

Dr. John B. Hilton, Jr.....Principal
 Michelle McBride.....Assistant Principal
 Jeannie Ward.....Curriculum Coach
 Anne Marie Crowe.....Guidance Counselor
 PTA President.....Brenda Bonners
 SIC Chairperson.....Clarissa Metz

School Improvement Council

Principal.....Dr. John B. Hilton, Jr.
 Assistant Principal.....Michelle McBride
 Chairperson.....Cedric Kirkman
 Parent.....Brenda Bonners
 Parent.....Misty Miller
 Parent.....Erika Canty
 Teacher.....Sandy Newman
 Teacher.....Meri Wyn Hudson
 Teacher.....Dianne Burgess
 Community Member Jolene Seidel
 Community Member...Wilhelmena Knight
 Community Member.....Felecia Maple
 Community Member.....Rhoda Sowa



Dr. Hilton teaches 3rd graders the SC State Dance—The Shag

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.

Millwood Elementary School

2013-2014 Annual Report To Parents



**24 Pinewood Road
 Sumter, SC 29150
 803-775-0648**

Sumter School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in admission to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. For inquiries regarding the policy, contact the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources or the Director of Special Services, Sumter School District, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150 or call 803-469-6900.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This report includes an assessment of our programs from last year and information about areas of special emphasis for this year. During the 2011-2012 school year we began our first year of implementation of our five-year school plan. We want to thank the members of our School Improvement Council, as well as parents and members of the Sumter community, who assisted in the implementation of our plan.

Dr. John B. Hilton, Jr.
Principal

Successes

Millwood continues to build on its tradition of excellence through the collective hard work of our parents, students and teachers. During the 2012 - 2013 school year, our full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was maintained, as well as the all clear rating from the State Department of Education. Millwood received two prestigious awards: **Palmetto Gold Award** in the area of “closing the gap” and **Palmetto Gold Award** for Improvement.

Programs and Activities

- A. Ecology Club
- B. Variety Show
- C. Jammin’ Jumpers
- D. Intramural Athletics
- E. Spelling Bee
- F. Shadow a Relative Day
- G. Job Interviews
- H. Book Buddies
- I. Millwood Today TV Show
- J. Teacher Cadets
- K. Science Fair
- L. Citizen of the Month

Our Cooking Caravan, Science Lab and Wilderness Walk allowed students to apply science concepts. Our PTA had another successful year marked by our seventh Read-A-Thon. This event is an effort to encourage students to read more. The Faculty and Staff held the Barry Leach Scholarship Fundraiser in conjunction with “Science Night” in February. The Barry Leach Scholarship Fund awarded four scholarships of \$500 each to four graduating seniors who attend Millwood as elementary students.

Objectives

Millwood Elementary School had two objectives for the 2013—2014 school year. These are presented below:

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

Strategy 1 - Provide programs that will enable students to develop the ability to transfer knowledge acquired in the classroom to real life situations.

Strategy 2 - Provide problem solving situations involving computational and non-computational strategies.

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

Strategy 1 - Provide activities to encourage personal growth and development of interpersonal skills.

Strategy 2 - Provide extra-curricular group activities that foster teamwork.

Strategies for Improvement

Goal 1 - We will provide opportunities for students to learn personal and social responsibility.

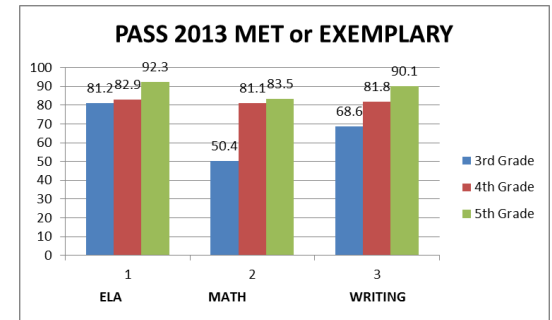
Strategy 1 - Provide a system of positive reinforcement for acceptable and ethical behavior.
Strategy 2 - Provide learning opportunities to foster cultural understanding, sensitivity and respect for human values.

Goal 2 - We will provide opportunities for all students to gain knowledge.

Strategy 1 - Increase teacher knowledge of relevant and best instructional practices through staff development opportunities focusing on student achievement correlating to the state standards.
Strategy 2 - Increase parental involvement through parenting workshops in order to provide academic assistance to students at home.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

The graph below provides information about our PASS scores (Met or Exemplary) for last year compared to all students in Sumter School District and all students in the State of South Carolina.



For additional information or assistance, contact:
S.C School Improvement Council
USC College of Education
Suite 001
Columbia, SC 29208
1-800-868-2232
<http://sic.sc.gov>



Second Graders at the “Potato Santa Parade”