

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.

2021 Teacher of the Year: Jennifer Morrissey

2021 Support Employee of the Year:
Renee Lafferty



Awards for Academic Performance

Gold Award for General Performance on State Testing

Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap on State Testing

Ann Salway, 3rd Grade Teacher, was named as a 2021 Extraordinary Educator for Curriculum Associates

Mrs. Salway's Third Grade Class and Mrs. Anschuetz's Second Grade Class ranked in SplashLearn math national contest



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Report to the Parents

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Shayne Daugherty
Assistant Principal
Melissa Fowler
SIC Chair
Kristen Randall

Motto:
Learning with Love and Laughter

Magnet Focus:
Communication and Leadership

2020-2021 Theme:
#BetterTogether

School Improvement Council 2020-2021

Elected Members:

Mamye Gardner, Teacher
Elizabeth Koon, Teacher
Monica Booth, Parent
Dawn Mitchell, Parent
Kristen Randall, Parent (Chair)
LaVerne Rodgers, Parent

Appointed Members:

Carey Ballew, Community Member
Carolyn Hamby, Community Member
Dawn Mitchell, Community Member?
Brittany Gajda, Parent and Community Member

Ex-officio Members:

Shanai Peery, PTO President
Melissa Fowler, Assistant Principal
Shayne Daugherty, Principal

Abner Creek Academy (ACA) opened its doors in 2008 and presently serves 651 students in Pre-kindergarten through Fourth Grade. New construction, which adds 10 new classrooms to our school allows us to be open to limited school choice again.

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

*To offer feedback and support for the procedures that affect school security.

*To actively support new teachers and teacher retention efforts.

*To continue to support our school's recycling efforts, specifically by sponsoring a recycling club for students, called the Green Gators, and to promote student advocacy for recycling efforts.

*To actively communicate to the 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

- We began our school year a week early with LEAP (Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare) Days in which students were able to come in to participate in individual assessments with their teachers.
- We quickly and smoothly transitioned from a hybrid schedule to five days face-to-face during the first nine weeks.
- We served about one hundred and twenty Abner Creek students through our virtual academy.
- ACA offers Multi-media classes, which run on a flexible schedule and allow students to learn how to effectively communicate in a variety of ways. Many different types of technology are used to enhance the learning of state standards while creating for authentic purposes and audiences.
- Student artwork was displayed at Chapman Cultural Center and also in multiple virtual art shows.
- Each homeroom partnered with a high school student involved in Leadership Byrnes to share ideas about leadership. This year the partnership focused on teamwork, positivity, and including others. Books by Jon Gordon were shared for discussion each time they met.
- Third-grade students created a digital Wax Museum composed of monologues of historical figures.
- Upper grade levels still participated in field trips by inviting places such as Watershed to share virtually with students and virtually visiting Riverbanks Zoo while kindergarten

and first grade brought the pumpkin patch to the school.

- Kindergarten and first grade classes teamed up with Clemson Extension to host, incubate, and observe baby chicks hatch.
- Second grade students exceeded a reading challenge from teachers by reading over 1,800 books in a month earning a surprise visit by Mr. Daugherty and Mrs. Fowler dressed in silly costumes.
- We had a virtual Literacy Night and online Book Fair to share our love of reading.
- Students had publishing parties and coffee house celebrations to share their writings.
- Our Honor Choir music program found a way to share their talents through a virtual Veterans Day Program, virtual Christmas singalong, virtual presentation of the national anthem at a Wofford basketball game. Third and fourth grade students also performed a virtual recorder concert.
- Students participated in weekly Olweus meetings to communicate an anti-bullying message.
- Teachers participated in the final Read To Succeed cohort to become Read To Succeed endorsed.
- Abner Creek teachers were able to offer tutoring to students before or after school.
- Students set individual i-Ready goals and were able to shop the i-Ready store for rewards and prizes.
- Abner Creek went LIVE with the ability to livestream performances from Literary Arts.
- A Livestream Monologue Event for some third and fourth grade students is coming soon.
- We had a weekly Down by the Creek podcast for students and the community to enjoy.
- A twenty member drama cast performed a Fall and Spring virtual production to share out with the school and community.