

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 in most academic areas. 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, weekend backpack food program, paper, school supplies and snacks for teachers. Our students and staff were actively involved in community projects such as My Community and Me, Heart Walk, Pennies for Patients, Shower Shaw with Cookies, the Clemson vs Carolina canned food drive, and collecting supplies for United Ministries.

Rachel Johnston
Chairman SIC

Liz Compton
Principal

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Assistant Principal Patricia Christmas
Curriculum Coach Dwan Beach
Counselor Lesa Shuping
School Social Worker Beth Powell
SIC Chairperson Rachel Johnston
Secretary/Bookkeeper Diane Summers
Teacher of the Year Tiffany Marshall

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.

Willow Drive Elementary School

2016-2017

Report to Parents



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
Parent.....Yasmeen Devine
Community John Hoffman
Community Dennis Bolen
Staff..... Sarah Barnes
Staff..... Dwan Beach
Staff.....Brenda Witherspoon
Asst. Principal..... Patricia Christmas
Teacher of the Year..Tiffany Marshall

Monica McClam
Teacher of the Year
2017-2018

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Accomplishments, Awards, and Activities

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

We would like to say a special thanks to the following ongoing community partners:

- * Sumter YMCA
- * Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- * Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association
- * Sumter United Ministries

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, SC Ready scores, 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 2016 scores from the state assessments, Willow Drive Elementary is outperforming schools with similar demographics in most academic areas. Schools will not be rated for state accountability until Fall 2017. Longitudinal analysis of the SC-PASS and SC Ready data indicates target areas for growth are: ELA and math at all grade levels.