

School Statistics

ENROLLMENT: 789 students

WHITE: 432 HISPANIC: 168 ASIAN: 78

AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 56 OTHER: 52

| Grades Served | PK3—5th Grade |
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| Free/Reduced Lunch | 29% |
| Special Education (students with primary disabilities other than speech/language) | 11% |
| Academic Gifted Program Grades 3-5 | 25% |
| English Language Learners | 26% |
| Pre-K with Special Needs | 54 Students |

Goals for our School

Teaching and Learning: Our goal is to increase student achievement by teaching the new SC College and Career Readiness Standards, increase the integration of technology throughout the core subject areas, and incorporate science kits to enhance opportunities.

Continuous Improvement: Our staff's goal to improve literacy instruction and student learning is to implement Lucy Calkins Writing Units of Study. Several of our teachers are incorporating Lucy Calkins Reading Units of Study to deepen student's comprehension and understanding of reading. K-2 teachers use Data Notebooks to track the progress of their students and to drive their instruction.

Leadership and Communication: At SCES we involve parents and the school community in a wide variety of school events. As part of our vision of building positive relationships, we welcome and invite our school community to be part of their children's educational experience.

Resources, Safety and Student Support: Our Response to Intervention Model continues to be a support to students, teachers and families. We continue to refine this model to best serve the needs of our students. Consistent and clear communication is vital in building positive relationships and trust with all stakeholders.

School Improvement Council Members

Takesha Pollock, Parent

Tara Thompson, Parent

Stacia Heeney, Parent

Jerusha Stiles, Parent

Ana Litchfield Parent

Szilvia Novak, Parent

Charlotte Kerridge, Parent

Ruth Ramirez, Parent

Jamie Thomas, Parent

Patti Crigler, Parent

Matt Savage, Teacher

Emily Norris, Teacher

Megan McNinch, Teacher

Brigitte Wagner, Assistant Principal

Michelle Gritz, Principal

This report is issued by the Sugar Creek Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) in accordance with South Carolina law to share information regarding the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other notable accomplishments from this school year.



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SUGAR CREEK ELEMENTARY

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2016-2017

Our Mission is to put children first by positively supporting diversity within a safe learning community while in pursuit of excellence through engaging curriculum and a love of learning.

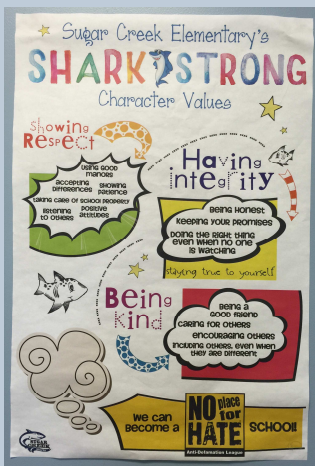
Our Vision is putting children first, striving for excellence, and building positive relationships.

Michelle Gritz, Principal
Brigitte Wagner, Assistant Principal



What makes us Shark Strong?

- AdvancED Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Recognized as a No Place for Hate School by the Anti-Defamation League for 5th year
- Team of Teachers provided professional development for teachers in Guatemala
- Raised \$400 for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Raised \$871 for the Leukemia Society
- Raised \$478 for the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
- 2nd Place for STEM Video Winner in the state
- Professional Development School with Winthrop University
- Winthrop University Professional Development School Grant from the US Dept. of Education that focuses on English Language Acquisition. \$3 million dollar grant over the next 5 years (NEXT Level: Network for Leading Education that Values English Learners)
- 95% of our certified staff participated/ completed ESL graduate level course
- Hosted 7 Winthrop Pre-service teachers
- Hosted VEX IQ Regional Robotics Competition
- Emily Norris, Teacher of the Year
- Debbie Massey, Support Staff of the year
- Jeanette Shelley won District Support Staff of the Year
- Hour of Code Day led by Megan McNinch, Technology Teacher



Performance Progress Report

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) * Spring 2016 Average RIT Scores * SCES Compared to District and National Average

READING

| Grade | SCES | FMSD | National |
|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| K | 158.6 | 165.4 | 155.9 |
| 1 | 182.9 | 183.9 | 175.7 |
| 2 | 193.1 | 195.6 | 187.4 |
| 3 | 203.3 | 206.4 | 197.9 |
| 4 | 210 | 213.9 | 205.3 |
| 5 | 216.9 | 219 | 211.2 |

MATHEMATICS

| Grade | SCES | FMSD | National |
|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| K | 158.2 | 165.7 | 156.6 |
| 1 | 185.3 | 186.9 | 178.6 |
| 2 | 194.8 | 194.4 | 190.3 |
| 3 | 205 | 207.8 | 201.7 |
| 4 | 213.1 | 217.4 | 211.9 |
| 5 | 223.7 | 226.8 | 220.0 |

PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (PASS)

SCIENCE

| Grade | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 4 | 88.9% | 81.2% | 83.6% | 82.0 % |
| 5 | 93.9% | 95.7% | 74.1% | 79.7% |

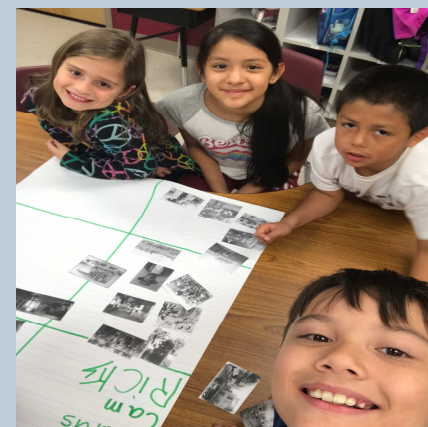
SOCIAL STUDIES

| Grade | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4 | 93.3% | 94.4% | 96.7% | 94.6% |
| 5 | 80.9% | 91.5% | 87.5% | 79.7% |

PTO and Community Support

Our PTO and school community offers school support through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and assisting with school community activities that put children first, show excellence and build positive relationships.

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| Sharkathon | Technology devices |
| Students Agendas | Luau |
| Splash Math Program | Family Spirit Nights |
| Field Trip Scholarships | Chrome Books/iPads |
| 5th Grade Graduation | SIC Tailgate |
| One School One Book Program | Family Fitness Night |
| Recess Supplies | Author Visit |
| Lunch and Learn Program | Teacher Grants |
| Music Instruments | Field Day |
| Library Books | STEM Night |
| 5th Grade Partnership with Carolina Gardens Retirement | |



Opportunities for Students at SCES

Our PTO tirelessly raises money to support students and teachers through Family Spirit Nights, Sharkathon, and school Luau.

Clubs like SNN News, Striders, Art Club, Safety Patrol, Girls on the Run, Archery, 5th grade-Nutritional Team, Choir and Chimes allow our students to demonstrate talents and leadership.