

**Rocky Creek Elementary School**  
**Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents**  
**April 28, 2023**

**Vision**

Rocky Creek Rangers are self directed learners, caring citizens, and positive world-changers.

**Mission**

In collaboration with our families and community, Rocky Creek Elementary provides an exceptional educational experience for all.

**Motto**

**Rangers are**  
Ready to learn;  
Celebrate each other!  
Exemplify kindness, and  
Stay safe.

**Purpose of the Report**

This Report is issued by the Rocky Creek Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

**SC Annual Report Card Rating**

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), State Education Agencies are required to prepare and disseminate an annual state report and Local Education Agency (LEA) report card that meet the minimum requirements described in federal law.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Overall Rating</b>	<b>Academic</b>	<b>Preparing for Success</b>	<b>Student Progress</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	Excellent	Good	Average	Good
<b>2020-2021</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>2019-2020</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>2018-2019</b>	Good	Excellent	Good	Average
<b>2017-2018</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good

\*\*2019–2020, 2020-2021 data was not reported due to COVID-19\*\*

## Next Steps Guided Reading Assessment 2022 Winter Benchmark Data

Next Steps is administered to grades kindergarten through fifth two to four times a year and used to measure academic growth in reading.

Grade Level	<u>% of students meeting target growth</u>
5k	74.7%
1st Grade	73.8%
2nd Grade	84.8%
3rd Grade	83.1%
4th Grade	79.8%
5th Grade	72.3%

## Palmetto State Assessments of Standards

The SC Ready assessment is given every spring to students in grades 3 through 5 to assess in the area of ELA and math. Below is a summary of students meeting or exceeding state standards in the areas of ELA and math.

Subject	2020-2021	2021-2022
ELA	67.5%	69.5%
Math	75.6%	77.6%

## School Accomplishments

- Paula Langdale, 3rd grade teacher, was selected as RCE Teacher of the Year.
- Lindsey Forche, school nurse, was selected as the RCE Support Staff of the Year.
- Cheri Lewis and Neely Swygert received the Michelin Apple Teachers Grant. Sarah Harmon received a grant from Governerds.
- RCE teaches Lexington District Power Skills through morning meetings and closing circles. Students who exhibit the Power Skill of the Month are recognized monthly.
- RCE is a Coding Immersion School. Students in 5K-5 th grade students presented their Integrated Coding Projects to parents and invited guests.
- RCE students are celebrated by “ringing the bell” when a goal is achieved. Anyone hearing the bell will stop and celebrate the student’s success.

- RCE students are celebrated and recognized with a “Clap Around” ceremony each quarter for classroom effort.
- RCE participates in the Special Olympics and the Unified Buddy Program and raised funds to support our athletes.
- RCE celebrated our Special Olympians with a “send-off” parade joined by their Unified Buddies.
- The annual “Legacy Walk” for former RCES students is a continued practice.
- RCES added a full-time School Resource Officer to RCES staff to add another layer of security to the school.
- RCE participated in helping Relay for Life, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Harvest Hope Snack Packs, Jump Rope for Heart.
- RCE partnered with the University of South Carolina to host student interns and with Lexington High School to host Teacher Cadets.

### **RCES School Improvement Impact Goals**

- Assist in the planning of school-wide improvement
- Continue improvement in communication between SIC and RCE families
- Continue learning about Feedback Driven Progress Report Cards
- Continue efforts to recruit community business partners and new SIC Members
- Support RCES school-wide math goal by creating a Dreambox Challenge

If you are interested in becoming a member of the RCE School Improvement Council, please contact Michelle Smith for details at [mlsmith@lexington1.net](mailto:mlsmith@lexington1.net)

### **Projects Supported by PTO**

- Ranger Run, Field Day, Grade 5 Graduation, Fundraising Efforts, Staff Appreciation Events, Back to School Supply packets, Yearbooks, Ranger Station, Headphones for each Grade level, Duty Free Lunch
- PTO held a school wide vote for students, staff, and parents to choose a mascot buddy for Rocky Ranger. A fox mascot costume is being purchased to increase school spirit at RCE events.
- Provided a variety of school-wide events for RCE families: Skate Night, Trunk-or-Treat, Breakfast with Santa, Talent Show, Bike Night

**Administration**

Michelle Smith, Principal

Jessica Robbins, AP

Kristen Smalley, AP

**SIC Members**

Brittney Aspey, Chair

Brandon Brantly, Parent

Danielle Carlo Ruiz, Parent

Andrea Nazarenko, Parent

Katherine Merrell, Teacher

Brady VENABLES, Parent

**PTO Board**

Amy Heydt, President

Becka Jumper, V. President

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Chrissy Hook, Secretary

Susie Hughes, Treasurer

RCES SIC would like to congratulate and thank the faculty, staff, families, PTO and volunteers for their dedication, strength, endurance, and perseverance each year.