

Willow Drive Elementary School

2015-2016

Report to Parents



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our School Improvement Council is actively committed to Willow Drive's mission and performance goals. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. We are outperforming schools with similar demographics. Willow Drive Elementary continues to foster community and parent support to assist in creating pathways to success for our students. School Improvement meetings were held monthly throughout the year to gather feedback and input from members of the School Improvement Council. The community has been very supportive in our efforts to provide students with a beautiful garden, paper, and snacks for teachers. Our students and staff were actively involved in community projects such as My Community and Me, Pennies for Patients, Shower Shaw with Cookies, the Clemson vs Carolina canned food drive, and raising money for United Ministries.

Rachel Johnston
Chairman SIC

Liz Compton
Principal

- Principal Liz Compton
- Assistant Principal Robert Thompson
- Curriculum Coach Dwan Beach
- Math Coach Pat Christmas
- Counselor Lesa Shuping
- School Social Worker Beth Powell
- SIC Chairperson Rachel Johnston
- Secretary/Bookkeeper Diane Summers
- Teacher of the Year Denise Robinson

Our Beliefs

We believe that students at Willow Drive learn best when everyone works as a learning community. We envision a school in which staff, students, and parents:

- unite to achieve common goals.
- work together in collaborative teams.
- implement strategies for improving student achievement.
- monitor student progress.
- create a healthy school environment.
- expect students to share responsibility for their own achievement and behavior.
- demonstrate a personal commitment to academic success and well-being of ALL students.

The mission of Willow Drive Elementary is to develop competent, life-long learners by providing thorough and effective programs that prepare students to meet the challenges of an everchanging society.

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School Improvement Council

Principal..... Liz Compton
Chairperson/Parent.....Rachel Johnston
Parent..... Denise Wells
Community John Hoffman
Community Dennis Bolen
Staff..... Sarah Barnes
Staff..... Dwan Beach
Staff.....Patricia Christmas
Asst. Principal..... Robert Thompson

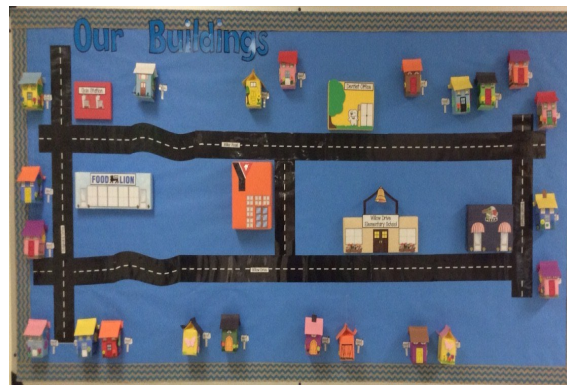


Tiffany Marshall
Teacher of the Year
2016-2017

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Accomplishments and Awards

School Science Lab
Technology Enhanced Classrooms
Science Night
Science Expo
Outdoor Learning Lab
Weekend Backpack Program
5th Grade McEntire Star Base Program
Soaring Eagles/Terrific Kids Programs, Carolina Children's Dentistry, Central Carolina Technical College, Grade Level Planning and Staff Development, Heart Association Fundraiser, Pennies for Patients (Leukemia and Lymphoma) PTO, March of Dimes, Partnership with the YMCA , Aldersgate UMC, and Heart of Sumter, Red Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness Week, Relay for Life (American Cancer Society), Safety Patrol, Student Council, Shower Shaw with Cookies ,United Ministries (Money and Food Donations), Volunteer Program, Read To Succeed/Literacy Training



Summary of Needs Assessment

Willow Drive Elementary School Renewal Plan committees, district and school level administrators analyzed data from the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards, MAP, the Annual School Report Card, and Powerschool Reports. After reviewing all the data, strategies and activities were developed based on specific areas of strength and weakness identified in the data.

Based on the 2015 ESEA Waiver scores from the state report card, Willow Drive Elementary is outperforming schools with similar demographics. Schools will not be rated for state accountability until Fall 2017. Longitudinal analysis of the SC-PASS and ACT/Aspire data indicates target areas for growth are: Science, Social Studies, ELA, and Math.