



Mrs. Tamitha Sellers
2014-2015 Teacher of the Year

Shaw Heights' Annual Report

Principal.....Dr. Melissa Morris
Assistant Principal.....Joshua Campbell
Guidance Counselor.....Katresa Charles
Reading Coach.....Melissa Porter
Science/Math Coach.....Debra Wilkinson
Media Specialist.....Patricia Wilcox
Title I Coordinator.....Debra Wilkinson

Shaw Heights' Annual Report To the Public 2014-2015

Performance Goals

As part of our ongoing process of improvement, our School Improvement Council developed three performance goals to guide future growth.

- *The percentage of our third grade students who score met and exemplary in mathematics and English language arts as measured by the SC assessment will increase in math from 78.7% in 2012 to 94% in 2017, and in ELA from 80.8% in 2012 to 96% in 2017.*
- *The number of discipline referrals will decrease by 50% by 2017.*
- *All teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals will rank as highly qualified.*

The mission of Sumter School District is to equip students to be responsible, successful, and productive citizens in a global society.

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Our Beliefs

- Children are our greatest asset.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Teamwork is necessary to achieve the goals of an organization.
- Character development is necessary for an individual to reach his or her full potential.
- Active involvement is critical to productive change.
- Each individual is responsible for his or 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.
- We are responsible for each other.
- Every person has intrinsic worth.
- Respect and effective communication strengthens our diverse community.



Shaw Heights Elementary School
Title I School

The mission of
Shaw Heights Elementary School
is
All Children Excel in School

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School Improvement Council

Tamitha Sellers.....President SIC
Dr. Melissa Morris.....Principal
Joshua Campbell.....Assistant Principal
Katresa Charles.....Staff
Melissa Porter.....Staff
Debra Wilkinson.....Staff
Allison Mathis.....Parent
John Kennedy.....Community
Dr. Maggie Wright.....Community
Bill Bennett..... Community
Cassie Oliver.....Parent
Lawanda Pendergrass.....Parent

Accomplishments :

ESEA Report Card Grade B 2014
ESEA Report Card Grade A 2013
Palmetto Gold 2012
Excellent/Excellent Report Card 2011
Met AYP 2011
Palmetto Gold 2011
Red Carpet School 2010
Excellent/Good Report Card 2010
Met AYP 2010
Palmetto Gold 2010
Traveling Multiplication Trophy 2010
Toys for Tots Winner 2009
Governor's Honor Award 2008
SACS Accreditation 2008-Current
HUGS Award 2008
Clean School Award since 2004

Needs Assessment

During our recent school renewal process, our school and community representatives agreed that Shaw Heights Elementary should continue to focus on student achievement, teacher/staff recruitment and retention, and school climate. These areas 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, clearly defined goals and objectives, and professional staff development are all an integral part of our initiative to increase students' proficiency in all areas on the South Carolina assessment. We continually strive to meet the challenges set before us with your help.



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Shaw Heights Elementary Report to the Public

Shaw Heights Elementary is a public Title I school located on Shaw Air Force Base. Our school serves both military and non-military families. We strive to create a warm, nurturing environment for our students to excel and achieve in all areas. Many parent involvement opportunities are implemented throughout the school year. Teachers work collaboratively with the parents to ensure that all children have a positive learning experience. Our School Improvement Council has made a commitment to provide support for the school's mission and performance goals, and to encourage the involvement of the community.

Shaw Heights Elementary experienced success with our students earning a B grade on the Federal Accountability Rating System in 2014. Our test scores on the SC PASS earned our school the honor of the Palmetto Gold Award in 2011 and 2012. Teachers, students, faculty, parents, and community members shared in the celebrations of our success. Some of the steps taken to ensure our students are achieving at a high level include correlating our curriculum with the state standards, participating in on-going professional development, intervention in reading and math, inclusion challenge classes, educational software programs, and a variety of parent involvement activities. We also involve our students in community service projects such as March of Dimes, Salvation Army canned food drive, choir performances in the community, Shower Shaw with Cookies/Cards, and Relay for Life.

Shaw Heights Elementary faculty and staff are dedicated to the mission of educating all children to their highest potential. Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by focusing on appropriate academic planning and instruction to improve the achievement of each child attending our school.

Tamitha Sellers
Tamitha Sellers, President SIC

Melissa Morris
Dr. Melissa Morris, Principal