

## **PPSB 4th graders rank first in state**

Plaquemines Parish School Board Administrators are jumping for joy as a result of a recently released report from the Louisiana Department of Education. This report shows that Plaquemines Parish fourth graders ranked first in the state with 98 percent of the students meeting promotional standards based on the spring and summer LEAP test results.

Promotional standards for fourth grade requires students to achieve a minimum of Basic/Approaching Basic on the English Language Arts and Math sections of the LEAP.

Equally impressive, the eighth graders tied for second place in the state with 94 percent of the students meeting promotional standards, being outscored only by the University Lab schools.

District administrators credit this remarkable achievement to powerful instruction in the classrooms. Powerful instruction allows teachers to engage students meaningfully in their own learning.

Through an educational grant from Chevron, teachers throughout the parish have received on-going, intensive staff development in creating classrooms that support powerful instruction.

In addition to first-rate classroom instruction, active parental involvement is also noted as one of the reasons why the students did so well. Parents and schools working together benefit all stakeholders. Plaquemines Parish truly believes it "takes a village to raise a child."

Superintendent Denis Rousselle and all of his central office administrators are extremely proud of the students, parents, faculty, staff and school administrators for transforming the way students learn in Plaquemines Parish.