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 Dana Williams.....Assistant Principal
 Jeannie Ward..... Curriculum Resource
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 Sandy Newman.Reading Interventionist



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Principal.....Stella Hall
 Assistant Principal.....Dana Williams
 Parent.....Becky Andrie
 Parent.....Kristine Smith
 Teacher.....Charles Thompson
 TeacherJayne Evenich
 Community MemberMisty Miller
 SIC Chairperson.....Jeannie Ward



Fourth Grade Art Class lead by *Ibiyinka Alao*,
 Art Ambassador to the United Nations from Nigeria.

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.

2015 - 2016

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

- Art Ambassador to the United Nations from Nigeria visited
- Students placed in State Science Fair
- Students won Daughters of Revolution Writing Contest
- Third-grade students won traveling multiplication trophy for District
- School hosted four student teachers from USC Upstate
- School collaborated with Sumter High School and housed Teacher Cadets

- School won best overall promotion NSBW 2014 - 2015

SPECIAL EVENTS

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. The Millwood Step Team performed. This was the inaugural year for our Step Team and they performed for our Sumter School Board of Trustees, marched in the Sumter Christmas Parade, and competed in their first competition.

Millwood inducted its first Student Council this year. Students traveled to the State House and completed their community service project. The students collected items to make "Busy Bags" for pediatric patients at Palmetto Health-Tuomey. Some of the items collected were crayons, bubbles, activity books, play dough, puzzles and games.

Also, Millwood successfully completed its Second 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. Mrs. Hall kissed a bunny and a frog. Mrs. Williams and the leadership team led the student body in dancing the "Nay Nay" from the school's roof.

OBJECTIVES

Millwood Elementary School had two objectives for the 2015 - 2016 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 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 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

- Accelerated Reader Parties
- American Heart Association
- Angel Tree Project
- Canned Food Drive
- Character Parade
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Family Math Night
- Fifth Grade Dance
- Host SHS Teacher Cadet Program
- Intramurals
- Millwood News Show
- Mentoring Program-Shaw
- Millwood Steppers
- Multiplication Bee
- March of Dimes
- My Community and Me
- National Breakfast Celebration
- Pennies for Patients
- Practicum Students
- Book Buddies
- PTA
- PTA Reflections
- Pumpkin Night
- Read Across America
- Red Ribbon Week
- Relay for Life
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- Shadow a Relative Day
- Shag Club
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- SPD Black History Art & Essay Contest
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council
- Talent Show
- United Ministries

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 manipulatives, 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: Quality professional development activities will be offered to teachers on a regular basis.

Strategies: School and District professional development will be offered on a regular basis. Provide support for teachers to ensure their success at Millwood Elementary. Read to Succeed, Guided Reading and other Instructional strategies were offered by the Reading Coach. Monthly technology workshops were offered along with Kagan instructional strategies.

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.)

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. JoLawrence Corbin

Millwood Elementary School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.