

## Mission Statement

*The Mission of Blue Ridge Elementary is to provide a safe, respectful environment where children and learning come first.*

## Our School's Vision

In order to advance our shared vision of an exemplary school, we will...

- Provide a safe, accepting, environment with caring, qualified teachers who educate all children.
- Create a respectful environment where acceptance is encouraged and consequences are consistent.
- Model life-long learning and commitment to high quality work.
- Provide standards based instruction that values individual needs, and authentic assessment.
- Involve family members and community in the education of our children by creating shared learning experiences.

## Initiatives to Improve Student Learning

- STEM and Literacy Coaches
- Technology Improvements
  - 2 newly updated Computer Labs
  - 1 to 1 iPads
  - Chrome Books
  - Four Wireless Mobile Computer Labs
  - Netbook Lab in Media Center
  - SmartBoards in every classroom
  - CPS units/SMART Response Systems
  - Computers in every classroom
- Preschool Intervention Program
- 4K Preschool Program
- Early Reading Intervention (ERI)
- Reading Recovery
- B.A.R.K. (Book and Reading Kids)
- Be a T.I.G.E.R.
- STEM Labs (K-2; 3-5)
- 2 Full-Time Guidance Counselors
- Volunteer Program
- Club L.E.A.P
- Gifted and Talented
- Cub Club
- Watch D.O.G.S.
- Achieve 3000
- Fontas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention
- Franklin Covey's *The Leader in Me*



Blue Ridge Elementary  
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**Members of the SIC include parents, faculty, community members, and ex-officio members. Names are listed below:**

Dr. Atieno Ragwar-Chair  
Casey Bowling  
Toni Brewer  
Idasa Cobb  
Dreama Clay  
Barbara Cloyd  
Connie Compton  
Gentry Hawk  
Lynn Henderson  
August Hines  
Amy Millspaugh  
Kelli Patterson  
Helen Rosemond-Saunders  
Ryan Schwartz  
Lindsey Watley

## PTO Board

Toni Brewer, President  
Lori Malpass, Vice President  
Danielle Harbin, Secretary  
Cheryl Cabanero, Treasurer

## Community Partners

- Belk's of Seneca
- Clemson University
- Exxon Mobile (BQS/Rudy's)
- Foothills YMCA
- House of Judah
- Kiwanis Club of Walhalla
- Marvin's Kids
- Schneider Electric
- Seneca Baptist Church
- Seneca Elks Club
- Seneca Presbyterian Church
- Seneca Golden Corner Rotary Club
- Seneca Rotary Club
- Upper Cervical Health Center
- Walmart



*Blue Ridge Elementary School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.*

## Our History

Blue Ridge Elementary opened its doors in August 2009. Blue Ridge was named in honor of the former Blue Ridge High School.

Strong community connections and involvement are the cornerstone of Blue Ridge Elementary. As a *professional learning campus*, Blue Ridge Elementary is a teaching laboratory to local universities' student teachers. Our goal is to be a source of pride for Seneca, to welcome community involvement, and to encourage our children to be active and committed citizens of Oconee County.

## Our School Community

- Enrollment includes 645 children in grades PreK-5.
- Our diversity is our strength! 53% of our students are Caucasian; 25% are African American; 13% are Multi-racial; 8.2% are Hispanic and .8% Asian.
- We are a Title I school with 81% of our students on Free or Reduced lunch.
- The average daily attendance for the 2012-13 school year was 97%.
- We have 104 faculty and staff members.



# Blue Ridge

Elementary School

*Title I School*

21st Century Community Learning Center



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**Motto:**  
**Lead. Believe. Achieve**