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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Principal.....Stella Hall
 Assistant Principal..... Dana Williams
 Parent..... Becky Andrle
 Parent..... Amy Stallings
 Teacher..... Deanna McElveen
 TeacherDiane Burgess
 Community MemberBrandon Kenner
 SIC Chairperson.....Jeannie Ward



Mrs. Rebecca Osteen, Millwood’s Teacher of the Year 2016-2017.

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.

2016- 2017

ANNUAL REPORT

to Parents



Millwood Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all stakeholders involved in our educational journey as we improve the quality of life for our students. We extend a special appreciation to our parents for your continued support and partnership. You have made this an outstanding year for us and we are grateful for all that you do. Please continue to support our children as they continue their journey in becoming responsible citizens and life-long learners of our community....

Sincerely,

Stella S. Hall
Principal

Jeannie Ward
SIC Chairperson

SUCCESSSES

- Twig World tribute
- Art Ambassador to the United Nations from Nigeria
- Students placed in State Science Fair
- Student won Daughters of Revolution Writing Contest
- Third-grade students won traveling multiplication trophy for District (two years in a row)
- School hosted practicum students from USC Upstate
- Third-grade classes scored higher than the state on SC Ready

SPECIAL EVENTS

A London-based international digital media company (Twig World) that creates video-learning materials produced and released a video tribute worldwide of Millwood Elementary due to its high usage to help market its products.

Students participated in Family Math Night where they visited local grocery stores with their parents. When everybody returned to school for the PTA meeting, a drawing was held for gift cards from each of the participating grocery stores and two Kindle Fires.

Also, Millwood successfully completed its Third Annual Read Across America Week. This event is an effort to encourage students to read more. The students reached their goal and read over 6,000 books. Ms. Hall and Ms. Williams agreed to participate in a dunking booth.

Next, our Student Council completed its community service by collecting needed items for our local SPCA.

Finally, Millwood hosted its first annual Literacy Night. Parents were informed about how students were to write text-dependent analysis (TDA) and how that related to our SC Ready state testing.

OBJECTIVES

Millwood Elementary School had two objectives for the 2016 - 2017 school year. These are presented below:

Objective 1 - Provide opportunities for students to develop effective problem solving skills.

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 manipulative and chrome books to solve problems. Students in all grade levels utilized technology such as Think Central, ALEKS, and Reflex to apply high-order thinking skills in mathematics.

Objective 2 - Provide opportunities for students to develop skills that enable them to effectively interact with individuals and with groups.

Evidence: The guidance counselor provided classroom guidance lessons for all students with an emphasis on the importance of positive life styles and making good choices. Morning counseling groups were provided for new students and students with deployed parents.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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| Accelerated Reader Parties | Practicum Students |
| American Heart Association | PTA |
| Angel Tree Project | |
| Art Club | Pumpkin Night |
| Book Buddies | Read Across America |
| Canned Food Drive | Red Ribbon Week |
| Character Parade | Relay for Life |
| Chess Club | Safety Patrol |
| Chorus | Science Fair |
| Family Math Night | Shadow a Relative |
| Fifth Grade Dance | SPD Essay |
| Intramurals | Spelling Bee |
| Literacy Night | |
| Millwood Steppers | Student Council |
| Shower Shaw with Cookies | Talent Show |
| March of Dimes | United Ministries |
| My Community and Me | |
| Fantasy of Lights | Christmas Parade |
| Lighting of Christmas Tree | Yearbook |
| Pictures with Clifford | Pictures with Santa |

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Area One: Student Achievement

Goal One: Provide a challenging curricula with high expectations for all students as measured by growth in the percentage of students in grades 3-5 who score Met or above in ELA and Math as measured by State assessment.

Strategies: Increase student achievement through writing across the curriculum. Increase the use of manipulative, teacher collaboration, hands-on activities, small instructional groups, and best practices in math and technology. Increase Reading Comprehension in students (K-5) through available programs such as Accelerated Reader, Star Reader, Leveled Libraries, and Guided Reading.

Area Two: Teacher/Administrator Quality

Goal One: Maintain a 90% retention rate of quality teachers and administrators.

Strategies: School and District professional development will be offered on a regular basis. Provide support for teachers to ensure their success at Millwood Elementary.

Area Three: School Climate

Goal One: The percentage of students who effectively show positive character development will increase by 10 percent over the next five years. (Measured by a decrease in referrals.)

Goal Two: The percentage of parents who report satisfaction with home and school relations as measured by an annual survey and reported on the state report card, will increase to 100%.

Strategies: Implement a Character Education Program through reward programs and other opportunities within the classroom and the school.

Strategies: Initiating and maintaining communication with parents and the community through teacher conferences, parent workshops, newsletters, invitations to events, opportunities for involvement and respecting the value of positive home-school-community relationships.