

School Statistics

ENROLLMENT: 759 students

WHITE: 401 HISPANIC: 162 ASIAN: 77

AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 67 OTHER: 52

| Grades Served | PK3—5th Grade |
|--|---------------|
| Free/Reduced Lunch | 27% |
| Special Education (students with primary disabilities other than speech/language) | 10% |
| Academic Gifted Program Grades 3-5 | 13% |
| English Language Learners | 13% |

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

Shane Cacciatore, Parent

Tara Thompson, Parent

Michelle Mediavilla, Parent

Stacia Heeney, Parent

Takesha Pollock, Parent

Ana Litchfield, Parent

Szilvia Novak, Parent

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 2015-2016

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.

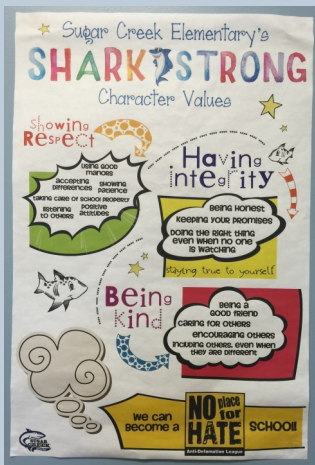
Our Vision is putting children first, striving for excellence, and building positive relationships.

Michelle Gritz, Principal
Brigitte Wagner, Assistant Principal



What makes us Shark Strong?

- 2015-16 Palmetto Gold Award Recipient
- AdvancED Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Recognized as a No Place for Hate School by the Anti-Defamation League for 4th year
- Expanded our Shark Strong motto and connected it to Integrity, Kindness and Respect
- Megan McNinch, Technology Teacher, was chosen for STEM Fellows Program
- National Contest Winner of a 3D Carver Printer (one winner per state)
- Raised \$2219 for children in Guatemala (shoe drive)
- Team of Teachers provided professional development for teachers in Guatemala
- Raised \$400 for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Raised \$550 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Collected 1,700 books for Gadsden Elementary (school that was affected by floods in Columbia)
- 3rd Place for STEM Video Winner in the state
- Professional Development School with Winthrop University
- Read 2 Succeed Program-Highest Attendance of Teachers being training in district
- Carol Claypool, Teacher of the Year
- Jeanette Shelley, Support Staff of the year
- Hour of Code Day led by Megan McNinch, Technology Teacher
- Teachers attended and presented at a variety of professional developments



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 | 158.7 | 163.8 | 155.9 |
| 1 | 181.1 | 184 | 175.7 |
| 2 | 189.7 | 195.9 | 187.4 |
| 3 | 202.7 | 206.0 | 197.9 |
| 4 | 209.8 | 213.3 | 205.3 |
| 5 | 217.2 | 220.2 | 211.2 |

MATHEMATICS

| Grade | SCES | FMSD | National |
|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| K | 160.3 | 164.4 | 156.6 |
| 1 | 182.8 | 185.3 | 178.6 |
| 2 | 191.1 | 193.8 | 190.3 |
| 3 | 200.9 | 206.3 | 201.7 |
| 4 | 212.7 | 216.1 | 211.9 |
| 5 | 223.1 | 227.1 | 220.0 |

PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (PASS)

SCIENCE

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

SOCIAL STUDIES

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

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 | Playground Shade |
| 5th Grade Graduation | SIC Tailgate |
| One School One Book Program | Family Fitness Night |
| Recess Supplies | Artist in Residence |
| Lunch and Learn Program | Teacher Grants |
| Music Instruments | Field Day |
| Library Books | Cultural 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 Sharkettes, SNN News, Striders, Art Club, German Club, Safety Patrol, Girls on the Run, Archery, Environmental Club, 5th grade-Nutritional Team, Choir and Chimes allow our students to demonstrate talents and leadership.