

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 2013 - 2014

- We continued to disaggregate and analyze all performance measures to help meet the needs of our students.
- We continued to provide professional development in *The Leader in Me*, Common Core State Standards, technology, Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking, and guided reading.
- We continued to communicate with parents and community through various methods (i.e., newsletters, progress reports, conferences, phone calls, news articles, web page, etc.).
- We continued to use Fountas and Pinnell benchmark reading assessments.
- We implemented the EnVision Mathematics program.
- We continued the use of MAP testing in grades K – 5th.
- We continued to use LLI, Reading Recovery, and ERI Reading Programs for identifying students needing reading assistance (K-5).
- We continued to use small group remediation for reading and math.
- We continued the use of SuccessMaker Reading and Math Programs.
- We continued to update and purchase new technology for teacher and student use as funds are available.
- We implemented a STEM program for students in grades K-5.



School Renewal Plan 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 Activities/Programs

PTO Fall Festival

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

100 Book Challenge/Quarterly Reading Celebrations

Safety Patrol/Library Lions

Career Day

Jump into Kindergarten

United Way

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 Computer Lab

Kiwanis Club Terrific Kid Program

Seneca Rotary Student of the Month

Jump Rope for Heart

Tornado Poster Safety Contest

School Volunteer Program

Future Chef Competition

Math Madness

Read Across America Week

Special Olympics

Club L.E.A.P./YMCA Afterschool Programs

B.A.R.K Reading Program

Student Recognitions

All A's, and A/B Honor Roll and Star Students

Perfect Attendance

Terrific Kids/Rotary Student of the Month

Chick-fil-A Value-able Reward Program

Quarterly Reading Step Reward

School Fact/Information

- Enrollment includes 641 students in grades PreK-5.
- 54% of our students are Caucasian; 24% are African American; 13% are Multi-racial; 9% are Hispanic, and less than 1% are Asian.
- We are a Title I School with 81% of our students on free or reduced lunch.
- We have 99 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 (Chair), Toni Brewer, Margaret Campbell, Christy Clark, Manuela Rosa Diaz, Gentry Hawk, Lynn Henderson, Lindsay James, Jeff Leard, Lindsey McDonald, Pamela Poole, David Thompson, Olivia Timms, Lisa Simmons, and Summer Sorber.
- P.T.O Officers include: Toni Brewer (President), Summer Sorber (Vice-President), and Cheryl Cabanero (Treasurer).

School Recognitions

- United Way "School of the Year", 2013 & 2014
- Top Ten Math Madness Winners (Grade 4 and 5), 2014
- Palmetto Silver Award Winner (Closing the Achievement Gap), 2013
- SAFE Kids School Award, 2012-2013
- AdvancED Accreditation

Blue Ridge Elementary School

Title I School

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Report to Parents 2014 - 2015

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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

Jeff Leard
Assistant Principal

David Thompson
Assistant Principal