

Woodruff Elementary School

Dream...Hope...Imagine

School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents

2016-2017

Purpose

The purpose of Woodruff Elementary School is to create a community of learners where each student is provided with a quality education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation and excellence in learning to manage life's challenges successfully.

Direction

Our students will be engaged in meaningful experiences to fully develop social, emotional, physical and intellectual talents and abilities during their educational journey and throughout their lives.

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School Improvement Council Goal for 2016-2017

Improve School-Home-Community Relations

Based on a review of the 2015 parent survey data that indicated parents wanted more communication regarding their child's academic progress, the SIC promoted PowerSchool Parent Portal and created a Parent Portal User Guide in 2015. In April of 2015, 79% of students' parents had a Parent Portal account giving them constant access to their child's academic progress. At the beginning of the 2016 school year, each parent received a PowerSchool Parent Portal application and user guide on Registration Day. Presently, 99% of students' parents have a Parent Portal account. Parent Portal applications will be offered to parents on Registration Day for the 2017-2018 school year.

In an effort to find other ways to improve overall relations between home and school, the SIC reviewed *All Hands on Deck: Tools for Connecting Educators, Parents, and Communities* by Brad Currie. Afterwards, the SIC discussed a need for a social media outlet. It was noted that 332 parents and 22 teachers use School/Class Dojo to communicate important information and reminders such as school events, homework, and test dates, while other teachers use Remind 101 in the same way. These applications allow teachers and parents to communicate in ways similar to Twitter or Facebook.

In addition, the SIC parent and community members assisted in finding local presenters for Woodruff Elementary School's first Diversity Celebration, which was held on February 24, 2017. Each homeroom class chose to attend 4 of the 15 different sessions offered, in which the students engaged with internal and external school community members in various ways to learn about cultures from around the world. Some of the sessions included learning African dance, participating in a traditional Mexican birthday party for a child, playing Jamaican music with steel drums, storytelling, and learning the history of the Gullah people.

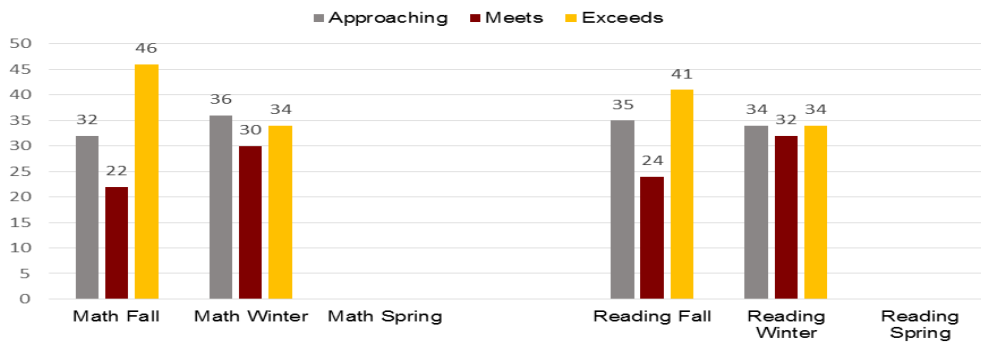
School Achievements

- ◆ 2015 National Blue Ribbon School Award
- ◆ 2015 Palmetto Gold Award for Absolute Performance
- ◆ 2015 Silver Award for Student Growth
- ◆ 2014-2015 Palmetto Finest Finalist
- ◆ 2016 District 4 scored above average on the AdvancED Index of Quality

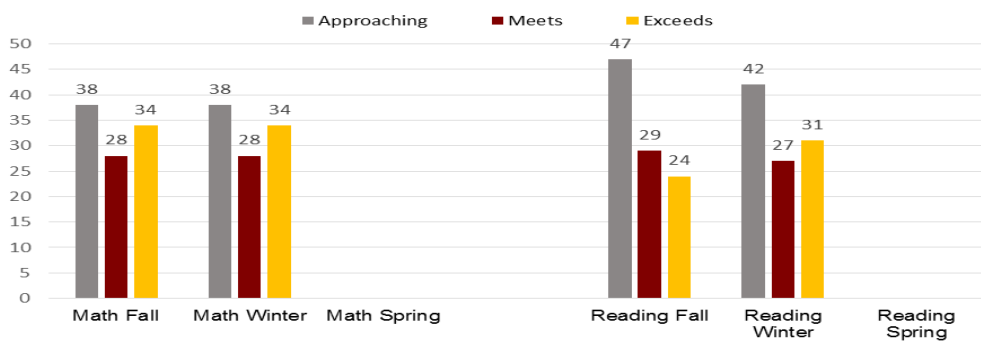


Student Achievement

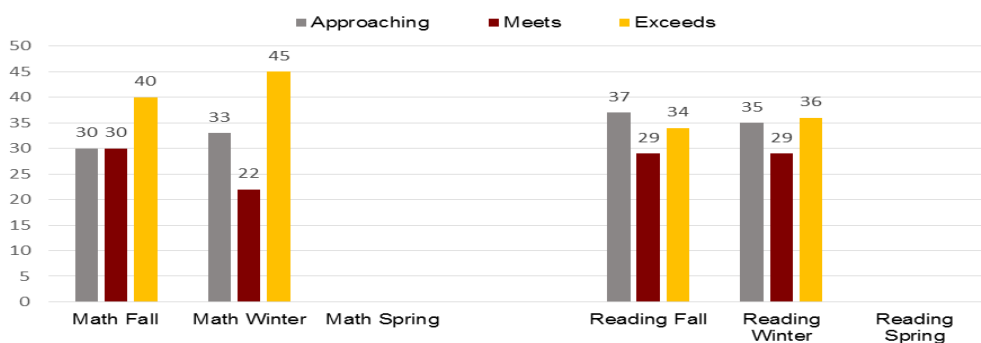
3rd Grade 2016-2017 MAP Data
Percentage of Students



4th Grade 2016-2017 MAP Data
Percentage of Students



5th Grade 2016-2017 MAP Data
Percentage of Students



For more information, you may view Woodruff Elementary School's Report Card for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the WES School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Ways to Get Involved

@ WES

- 4H Clubs*
- Academic Celebrations*
- Academic Focus Program
- Black History/SS Program*
- Book Fairs*
- Christmas Program*
- Club of Dreamers
- Donuts for Dads* Fun Day*
- Field Trips*
- Fifth Grade Cookout/Annual Day
- Gifted Art
- Gifted Music
- Girls/Boys Basketball Clubs
- Girls on the Run
- Girl Scouts
- Good News Club
- Grandparents Day Breakfast*
- Kiwanis Terrific Kids
- Morning Computer Club
- Muffins for Moms*
- National Blue Ribbon Ceremony*
- Meet the Teacher/Open House*
- PTO Events and Fundraisers*
- Science Club
- Science Fair*
- See You at the Pole
- Service Learning Projects
- SOAR Program
- South Carolina History Day*
- Spelling Bee
- Spirit Day
- Star Seekers Program*
- Stone Soup Storytelling Events
- Student Council
- Third Grade Orientation*
- Veteran's Day Program*
- Watershed Ecology Program
- WE Singers and Panhandlers
- Wednesday Special Lunch*
- WES News Crew

*Denotes opportunities through which parents/guardians can become more involved at WES