

**Smith School**  
**Final Accomplishments**  
**June 1, 2016**  
**Respectfully submitted by: Tracey L. Mara, Principal**

**Goal 1:** *District-wide implementation of the writing workshop model in grades kindergarten thru five.*

Writing continued to be a district wide and school wide focus in the second half of the year. Teachers worked collaboratively to analyze student work, plan targeted instruction and administer on demand assessments. Collectively, Smith School met their target goal for the 2015-2016 Logic Model with 72% of students meeting or exceeding grade level expectations as outlined by the Writing Pathways grade level rubrics in one of the writing genres (opinion/argument, informative/explanatory, and narrative).

**Goal 2:** *Smith School will research best practices used to infuse technology and enhance student engagement.*

Technology has been a major focus during the second half of the year. The iPad cart continues to be used regularly by students and staff. Fourth Graders created Stop Motion Movies as part of their Regions Cinema presentation for families. Kindergarten and First Grade have utilized them as part of their literacy centers. The Smith School PAC purchased a Chromebook cart in March, which has been another valuable tool for students and staff. Grade level and department websites are almost complete, with the expectation that all websites will be linked to the Smith website no later than June 27, 2016.

**Goal 3:** *Smith School will promote a diverse and inclusive environment.*

Based on the results from the K-12 Insights Survey, grade levels at Smith targeted communication with families in the second half of the year. Every grade level now sends out regular updates via email, which include what students are working on, important grade level/school information, and pictures of students working. Thus far, the new mode of communication has been well received. The Smith PAC and School Council also examined their meeting/functions to brainstorm ways to make them more appealing for families. One idea that we are hoping to incorporate is having PAC meetings feature a specific topic and/or guest speaker to increase attendance. We are also hoping to have a fall function, a Halloween dance.