



TEAM REPORT

Education

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Principal Steve Hinson welcomed Linda Cuthbert, Carolyn Carbonell and Pat Drago at the door of Deltona Middle School. Members of the Education Team wanted to visit Deltona Middle because it was completely rebuilt four years ago. In addition to Dr. Hinson, Dr. Drayton and Dr. Castelli from the district presented information on the challenges and accomplishments of the last few years. Also present were Asst. Principals Tracy Buckner, Leontyne Mason, and Jacob Cavey.

The school tour included introductory information to help us get acquainted and then we watched the teachers and students in action. Class changes at a middle school can be an adventure in themselves. These students were ordered and uneventful. The school had a little over 1100 students, half of whom are enrolled in one of the performing arts programs. We found that statistic very important as the budget for the arts comes under special scrutiny every year. It is very important for student engagement and accomplishment. We were able to witness the orchestra class in session and came away so impressed with the level of performance by the students. No wonder it is popular!

We visited an exciting Civics Class. The teacher gave challenging material and the students worked collaboratively to answer it. The pace was high intensity. We were very impressed. Next, was an 8th grade algebra class. Once again, we observed students fully engaged. The teacher gave algebra polynomial problems and as the students tackled them, the teacher walked the room to gauge progress and help where needed.

If everyone visited schools in action they would feel very confident in the innovative and quality instruction taking place every day. Our members know schools well and what we saw made us proud of our educators and students.