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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT - COUNCIL -

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FIRST GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE BOOK
 CHARACTER PARADE

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.

2014-2015

ANNUAL REPORT *to Parents*



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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

Lynne Nelson

SIC President

SUCSESSES

- Five teachers were recipients of \$100.00 mini grants from the Sumter Education Foundation.
- Student won Daughters of the American Revolution Writing Contest
- Students qualified for All State Chorus
- Hosted three student teachers from Morris and USC.
- Collaborated with Sumter High School and housed Teacher Cadets
- Excellent-Excellent Report Card 2011 and 2012

SPECIAL EVENTS

In February, we hosted our Black History Program that featured Meaghan Norman, WIS News Anchor and John F. Kennedy provided the music. Before the program, the students participated in Family Math Night where they visited local grocery stores with their parents.

Our PTA had another successful year marked by our eighth Read-A-Thon. This event is an effort to encourage students to read more. The students reached their goal and read over 3,000 books. Mrs. Hall kissed a goat and Mrs. McBride “wobbled” on the roof.

The Faculty and Staff held the Barry Leach Scholarship Fundraiser and four scholarships were awarded at the PTA Meeting that night to graduating seniors who attended Millwood as elementary students.

OBJECTIVES

Millwood Elementary School had two objectives for the 2014—2015 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 to solve problems. Students in all grade levels utilized technology such as *Think Central* 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 lifestyles and making good choices. Morning counseling groups were provided for new students and students with deployed parents. Positive reinforcement for respectful behavior was provided for students through “Terrific Kids” and “Citizens of the Month” and the Morning Show.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Accelerated Reader Parties
- Angel Tree Project
- Annual Earth Day Awareness
- Birthdays of the Day
- Book Buddies
- Can Food Drive
- Character Parade
- Chorus
- Citizen of the Month
- Fall Festival
- Family Math Night
- Fifth Grade Dance
- Host SHS Teacher Cadet Program
- Intramural Athletics
- Mentoring Program- Shaw Air Force Base
- Millwood Today TV Show
- Morning Counseling for New Students and Deployed Parents
- Mustang Corral
- My Community and Me
- National Children’s Theatre
- Pennies for Patients
- Practicum Students
- PTA
- PTA Reflections
- Pumpkin Night
- Red Ribbon Week
- Relay for Life
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- Shadow a Relative Day
- Shag Club with Betty Kane
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- South Carolina Walk to School
- Spelling Bee
- Talent Show
- Teacher Cadets
- Terrific Kid
- 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 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 and Leveled Libraries.

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. Guided Reading and other instructional strategies were offered by the Reading Coach.

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. DEBBIE MCLEOD

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