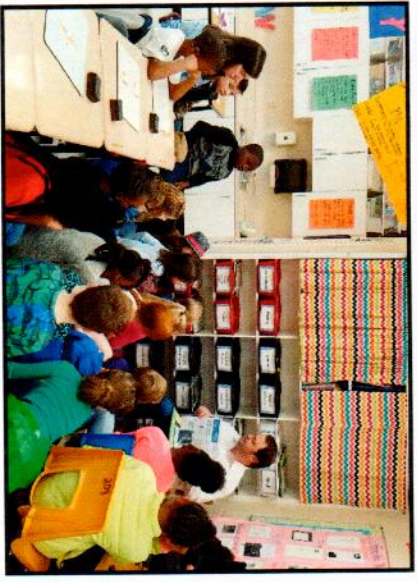


Dr. Cornelius Leach.....Principal  
 Dana Williams.....Assistant Principal  
 Elyn Croft.....Guidance Counselor  
 Lessie Bernshouse.....Media Specialist  
 Amy Stallings.....PTA President  
 Sandy Newman.....Reading Coach  
 Mary Anne Scott.....Reading Interventionist



**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Principal.....Dr. Cornelius Leach  
 Assistant Principal.....Dana Williams  
 Parent.....Amy Stallings  
 Parent.....Susie Atkinson  
 Teacher.....Sandy Newman  
 Teacher.....Diane Burgess  
 Community Member.....Deanna McElveen  
 Community Member.....Jamie Glasscock



Community member Kyle Osteen from *The Fear* reading to a third grade class during Read Across America Week.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Millwood Elementary School is to empower students to achieve academic excellence and become responsible, respectful citizens. To achieve this mission we will provide a challenging and diverse educational foundation in a safe and nurturing environment.



**OUR BELIEFS**

- The education of the young child is the foundation for future learning.
- A parent's active involvement in providing physical, emotional, and academic support is crucial to successful learning.
- The school and community share responsibility for the emotional and physical safety of its children.
- Educators, as professionals, merit respect and support as they nurture the development of skills for becoming productive citizens in today's world.
- All students can learn and have the responsibility to actively participate in the learning process.
- Children need to experience success and be aware of their inherent self-worth.
- A respect of self and others is vital for life-long success.
- All student behaviors result in consequences.
- Maintaining an aesthetically rich environment stimulates learning.

2017 - 2018

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*to Parents*



**Millwood Elementary School**



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Millwood Elementary is an extraordinary school because of its stakeholders who are involved in the educational opportunities that are provided. Our School Improvement Council (SIC) and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) partner together to ensure that our students are empowered to achieve academic excellence and become responsible, respectful citizens. Several school wide and community events allow our students to excel academically and socially. We encourage your continued support as Millwood's faculty and staff ensure that your child is provided a challenging and diverse educational foundation in a safe and nurturing environment.

Sincerely,

*Conetius E. Leach*

*Principal*

*Dawnna McElveen*

*SIC Chairperson*

## SUCCESSSES

- Millwood outperformed the state and district in many areas of the SC Ready and SC PASS
- Students placed in State Science Fair
- Student won Daughters of Revolution Writing Contest
- Teacher nominated for the Air Force Association Aerospace Education Award
- Teacher nominated for the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award
- School collaborated with Sumter High School and housed Teacher Cadets
- School won best overall promotion NSBW 2014 - 2015
- Teacher named Distinguished Ready Teacher of the Year

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Millwood's faculty, staff, and students participated in many events associated with student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and social climate.

Some of the events during the school year included: Family Literacy and Math Night, School Level Professional Development Activities (Data Analysis and Literacy Design Collaborative), State and National Conferences, Magnificent Mustang Awards, and PTA Character Education Fundraiser.

## OBJECTIVES

Millwood Elementary School had two objectives for the 2017 - 2018 school year. These are presented below:

### **Objective 1 - Provide opportunities for students to develop positive character traits.**

**Evidence:** Students participated in daily Magnificent Mustang drawings in which they earned for exemplifying positive character traits in and outside of the classroom during the school day.

### **Objective 2 - Provide opportunities for students to excel academically.**

**Evidence:** Students participated in real-world activities that required them to apply their problem-solving skills. Teachers provided opportunities for students to use the necessary manipulatives and Chromebooks to solve problems. Students in all grade levels utilized technology such as Think Central, ALEKS, and Reflex to apply high-order thinking skills in core content areas.

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Accelerated Reader Parties
- American Heart Association
- Angel Tree Project
- Canned Food Drive
- Character Parade
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Family Math Night
- Fifth Grade Dance
- Hats for Hope
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- Intramurals
- Millwood News Show
- Mentoring Program—Shaw
- Millwood Steppers
- Multiplication Bee
- March of Dimes
- Men of Distinction
- My Community and Me
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Pennies for Patients
- Practicum Students
- Book Buddies
- PTA
- PTA Reflections
- Pumpkin Night
- Read Across America
- Red Ribbon Week
- Relay for Life
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- SPD Black History Art & Essay Contest
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council
- United Ministries

## STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

**Area One: Student Achievement**

**Goal One: The percentage of students in grades 3-5 who score Met and Above in ELA will crease to 93.2% by 2022 as measured by the state assessment.**

**Strategies:** Increase student achievement through writing across the curriculum. Increase teacher collaboration, small instructional groups, and best practices through the use of technology. Increase Reading Comprehension through available programs such as Accelerated Reader, Star Reader, Leveled Libraries, and Guided Reading.

**Area Two: Teacher/Administrator Quality**

**Goal One: The retention rate of qualified teachers and administrators will increase to 96.7% by 2022 as measured by the state's and district's data reports.**

**Strategies:** Provide school and District professional development activities on a regular basis. Provide support for teachers and paraprofessionals to ensure their success.

**Area Three: School Climate**

**Goal One: The percentage of parents who report satisfaction with home and school relations will increase to 100% by 2022 as measured by the annual survey.**

**Strategies:** Implement a Character Education Program through reward programs and other opportunities within the classroom and the school. These are sponsored and supported by teachers, administration, and parents.



Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Wanda Williams

Millwood Elementary School is fully accredited by the Southern Association