

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year the School Renewal Planning Team meets to discuss test data, and other documents to aide in the compilation of the School Renewal Plan. Our School Improvement Council is actively committed to Manchester's mission and performance goals. When the school environment is positive, and when parents are involved in their children's education, students benefit academically. Manchester is growing readers, writers, and thinkers.

Manchester is growing readers and writers who 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.

Manchester strives to grow thinkers. Therefore, our 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, after school tutoring programs, 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.

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. As always, the doors of Manchester are always open for students, their parents, and our community. We look forward to your continued support as our school year progresses.

Jennifer Nelson, School Improvement Council

Joan Tye, Principal

Principal Dr. Joan Tye
Assistant Principal..... Jackqueline Thomas
School Facilitators..... Jennifer Barrett
Dana Williams
Counselor..... Cicely McNeill-Brown
SIC Chairperson Jennifer Nelson
Secretary/Bookkeeper Kim Avins
Teacher of the Year Cathi Kersten

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.

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Manchester Elementary School 2013-2014 Report to Parents



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

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School Improvement Council

Principal.....Dr. Joan Tye
Chairperson.....Jennifer Nelson
Parent.....Kara Stone
Parent.....Michelle Geddings
Community Member.....Helen Lee
Community MemberJennifer Barrett
StaffSharon Johnson
Staff.....Christin Knepp
Staff.....Jackie Howard
Staff.....Dana Williams
Assistant Principal
.....Jackie Thomas

2013-2014 Teacher of the Year

Cathi Kersten



Accomplishments and Awards

Accredited-Southern Association of
Colleges and Schools
Back to School Fair
Balanced Literacy
Black History Program
Calendar Math Program
Career Fair, Chorus, and Fall Festival
Grade Level Planning and Staff Development
Hands-on Science (FOSS)
Heart Association and Relay for Life Fundraiser
National Elementary Honor Society
Pennies for Patients (Leukemia and Lymphoma)
Project Read Multi-Sensory Phonics Program
Active Parent Teacher Association
Red Carpet School
Red Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness Week
Safety Patrol
Science Fair State Winners
Shower Shaw with Cookies
Pinewood Christmas Parade
PTA Reflections Student Winners
PBIS Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies and
Olweus Anti-Bullying Program

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 retention, and school climate. The areas of Reading and Science are our focus for improvement and we are developing strategies to address these areas.

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).