

Did you know?

At Westside Elementary...

We currently service 530 students in grades PK-5th!

Westside has
A total of 94
Staff
members

We are proud
to be called
"The School of
Technology"!

Our students
are 1:1 with
student
laptops!

Each
classroom is
equipped with
an interactive
white board!



Kristina Stratton,
Principal - 2014 - Present

Received her B.A. in Art Education k-12 and Elementary Education K-6 as well as a M.A. in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida.

On top of that, she has worked for Hernando County Schools for 22 years in various teaching and leadership positions. She was also Hernando County's Outstanding Leader of the Year in 2016.

In 2020, Mrs. Stratton was published in the National Association of Elementary School Principals.



Deana LaPlatney,
Assistant Principal - 2022 - Present

Received her B.S. in Elementary Education K-6 and ESE from the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

Masters in Education Leadership from the University of West Florida.

Mrs. LaPlatney started her educational journey as a substitute teacher. She has worked for Hernando County for 12 years, and has experience in coaching, teaching, and leadership roles.

Westside
Elementary
was founded
in 1972

It was the
first school on
the west side
of the county!

Our first
principal was
Dwayne
"Skip"
Erikson.

We are
celebrating
50 Years of
Success
this year!

We are also proud to say that we have had staff...

- Teachers with National Board Certification.
- Several teachers have been recognized by the State of Florida for being a Florida High-Impact Teacher!