

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This has been an exciting year at Manchester Elementary. We have participated in many initiatives and have earned several recognitions. We have achieved Adequate Yearly Progress for the seventh year in a row and this year received the Palmetto Gold Award. We are able to accomplish excellence because we are Manchester and Manchester *Works!*

Manchester works to have a school where students are prepared to learn and are ready to meet the challenges of each day. We work 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. Through PBIS, 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 by utilizing the services of a school-wide facilitator to assist the principal in developing professional learning opportunities based on our population and needs. Opportunities include Standards-Based Curriculum Delivery, Student Assistance, Response to Intervention, Test Analysis, Brain Research, SuccessMaker, and Waterford Early Learning.

Manchester works to foster good citizenship by contributing to and caring for the community. Service Learning initiatives include My Community and Me, Shower Shaw with Cookies, Career Fair, and other projects to beautify the environment and raise awareness. Our philanthropic effort has been mainly geared toward the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life, but we have also made significant donations to Pennies for Patients and Jump Rope for Heart.

We strive each day to show that Manchester Works! Thank you for working with us and for giving us the opportunity to serve your child.

Mrs. Miranda Sparks, Chairman
School Improvement Council

Dr. Laura M. Brown, Principal

Manchester Elementary School

PrincipalDr. Laura M. Brown
Assistant Principal.....Cheryl Triplett
School-wide Facilitator..... Monica Pate
Counselors..... Rachael Clyburn and
Alice Singleton
Parent Facilitator.....Miranda Sparks
PTA President.....Amanda Wildy
SIC ChairpersonMiranda Sparks
Secretary/Bookkeeper Arlene McCloud
Teacher of the YearCatherine Limon

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.
- There is a Supreme Being.
- Human beings have unlimited potential.
- Children are our greatest asset.
- Effective communication bridges gaps between human beings.
- We respect each other.
- Every person has intrinsic worth.



Manchester Elementary School 2010-2011 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

Summary of Needs Assessment

School Improvement Council

Principal..... Dr. Laura M. Brown
Chairperson..... Miranda Sparks
Parent..... Ashley Hardee
Parent..... Amy Haselden
Parent..... Terri Shepard
Community Jacqueline Howard
Community Cassandra Vaughn
Staff Sharon Johnson
Staff Louise Kay
PTA Representative. Amanda Wildy



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Accelerated Reader
Accredited -Southern Association of Colleges
Adequate Yearly Progress for 7 years
Art Club
Back to School Fair
Balanced Literacy
Black History Program
Calendar Math Program
Career Awareness
Chorus
District Clean School Award Winner
Fall Festival
Family Fun Nights
Grade Level Planning and Staff Development
Governor's Citizenship Award
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
Reading Club
Red Carpet School
Red Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness Week
Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)
Safety Patrol
Science Club
Science Fair State Winners
Shower Shaw with Cookies
Skate Nights
SRA Reading
Sumter County Christmas Parade
Volunteer Program
Waterford Technology for primary grades

In order to develop the Manchester Elementary School Renewal Plan, district and school level administrators, teachers, parents and community members analyzed data from the last four school years. The sources included PACT, PASS, MAP, DIBELS, and the district benchmark and comprehensive exams. The team also analyzed survey results from parents, teachers and students. They reviewed discipline/suspension reports, attendance trends, and teacher turnover rates. After a review of all data, teams developed strategies and activities based on specific areas of weakness and strength.

Student Achievement

The early childhood level requires emphasis on the implementation of strategies that address academic expectations, assessment procedures, and literacy skills. Continued emphasis on a strong family literacy program has been identified as a major need for children and families in this group.

Teacher Quality

In order to ensure teachers are highly qualified, ongoing professional development must be provided. Therefore, a major area of focus will be an emphasis on training, as well as recruitment and retention.

School Climate

Review of perception data, discipline and attendance records indicates a need for connecting with students and the community. Professional development focusing on school/home relationship is shown to be a major need, along with a continued emphasis on service learning and school-to-work initiatives.



Catherine Limon
2010-2011

Teacher of the Year