

Anderson Mill Elementary School



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....

Anderson Mill has had another fantastic year! We have many accomplishments to celebrate as the 2012-2013 school year comes to a close. I am so proud to announce that for the third year in a row our school has earned an “Excellent” rating on our school report card for academic achievement. We have also earned an “Excellent” rating for our improvement for the second year in a row.

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system (AYP) with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years (www.ed.sc.gov). Under this new rating system, each school in South Carolina was rated A-F, based on their performance on the PASS Assessment. Anderson Mill earned an “A” for the 2011-2012 school year. Way to go AMES!

Anderson Mill is continuing to grow each year. We currently have just over 800 children enrolled at Anderson Mill with six teachers in kindergarten, five teachers in first, second, third and fifth, and four teachers in fourth grade. We also have six self-contained classes for students with special needs. Due to our growth, we were fortunate enough to add an additional assistant principal, a full-time psychologist, an additional half time speech position, a kindergarten teacher and another half time guidance position to our staff. All of the new personnel positions are used to support the teachers and staff, as they provide the very best educational opportunities available to your child.

2012-2013 Accomplishments/Recognitions

- Billie Huskey** – Anderson Mill Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Vanessa Harrison** – Donor’s Choose Grant Winner
- Kate Elliott** – Fifth Grade Student – Kiwanis Terrific Kid of the Year 2013
- Kate Elliott**-Student Body President
- Kylan Hayes** – Fifth Grade Student – Spelling Bee Winner
- Kylan Hayes**- County Spelling Bee Semi-finalist
- Zahra Soherwardy** – Fifth Grade Student – Geography Bee Winner
- Hannah Farr**-Sodexo Young Chef Award-District Finalist
- Carter Sexton**-SC Elementary Honors Chorus
- Kate Elizabeth Harrison**-SC Elementary Honors Chorus
- Regional Science Fair Winners**
- Matthew Jones**-US Navy Junior Award
- Jacob Lockhart**-Elementary Behavioral- Honorable Mention
- Coleman Nichols**-Middle School Math- 1st Place and 2nd Place Overall
- Colin Novak**-Middle School Behavioral Science-2nd place
- Carter Sexton**-Middle School Physics- Honorable Mention 3rd Place
- Ashanti Sandoval**-National Audobon Society Award

Continuing Academic Programs....

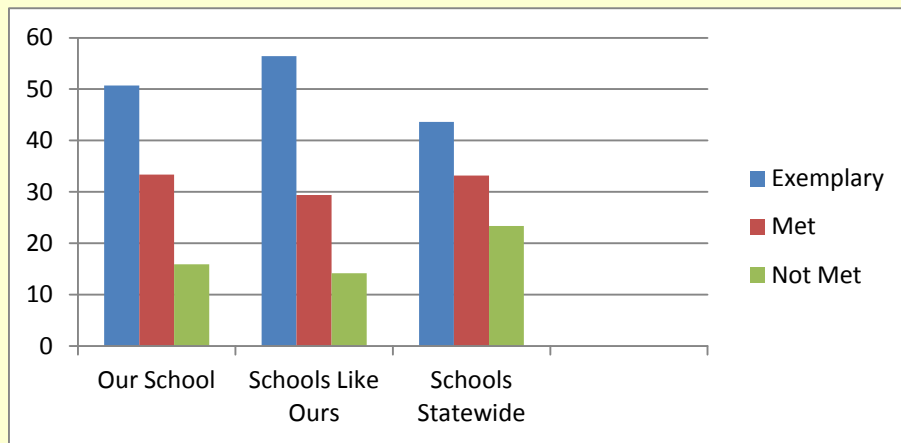
We are continuing with the following programs, as our data results show their positive contribution to our curriculum and overall school program.

- Reading intervention is offered to students in grades K-5 on a daily basis using a direct-instruction, research based programs.
 - K-1-My Sidewalks Reading Intervention to “at risk” students
 - 2-3-READ reading intervention
 - 4-5-Corrective Reading
- Number Worlds Math intervention is offered to students in grades K-2 on a daily basis using a direct-instruction, research based program.
- The Read Well curriculum is being utilized in kindergarten and first grade classrooms to provide small group reading instruction, as well as whole group reading lessons in kindergarten. We started the program at AMES last year and saw great gains in our students’ reading ability, as measured by DIBELS and STAR reports.

