

Mission

The mission of Abner Creek Academy is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment.

Beliefs

- Children are our most valuable resource.
- Public education is essential for our society.
- Integrity is the basis of good character.
- Excellence is achievable.
- Mutual respect is an expectation.
- Knowledge empowers.
- Diversity strengthens.
- Family is the foundation of society.
- Children need supportive role models.
- Attitude makes a difference.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Personal responsibility serves the common good.
- Perseverance, work ethic, and interpersonal skills pave pathways to success.
- Creativity and innovation are valued.
- Stewardship of resources maintains trust.



Awards for Academic Performance

Gold Award for General Performance on State Testing

Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap on State Testing

DreamBox National Champs



2018 data is included on our school website in our Updated School Renewal Plan and School Report Card.



Abner Creek Academy

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Report to the Parents

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Motto: *Learning with Love and Laughter*

Magnet Focus: Communication and Leadership

2018-2019 Theme:

Game on!

School Improvement Council 2018-2019

Elected Members:

Carrie Maxwell, Teacher
Emily Dean, Teacher
Laverne Rodgers, Parent
Kristen Randall, Parent (Chair)
Tracy Casciere, Parent

Appointed Members:

Carey Ballew, Community Member
Carolyn Hamby, Community Member
F.E. Hendrix, Community Member

Ex-officio Members:

Dawn Mitchell, Past SIC Chair
Shayne Daugherty, Assistant Principal
Karen McMakin, Principal

Abner Creek Academy (ACA) opened its doors in 2008 and presently serves 621 students in Pre-kindergarten through Fourth Grade.

The School Improvement Council was involved in promoting improvements at ACA this year. Goals included the following:

*To provide ongoing support for our magnet program.

*To support school and district efforts to initiate a robotics program to promote team building and to exercise engineering principles.

*To continue to support our school's recycling efforts, specifically by sponsoring a recycling club for students, called the Green Gators, and by promoting the Crayola Colorcycle Program.

*To provide support for our school's communication to the school community.

With the continued support of parents, community members, and our business partners, we will continue to strive for excellence as we serve the children of Abner Creek Academy.

Progress and Highlights

- ACA held its second Grandparents' Showcase, which allowed students to learn about their hobbies and special skills.
- Co-taught Multi-media classes and Literary Arts classes provide opportunities for our students in Grade 2-4 to develop effective communication and leadership skills.
- Students enjoyed special assemblies and performances by the Greenville Little Theatre, Carrie Stephens, the local fire department, Mr. Rephil, and Delta Dental.
- Over half the faculty and staff participated in Compassionate Schools training, and all teachers were involved in PD that focused on enhancing rigor in the classroom.
- All students in K5 and First Grade participated in holiday performances for parents and peers.
- A 64-member cast of students from Grades 3 and 4 performed in an original production at the Fine Arts Center in March.
- All students in K5 – Grade 4 participated in the ACA Science Fair and presented their results to peers and/or parents at Family Night in a variety of ways, which included multi-media presentations.
- Second-grade students led the Veteran's Day program for the students and community in November, which included an inspiring speech by Mr. Tommy Myers.
- Second-grade students learned more about leadership by participating in a Junior Achievement Day in May.
- Students participated in service learning projects that supported the Spartanburg Humane Society, Lids for Kids, the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, the American Heart Association, the Middle Tyger Community Center, and Greer Community Ministries.
- Our traveling Honor Chorus performed at a Wofford basketball game, a Swamp Rabbits' hockey game, at Westgate Mall in partnership with the Salvation Army, at the Carowinds Festival of Music, and at an evening performance for families. Two of our fourth-grade students were also selected to participate in the SC Honor Choir in Columbia.
- PTO expanded its outreach into the community with an expanded Gator Fling, which included local performers and vendors.
- Students with special needs enjoyed a weekly class provided by COLORS, an art program sponsored by the Chapman Cultural Center.
- Student artwork was displayed at the Fine Arts Center and at the Chapman Cultural Center.
- A technology showcase allowed model classroom teachers to share ideas for using technology to enhance instruction. Connect G's were also added to all classrooms.
- Training in reading strategies was provided to adult volunteers by our reading coach as we promoted our mentoring program. We also began a partnership with Mentor Upstate.
- Each homeroom partnered with a high school student involved in Leadership Byrnes this year to share ideas about leadership.
- ACA had 19 students participate in our first Monologue Night, which promoted creative communication.
- Third-grade students invited parents to their Wax Museum, which focused on historical figures.
- A Parent Technology Night was held at the beginning of the year to share information about technology initiatives.
- Our Relay for Life team sponsored our first Parent-Child Dance and Breakfast with Santa.
- Students participated in weekly Olweus meetings and a school-wide parade to communicate an anti-bullying message.
- Grade-level parent breakfasts were hosted by our administrators to share information about our magnet program.
- Our superintendent, Dr. Scott Turner, spoke to our student council on leadership.