

## We believe that...

- Education is a lifelong process.
- Students must have equal opportunity to learn in a physically and emotionally safe environment.
- Parents and guardians should have the opportunity and accept the responsibility to actively support the learning process.
- Education should provide the opportunity for students to learn how to communicate effectively, solve problems competently, think critically and creatively, and act responsibly.
- All students can learn and will be challenged to their individual abilities.
- Education must be relevant to the needs of the changing technological society in which it operates.



## Our Motto

If you have the desire to be the **BEST**, you also have the power to make it happen!

**B:** Be In Control  
**E:** Encourage Others  
**S:** Show Respect  
**T:** Take Responsibility



## Evaluation of Goals 2016 - 2017

- We continue to disaggregate and analyze all performance measures to help meet the needs of our students.
- We operate a morning computer lab for remediation and implement ScootPad and RAZ Kids math/reading programs during the school day.
- Professional development is being provided in John Collins Writing Program, data analysis, and targeted instructional planning.
- We continue to look for a variety of methods to communicate with parents (ex. Remind 101, Class Dojo, One Call Now, website and newsletters.)
- The following assessments have been implemented to analyze progress in ELA: Fountas and Pinnell benchmark assessments, Cold Reads, Stop, Drop, and Write, DRA2, and MyIGDIS.
- We continue to implement the EnVision Mathematics program.
- We continue to use MAP testing in grades K – 5.
- We continue to use LLI, Reading Recovery, and ERI Reading Programs for identifying students needing reading assistance (K-5).
- We continue to implement the EnVision RTI program for math remediation (K-5).
- We continue to use small group instruction for remediation and enrichment in reading and math.
- We continue to update/purchase new technology for teacher and student use.
- We continue to provide a STEM program for students in grades K-5.

## School Renewal Plan Goals 2017 – 2018

- We continue to disaggregate and analyze all performance measures.
- We operate a morning computer lab for remediation and implement Moby Max, Front Row and RAZ Kids math/reading programs during the school day.
- We implement Chinese instruction (direct teaching and/or Rosetta Stone) in grades PreK-5.
- Professional development is being provided in Love & Logic, John Collins Writing Program, data analysis, and targeted instructional planning.
- We implement Cat Class and Upstate Mentoring Program for student behavioral support.
- We continue to implement a variety of parent communicate methods.
- The following assessments have been implemented to analyze progress in ELA: Fountas and Pinnell, TDA, Cold Reads, KRA, and MyIGDIS.
- We continue to implement the EnVision Mathematics program and the RTI program for math remediation (K-5).
- We continue to use MAP testing in grades K – 5.
- We continue to use LLI, Reading Recovery, and ERI Reading Programs for identifying students needing reading assistance (K-5).
- We continue to use small group instruction for remediation and enrichment in reading and math (new Reading Lab approach for grades K, 2 and 3).
- We continue to update/purchase new technology for teacher and student use.
- We continue to implement STEM lessons for students in grades K-5.

## School Activities/Programs

- SIC Fall Festival and Family Movie Night
  - SIC Pancake Breakfast
  - Chorus/Art Club/Drama Club
  - Ridge Runners/Beta Club
  - Box Tops for Education
  - Grade Level Field trips
- Chick-fil-A and Subway Eat Fresh Nights
- Marcos and Wendy's Spirit Nights
  - Core Essentials Program
- Papa John's Partner with Children
- Battle of the Books/Math Madness
- School-Wide Reading Celebrations
- Library Lions/Read Across America Week
  - Career Day
- Jump into Kindergarten/Raising Readers Book Club
  - United Way/Sertoma Camp Participants
  - Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS)
- Literacy, Math/Science and Fine Arts Family Nights
  - Recycling Team/Breathe Better Program
  - Safety Patrol
- Gifted and Talented Education/ESOL Program
  - Preschool Intervention and Pre-K Programs
  - Math/Reading Morning Lab
  - Backpack Program
- ONE Seneca Initiatives/Community Outreach Projects
- Seneca Rotary Student of the Month/Rotary Readers
  - Veterans' Day Program
- Fire Safety Program/Tornado Poster Safety Contest
- School Volunteer Program/Upstate Mentor Program
  - Housing System/Cat Class
  - Future Chef Competition
  - Special Olympics/Field Day
- Club SOAR/YMCA Afterschool Programs
  - B.A.R.K Reading Program
  - Summer Reading Program

## Student Recognitions

- All A's, and A/B Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance
- Rotary Student of the Month
- Chick-fil-A Value-able Reward Program
  - MAP Incentives
- PBIS Spirit Stick Award/PBIS Nine Week Celebrations

## School Fact/Information

- Enrollment includes 644 students in grades PreK-5.
- 49% of our students are Caucasian; 27% are African American; 11% are Multi-racial; 10% are Hispanic, and less than 1% are Asian.
- We are a Title I School with 79% of our students on free or reduced lunch.
- We have 111 faculty and staff members.
- The 2014 School Report Card Absolute Rating: *Average*
- The 2014 School Report Card Growth Rating: *Good*
- 2014 ESEA Grade: C
- School Improvement Council Members: Ben Bolin, Margaret Campbell (Chair), Nate Dent, Manuela Rosa Diaz, Fabiola Dotson, Ron Dotson, Theo Harrison, Lynn Henderson, Lindsay James, Ryan Keese, Renea Mayes-Rice, Patsy Rankin, Theresa Skelton, Lisa Simmons, Olivia Timms, Theopolis Tolson, and Kelli Willimon.

## School Recognitions

- Palmetto Silver Award Winner (Overall Performance), 2015
- United Way "School of the Year", 2014-2016
- 2017 Battle of the Books District Winner, 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Teaching & Learning Innovative Challenge Winner (2017, Jessica McGaha)
- SAFE Kids School Award, 2017-2018
- 2018 Top Ten/Team Math Madness Winners
- 2018 SDOC Future Chef Competition District Winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Beta Club School of Merit, 2018

# Blue Ridge Elementary School

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## Report to Parents 2017- 2018

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**Our mission at Blue Ridge Elementary School is to provide a safe and respectful environment where children and learning come first.**

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Principal

**Kelli Willimon**  
Assistant Principal

**Nate Dent**  
Assistant Principal