

SIC Report to the Parents

School Improvement Council of West View Elementary

April 30, 2021





The History of West View Elementary

West View Elementary opened its doors to the children of the community in 1969. Since the doors to the school opened, West View has been expanded 3 times, as the student population has more than tripled. This is a result of steady growth over the past 25 years in our school zone.

Nestled in a diverse residential community on Spartanburg's western outskirts, our school welcomes students from over 14 different countries as well as multiple states in the U.S. At West View, diversity is a strength, and students are provided daily opportunities to engage in learning of many cultures, especially through the unique Global Studies curriculum provided to every student.

West View has been honored as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School for being an Exemplary High Performing School, and continues the pursuit of securing an equitable, high-quality education for each student.

School Snapshot

West View is home to 645 students, grades 4K through 5.

To meet the diverse needs of our school community, we have:

- 52 certified teachers
- two assistant principals
- one literacy coach
- 22 teacher assistants
- two school counselors
- one school psychologist



School Improvement Council Annual Goals

Instructional Goal # 1:

Faculty and staff will work together to increase parent and community involvement and understanding in how they can support students as readers outside of school.

Instructional Goal # 2:

Instructional Goal: To increase math supports for students in Grades 4 and 5.

Facility Goal

To improve playground and field aesthetics to provide more friendly environment for school and community events.

Social-Emotional Goal:

To increase services that positively impact students' mental health.



Mrs.Faulkner?!

Mrs.Faulkner had to kiss Pearl the Pig as a result of the school-wide kindness campaign this past October.



Farmer's Day the D6 Way

Students enjoyed themselves during Farmer's Day.



We've Got Spirit

Mrs.Laney's class dressed to impress on Hawaiian Day.

2020-2021 School Highlights

- School-wide book give-away: Each student selected a book of choice to read during Winter Break.
- Full 1:1 Chromebook integration in grades K-5
- June 2020: Summer reading camp offered to qualifying students.
- Book Clubs
- Hour of Code
- Character Education program through Guidance Department every week
- WIN Time (What I Need Time- individualized instruction for all students)
- Inside of school reimaged with fresh paint
- Remodeled teacher workrooms
- 2 Sensory Rooms were added
- Social-Emotional Bitmoii Classrooms

- Targeted small groups for social-emotional needs
- Continued development on Compassionate Schools Training
- Free online book & ebook database for students to access anywhere
- School library website with free resources and tools for students
- School-wide focus on teacher wellness

2020-2021 School Improvement Council Members

Amanda Anderson, Parent

April Bartsch, Teacher

Divya Bava, Parent

Michelle Brock, Community Member

Dr. Shana Browning, Parent

Paula Gaskins, Assistant Principal

Shyasia Jeter, Teacher

Michele Koutras, Community Member

Dr. Vivian Means, Teacher

Richard Smith, Parent

Amy Faulkner- Ex-Officio

Amanda Zibell- Chairwoman

Student Achievements

Madison Lucas - Madison was recognized during the April School Board Meeting for her outstanding achievement in Science.

Gabrielle Jung - Gabrielle was recognized during the April School Board Meeting for her outstanding achievement in Science.

Patrick Jung - Patrick was recognized during the April School Board Meeting for his outstanding achievement in Science.

Hampton Parks - Hampton was recognized during the April School Board meeting for his outstanding achievement in Science.

Congratulations Gabrielle, Hampton, Madison, and Patrick! WVES is proud of you!





Dorman ROTC + WVES Flag Patrol

Dorman ROTC trained Flag Patrol on raising and lowering the South Carolina state flag and the American flag.



Earth Day

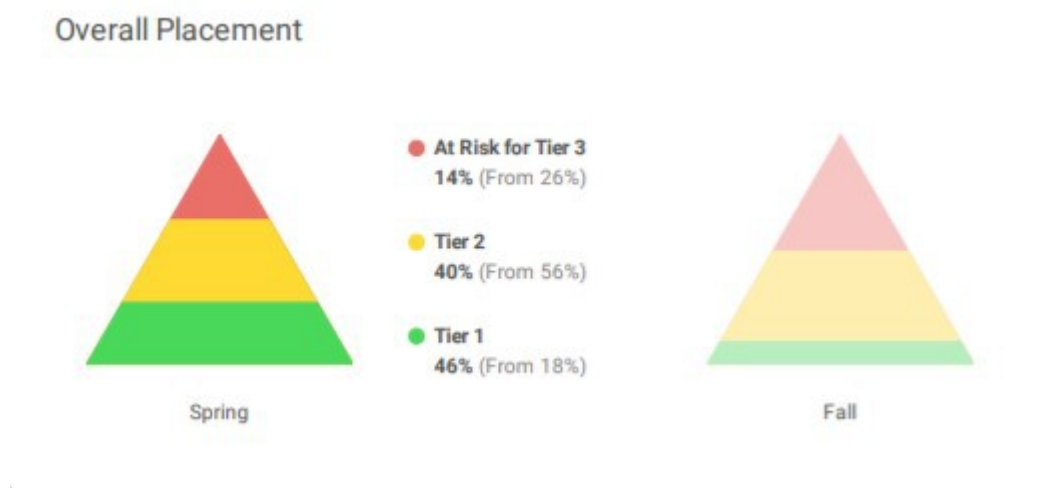
First Grade students participated in Earth Day activities, including mining for gems!



