

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This has been a wonderful year full of excellent experiences at Manchester Elementary. Our School Improvement Council is actively committed to Manchester's mission and performance goals. Recently, we received The Palmetto Silver Award based on the results of our 2012 PASS scores. In addition, Manchester attained an A rating based on the state's ESEA waiver. We are able to accomplish excellence because Manchester is a great place to learn.

Manchester works because our students are prepared to learn and meet the challenges of each day. We strive to have a school where parents are actively involved and participate in their child's education by attending workshops and special events, and by encouraging school attendance, good homework habits, and excellent behavior. We work for a safe and supportive environment across the entire day—whether it is on the playground, on the bus, in the hallways, or in the cafeteria.

Manchester works because teachers provide students with critical thinking skills and problem solving activities. Test data is used to focus on programs that will help to increase student achievement by remediating weak areas. We proudly offer a computer lab program, adult GED classes, parenting workshops, student assistance programs, and academic intervention programs.

Manchester works to develop good citizenship by contributing to and caring for the community. Manchester is proud to be a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) school and we implement OLWEUS Anti-Bullying strategies. Manchester works because our students learn by serving others through service learning initiatives such as My Community and Me, Shower Shaw with Cookies, Career Fair, and the SPCA animal fund. Our philanthropic efforts include the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, and the American Heart Association.

We will continue to utilize research, involve our parents and community members, and focus on appropriate academic planning and instruction to improve the achievement of each child attending Manchester Elementary. Thank you for working with us and for giving us the opportunity to serve your child.

Mrs. Miranda Sparks, Chairman  
School Improvement Council

Joan Tye , Principal

Principal ..... Dr. Joan Tye  
Assistant Principal ..... Cheryl Triplett  
School-wide Facilitators ... Dana Williams  
Jennifer Barrett  
Counselors..... Cicely McNeill  
Alice Singleton  
Parent Facilitator..... Miranda Sparks  
SIC Chairperson ..... Miranda Sparks  
Secretary/Bookkeeper ..... Kim Avins  
Teacher of the Year ..... Tiffany Ardis

### Our Beliefs

- The family is the most important influence on the individual.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- Teamwork is necessary to achieve the goals of an organization.
- Character development is necessary for an individual to reach his/her full potential.
- Active involvement is critical to productive change.
- Each individual is responsible for his/her own actions.
- The quality of education primarily determines the quality of life in a community.
- Children are our greatest asset.
- Effective communication bridges gaps between human beings.
- We respect each other.
- Every person has intrinsic worth.
- Diversity strengthens the community.

## Manchester Elementary School 2012-2013 Report to Parents



**The mission of  
Manchester  
Elementary School is  
to prepare today's  
children for  
tomorrow's  
challenges.**

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## Accomplishments and Awards

### School Improvement Council

Principal..... Dr. Joan Tye  
 Chairperson..... Miranda Sparks  
 Parent..... Jenni Evans  
 Parent..... Becky Cromer  
 Community ..... Helen Lee  
 Community ..... Kara Stone  
 Staff ..... Pennie McLeod  
 Staff..... Stacey Benenhaley  
 Staff..... Lisa Anderson  
 PTA Rep..... Cathi Kersten  
 Asst. Principal..... Cheryl Triplett



Teacher of the Year, Tiffany Ardis

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Accredited -Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation  
 Adequate Yearly Progress for 7 years  
 Back to School Fair  
 Balanced Literacy  
 Black History Program  
 Calendar Math Program  
 Career Awareness  
 Chorus  
 Fall Festival  
 Grade Level Planning and Staff Development  
 Hands-on Science (FOSS)  
 Heart Association fundraiser  
 National Elementary Honor Society  
 Palmetto Silver Award  
 Pennies for Patients (Leukemia and Lymphoma)  
 Project Read Multi-Sensory Phonics Program  
 PTA  
 Red Carpet School  
 Red Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness Week  
 Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)  
 Safety Patrol  
 Science Fair State Winners  
 Shower Shaw with Cookies  
 Sumter County Christmas Parade  
 Pinewood Christmas Parade  
 Volunteer Program  
 PTA Reflections: Literary Work  
 PBIS Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies  
 Olweus Anti-Bullying Program  
 Common Core Professional Development  
 AFA Chapter Teacher of the Year: Ms. Limon  
 Standards Based Report Card Professional Development

## Summary of Needs Assessment

During our recent school renewal process, our school and community representatives agreed that Manchester Elementary School should continue to focus on student achievement, teacher/staff recruitment and retention, and school climate. The areas of mathematics and literacy remain part of our focus for improvement, and strategies have been developed and implemented to address them.

Our instructional strategies and activities, school-wide benchmarks, measures of academic progress, and professional staff development are all an integral part of our initiative to increase student proficiency in all areas on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).



**Third Grade Multiplication Bee Trophy  
2012**