

# **Altamonte Elementary School (ALES)**

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An "A" Rated School District

## A Word From Our Principal

Welcome to Altamonte Elementary, where students SOAR to Success. We are soaring to Higher Heights this school year as we continue to provide future ready learning opportunities for all students. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Altamonte unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

Dr. Leslie Watson

## What Makes Us Special

- We offer various extracurricular clubs and activities on our campus, which give students the opportunity to participate in various programs in academics, arts, or athletics.
- We are proud to offer a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) Program of Enrichment with MakerSpace, allowing students to design their thinking through exploring their creativity through various unique projects, robotics, and art programs.
- Altamonte students practice mindfulness, which helps focus their attention to learning during the day. We also teach social/emotional lessons every mornining during our morning news broadcast.

## Advanced Academics

Rigorous Accelerated Math Pathways for Elementary Students (RAMP) is available for mathematically talented students in grades 4 through 5.

## **Family Engagement**

2021-2022 Data



Dividends is the volunteer program for SCPS. Our incredible Altamonte volunteers gave **2,908** hours of their time to support students.

## Technology and the Future



- Altamonte's Program of Enrichment, offers students the ability to "Think. Create. Make. Innovate." via Makerspace projects.
- Altamonte students receive instruction in computer sciences and coding in Kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Computer Science 2020 Our students participate in at least 10 hours of computer science learning each school year.

#### **Student Achievement**

2021-2022 Data

- All students in grades K-5 participate in English and Language Arts (ELA) and Math iReady
  progress monitoring. 57% of K-5 students were on or above grade level in ELA and 51% of K5 students were on or above grade level in Math.
- The Star Early Literacy Assessment is administered to kindergarten students at the beginning of each school year. **51%** of students demonstrated kindergarten readiness compared to the state average of 57%.

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Altamonte Elementary School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE in 2022

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- All 5th grade students benefit from STEM lab classrooms for math and science.
- Altamonte has regular family events and encourages active participation in our SAC and PTA.
- Altamonte Elementary is a model school for building enhancements that provide a safe learning environment.
- Students have enrichment opportunities such as Running Club, Reading Clubs, Math Clubs, Student Council, Lego Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, Safety Patrols and News Crew.
- Students produce a musical experience each fall and spring which include various forms of the Fine Arts.
- Technology is integrated into all classrooms using various devices and interactive boards to enhance the students' learning experiences.

## Future Middle School Pathways for Our Students



Milwee: 87%



For additional pathways see <u>Student Assignment</u> and <u>Program Access</u>

## School Health and Safety

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is A.Caballero with the SCSO.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. <a href="www.speakouthotline.org">www.speakouthotline.org</a>

#### 65% of student respondents would recommend ALES



# 73% of parent respondents would recommend ALES



# Here's what students and parents say they like about Altamonte:

"What I like about my school most is the teachers and the students. They're all extremely nice and understanding. Another thing I like about this school is that the teachers would treat you very nicely and help you with whatever. "

4th Grade Student

 $^{\prime\prime}$  I like how all the teachers are very nice and all the clubs and also I like how the school gives us the best education.  $^{\prime\prime}$ 

4th Grade Student

"I like the variety at lunch, the cafeteria chefs don't give us the same thing everyday. I also like the aesthetic of the classrooms, the vibe doesn't make me feel bad in any way. I like the playgrounds too."

5th Grade Student

"I love the people and they are kind and funny I love my teachers and administration leader. "

5th Grade Studen

"I love the events that they plan and the constant communication I get from his teacher and staff. I have a lot of friends outside of the Altamonte Elementary school and their experiences are very different than mine. I can proudly say that I love this school. "

1st Grade Parent

"My child loves the teachers, staff and extra curriculum programs they are in. They enjoying going to school. Teachers are very approachable and responsive as well as staff. I feel the school facilities are secure, modern and adequate size. "

3rd Grade Parent

"The administration is quick to respond when needed."

4th Grade Parent

"Teachers and staff are willing to go above and beyond to assist with student behaviors. They work with the child where he/she is currently and build a structure of support through the guidance counselor, teacher, and behavior specialist. "

Kindergarten Parent