

## 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 2014 - 2015

- We continue to disaggregate and analyze all performance measures to help meet the needs of our students.
- We operate a morning SuccessMaker computer lab, as well as use SuccessMaker math and reading programs during the school day.
- Professional development is being provided in technology, writing, small group instruction, implementation of workstations, science and engineering practices and mathematical practices.
- We continue to communicate with parents and community through various methods.
- We continue to use Fountas and Pinnell benchmark reading assessments.
- 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 implemented the RAZ Kids online reading resource (K-5).
- We implemented 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 and purchase new technology for teacher and student use as funds are available.
- We continue to provide a STEM program for students in grades K-5.

## School Renewal Plan Goals 2015 – 2016

- We continue to disaggregate and analyze all performance measures to help meet the needs of our students.
- We operate a morning SuccessMaker computer lab and implement ScootPad and RAZ Kids math and/or reading programs during the school day.
- Professional development is being provided in John Collins Writing Program, data analysis, and implementation of workstations.
- 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 reading assessments, Cold Reads, Stop, Drop, and Write, and DRA2.
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## School Activities/Programs

PTO Fall Festival/Boosterthon  
Chorus/Art Club  
Ridge Runners/Beta Club  
R.I.D.G.E Mentoring Program  
Grade Level Field trips  
Chick-fil-A and Subway Eat Fresh Nights  
YoGo 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  
United Way/Sertoma Camp Participants  
Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS)  
Literacy, Math/Science and Fine Arts Family Nights  
SIC Family Movie Night/SIC Pancake Breakfast  
Recycling Team/Breathe Better Program  
Gifted and Talented Education/ESOL Program  
Preschool Intervention and Pre-K Programs  
SuccessMaker Math/Reading Morning Lab  
Backpack Program  
ONE Seneca Initiatives  
Seneca Rotary Student of the Month  
Veterans' Day Program  
Tornado Poster Safety Contest  
School Volunteer Program  
Future Chef Competition  
Special Olympics/Field Day  
Club SOAR/YMCA Afterschool Programs  
B.A.R.K Reading Program  
Summer Reading Program  
Partnership with Patriot's Point (5<sup>th</sup>)

## 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

## School Fact/Information

- Enrollment includes 619 students in grades PreK-5.
- 51% of our students are Caucasian; 26% are African American; 12% 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 101 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: Sandy Bay, Ben Bolin, Casey Bowling Margaret Campbell, Christy Clark, Manuela Rosa Diaz, Theo Harrison, Gentry Hawk, Lynn Henderson, Lindsay James, Jeff Leard, Pamela Poole, David Thompson, Olivia Timms, Lisa Simmons, Summer Sorber, Trisha Vaughn (Chair).
- P.T.O Officers include: Chris Butler (President), Summer Sorber (Vice-President), Jessica Holbrooks (Secretary) and Jan Cromer (Treasurer).

## School Recognitions

- United Way "School of the Year", 2014 & 2015
- Top Ten Math Madness Winners (Grade 4), 2016
- Palmetto Silver Award Winner (Overall Performance), 2015
- SAFE Kids School Award, 2014-2015
- 2016 Future Chef District Winner

# Blue Ridge Elementary School

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21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center

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## Report to Parents 2015 - 2016

<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/BlueRidge.cfm>



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

**Lisa Simmons**  
Principal

**Jeff Leard**  
Assistant Principal

**David Thompson**  
Assistant Principal