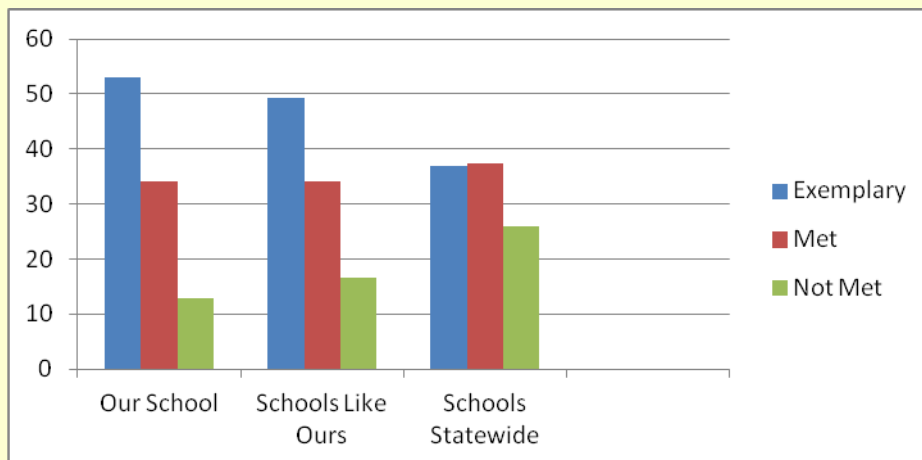
More 2012 State Report Card Information

**The first bar in each series represents students scoring Exemplary. The middle bar in each series represents students scoring Met. The last bar in each series represents students scoring Not Met.

PASS ELA Testing Data



PASS Math Testing Data



Student Clubs and Opportunities

- Student Council -Early Bird Gym -Art Club
- 4-H Pet Pals -Green Thumbs Club -Beta Club
- Fall/Spring Honor's Chorus -Leadership Club
- Running Club -Flag Patrol -Lego Club
- Mentoring Club -Jump Rope for Heart
- Volleyball Club -Good News Club
- Youth Advisory Council -Art Visions -WAME
- Math Explorers -Cougar Courier -Band
- Orchestra -Beyond the Books Afterschool
- Science Fair -Spelling Bee -Geography Bee
- Music Visions -NFL Play 60
- Groovy Greeting Club



Family and Student Events

- Family Write Night -Health Fair -Career Fair
- Book Fairs -Walk at School Day -Terrific Kid
- Field Day -Lunch and Learn -Music Share
- Parent Education Night -PTO Spirit Night
- Grade Level Music Performances -Fun Day
- Fall Carnival Day -Farmer's Day -Red Ribbon
- Dorman STARS -OLWEUS Bully Program
- Spaghetti with Santa -PTO Spirit Nights

OLWEUS Bully Prevention

Anderson Mill is proud to be a part of a district-wide bully prevention program. This is the second year of implementation for this program. The theme for the program is "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully". A school wide kick-off was held at the beginning of the school year to introduce the new initiative to students. Each week students participated in class meetings. These class meetings served as avenues for teachers to make students aware of current bullying concerns or to address any student concerns. Students also had the opportunity to learn more about the OLWEUS program through their guidance classes.

Instructional and Curriculum Resources

- My Sidewalks Intervention -Primary MAP
- Accelerated Reader -Study Island
- Literacy Closet -MAP Testing
- Response to Intervention -STAR Testing
- Read Well (K5 and 1st grade)
- Mobile Lap Top Lab -DIBELS Testing
- Number World Math Intervention
- Foreign Language Instruction
- 3rd Grade Multiplication Challenge
- Common Core Staff Development
- Promethean Board Instruction
- Academy Day -Math Explorers
- Power School Parent Access
- Speech Services -Resource Services
- Physical Therapy -Peer Tutors
- Occupational Therapy -4K Program
- Self Advocacy Program -Corrective Reading
- Writer's Workshop

(These programs are offered in combination with or as an extension of our regular standards based curriculum.)

A special thanks to all of those who serve.....

PTO Members

-Courtnee Ford-Co-President -Debbie Edwards-Co-President -Jules Bryant-Treasurer
Chrissa Hurley-Secretary -Melanie Sexton -Tracy Anderson -Rene Kuehl -Lindsay Layton
-Melissa Doiron -Janie Busch --Renee Nelson -Marie Cox -Jessica Rider -Koren
McCollum -Linda Draughn -Mona Garcia -Laura Keller -Jennifer Novak -Jennifer Kelley
-Kelly Talley -Sherry Yeisley -Jesse Morgan -Heather Donovan -Alexis Howlett -Ashley Hall
-Lee Sturgill -Angie Martinez-Christine Chance

School Improvement Council Members

- Stephen Timmons, Local Youth Minister/Chairman –Debbie Edwards, PTO
-Courtnee Ford,PTO -Michael Powell, Parent -Candice Gosnell, Parent
-Brittney Burdette, Parent - Susan Keith, School Nurse -Beth Haun, Principal
-Michelle Kimbrell, Assistant Principal -Bobby Rollins, Assistant Principal
-Rex Cox, Business Partner/ Parent -Karen Gregory, Guidance Counselor/Parent
- Princess Wilkins-Farr, Parent – Marie Cox, Parent - Erika McJimpsey, Parent
-Casey Lyles, Teacher -Ashley Hall, Parent -Vickie Thompson, Teacher
-Bob Jolley, Grandparent/Community Member

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