

Dear Parents:

The School Improvement Council at Willow Drive Elementary has prepared the Annual Report for you and other interested members of the community. This report contains important information about the school including the attainment of goals for 2010-2011, test scores, successes, and new goals for this year. If you have any questions about this report or the school, please contact the school office at 773-5796 or a member of the School Improvement Council.

Sincerely,

Melissa Morris

Dr. Melissa Morris, Principal



Evaluation of Goals for 2010-2011

Goal 1 – Strengthen the school-wide mentoring program for students by partnering with local businesses, Shaw Air Force Base, and churches

The mentoring program has gained support in the community, local businesses, and Shaw Air Force Base. Informational meetings and trainings were conducted by the guidance counselor and school social worker. Identified students were partnered with mentors who met with the students on a regular basis. The program had a positive effect on student discipline.

Goal 2 - Implement early intervention strategies and programs to provide students who are at risk additional support

Intervention at the early grades of prekindergarten to second grade continued to be a focus at our school. We have a fully staffed pre-kindergarten program with a morning and an afternoon class. In addition, we have a daycare program that includes three year olds and provides developmentally appropriate learning activities before and after school for all grade levels. Kindergarten students had ample opportunities to grow and learn within a center-based classroom which features small group instruction as well as individual instruction. Our first grade students who are below level were able to participate in Reading Recovery which is a research based, individualized reading program. In addition, students in first and second grade who are struggling in reading were identified and worked in small groups with a highly trained reading specialist.

Goal 3 – Enhance instructional program to improve achievement as measured by grade level standards and PASS

Our students continued to grow in the areas of language arts and math. Professional development in both areas enhanced student learning. Students were provided with multiple opportunities to read and write through school-wide reading incentives, writing contests, family activities, and individualized instruction. Math continued to show improvements as students became engaged with technology and problem solving strategies. Students were engaged in social studies and science with field studies, experiments, and the use of technology. Classroom libraries contain an abundance of non-fiction literature to provide students with the knowledge and understanding of grade-level social studies and science standards. With the use of video streamlining, students were able to experience the content and gain valuable information in history and real-life scientific topics. Projects and experiments were an important aspect of the social studies and science program.

Goals for 2011-2012

Goal 1 – Enhance instructional programs to improve achievement as measured by grade level standards and PASS.

- Strategy 1: Utilize curriculum coach to provide support to teachers in addressing the needs of all students
- Strategy 2: Initiate gender-based classrooms in fifth grade
- Strategy 3: Provide staff development on small group instruction
- Strategy 4: Provide interventions for struggling readers
- Strategy 5: Maintain Classworks Lab
- Strategy 6: Emphasize incentives for achievements in reading and math
- Strategy 7: Utilize MAP test information for instructional purposes
- Strategy 8: Provide after-school programs for students who are below level
- Strategy 9: Conduct leadership meetings with grade levels on a monthly basis to discuss data and instruction

Goal 2 – Provide opportunities for students to work cooperatively and be rewarded for good behavior

- Strategy 1: Implement a school wide character education program
- Strategy 2: Provide training in Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS)
- Strategy 3: Continue school motto
- Strategy 4: Provide opportunities for students to be involved in the school
- Strategy 5: Provide leadership opportunities for students

Goal 3: Provide a variety of activities for parents and community members

- Strategy 1: Provide parent and community workshops
- Strategy 2: Participate in community sponsored activities
- Strategy 3: Continue to include parent and community members for activities and school teams
- Strategy 4: Survey parents and community for feedback concerning needs and ways for involvement
- Strategy 5: Continue mentor program

WILLOW DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

100% Highly-Qualified Staff
Writing, Mathematics, and Science Clubs
Parent/Student Breakfast Workshops
Reading Recovery
Science Connections Magnet School
Science Lab
Science Night
Science Expo
Technology Enhanced Classrooms
Outdoor Learning Lab
Partnerships with Shaw Air Force Base
Active PTO

SUCCESSSES

The 2011-2012 school year has consisted of several accomplishments. Willow Drive Elementary was one of 19 schools in the district to receive the Palmetto Silver award in recognition of high levels of academic achievement for performance on the PASS test. Our school has successfully implemented a new school-wide initiative in the area of math problem solving. Students are excited about math and are making growth in their skills and problem solving abilities. Parent involvement has also shown an increase by the number of parents attending PTA meetings, conferences, parent resource center, and other school functions. In addition, we have continued our mentoring program by partnering with local businesses, churches, and Shaw Air Force base. The community has been very supportive of our efforts to provide students with role models who can help to guide students in positive directions. Our students were actively involved in community projects such as Jump Rope for Heart, canned food drive, My Community and Me programs, Pennies for Patients, March of Dimes, WalkAmerica, recycling and many other efforts.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

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Ms. Felicia McCoy, Parent
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Ms. Denise Wells, Parent
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OUR VISION

We believe that students at Willow Drive Elementary 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 and behavior.
- ◆ monitor student progress.
- ◆ expect students to share responsibility for their own achievement and behavior.
- ◆ create a healthy school environment.
- ◆ demonstrate a personal commitment to the academic success and well-being of ALL students.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Willow Drive Elementary is to develop competent lifelong learners by providing thorough and effective educational programs that prepare students to meet the challenges of an ever-changing society.

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Where Students SOAR

Safe
On-task
Responsible/Respectful



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