santa Rosa County Schools

Jay Elementary School*

Sarasota County Schools

Lamarque Elementary School

Sumter County School District

South Sumter Middle School

Exceeding Expectations Awards Banquet

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Remarks

Marjorie Murray
Director, ECTAC

Dinner

Mixed Farm Greens Salad with
Sherry Herb Vinaigrette Dressing

Grilled Free Range Chicken Breast
with Rosemary Jus

Truffle Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Freshly Baked Rolls and
Sweet Butter

Lemon Blueberry Cake

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks

* Previous Award School