They See Me Rollin'

School administrators helped celebrate our faculty throughout the year. One way to show appreciation was through providing a snack cart for teachers!

iReady Math Growth 2020-2021 School Year: Overall Student Population



Throughout the school year, students experienced positive growth in math!

Tier 1 (Green) represents the percentage of students who scored 'On Grade Level'. According to the end of the year data, 46% of our students are performing 'On Grade Level' or 'Above Grade Level'. We increased that percentage significantly from the Fall score of 18%.

- At the beginning of the year, 18% of the WVES students were on or above grade level. Currently, 46% of the WVES students are performing on or above grade level.

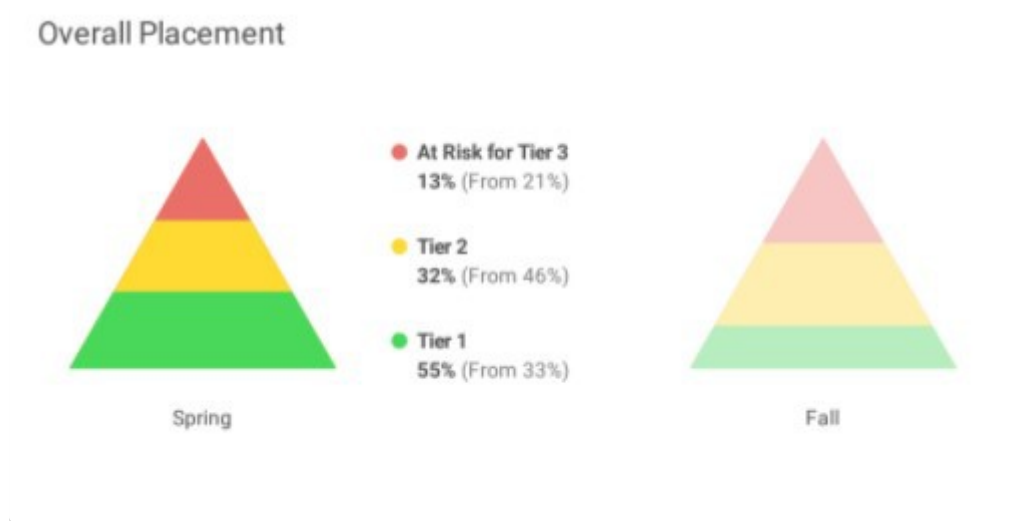
Tier 2 (Yellow) represents the percentage of students scoring 'One Grade Level Below'.

- From the beginning of the year until now, the percent of students in Tier 2 decreased from 56% to 40%, meaning 16% of those students move to Tier 1.

Tier 3 (Red) represents the percentage of students scoring 'More than One Grade Level Below'.

- At the beginning of the year 26% of WVES students fell into the Tier 3 range. With teachers using best practices and small group intervention throughout the school year, Tier 3 decreased from 26% to 14%. This means that Tier 3 students moved into either Tier 2 or Tier 1, showing considerable growth in one school year.

iReady Reading Growth 2020-2021 School Year: Overall Student Population



Throughout the school year, students experienced positive growth reading as well!

Tier 1 (On or Above Grade Level):

- Currently, 55% of WVES students are performing on or above grade level. This percentage increased 22% from fall to spring.

Tier 2 (One Grade Level Below):

- Currently, 32% of WVES students are performing one grade level below. This is a decrease from our fall score of 46%.

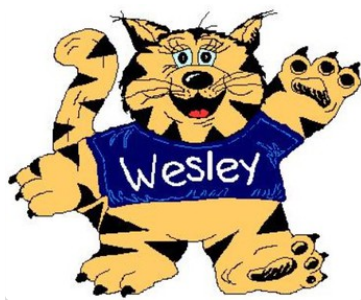
Tier 3 (More than One Grade Level Below):

- Currently, 13% of WVES students are performing more than one grade level below. This is a decrease from our fall score of 21%.

Movement throughout the tiers shows steady growth. Each year, we expect growth with all students. This growth is supported by the data above.

West View Elementary Theme Song for 2020-2021 School Year

"Don't Give Up On Me" Andy Grammer ft. PS22 Chorus





School Information

 Facebook

West View Elementary School is proud to serve students in Spartanburg School District Six. We love to connect with parents, and during a time where social distancing is being observed, we understand that there are barriers and opportunities to remain connected. Therefore, please follow or like us on Facebook and become familiar with our school website.

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