

School Achievements

- Shasta Looper (4th Grade Team Leader), Millken Educator Award Winner
- Amanda LeBlanc (Librarian, Teacher of the Year), Fulbright USA Japan Exchange Program
- Shannon Lawton (3rd Grade Teacher & Innovate! Program Lead Teacher) selected for NASA Education Program
- Champion of the Environment Grant to build Greenhouse from recycled materials.
- Received grant to plant trees on Hudson Road from AJW to Salvation Army
- Only elementary school in the district to receive a Perfect 100-A Rating on Federal Accountability Program
- State ranking of “Excellent” based on performance on standardized testing.
- Private Grant to create after school intervention Innovate! program for 3rd and 4th graders
- 4th Grade FLL Lego Robotics Team invited to represent the state (one of only 3 teams in North America) at International FLL Tournament in Paderborn, Germany
- Established “Watch Dogs – Dads of Great Students” program to improve school safety and enhance mentoring.
- Achieved AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for the 2011-2012 school year
- First public elementary school in South Carolina with a school-wide engineering curriculum
- Engineer Partner Program with local organizations to bring engineering to life for students
- Beginning in 2nd grade, all students issued a computer to be used in school and at home
- Partnership with Kroc Center (tennis, swimming, soccer programs offered for students)
- Five National Board Certified teachers and highly qualified staff
- Principal and administrative team selected to present at the 2012 South Carolina School Board Association Annual Conference and the South Carolina Association of Administration
- Featured in 2012 City Story Greenville Book
- 2012 Safe Kids School

What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

SIC MEMBERS

Jamie Howard, Chair	Amanda LeBlanc, Teacher
Melissa Lowe, Co- Chair	Wanda Jackson, Parent
Lynn Mann, Program Dir.	Bill Kennedy, Parent
Tom Roe, Curriculum Dir.	Isaac West, Teacher
Pam McCoy, Secretary	Kelly Lester, Parent
Sheila Earley, Parent	Tristan Johnson, Parent
Diana Lawson, Parent	Wayne McCoy, Community
Quentin Tompkins, Community	Shana Sands, Parent
Kendra Walker, Community	
Margaret Thomason, Principal	

Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the A.J. Whittenberg School of Engineering 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.”

A.J. Whittenberg School of Engineering

SIC Report to the Community/Parents 2012-2013



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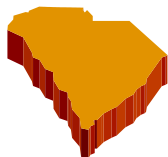


What are our goals?

- Uniform – red on Friday, dress for field trips, clear communication on uniform holidays, uniform swaps
- Develop Welcome Wagon and New Parent Orientation Program for new students and parents
- School safety – Watchdog Program
- Homework / tutoring

How are we achieving our goals?

Goals are reviewed monthly by the SIC, School Leadership Team, and the Faculty to assess progress toward achieving the established goals and determining continuing strategies needed for successful attainment.



AJW Scores Excellent Rating on the SC Annual School Report Card

Full report can be found on the front page of the AJW website.

A Pioneer for the Upstate

- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification
- Neighbor to the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center (shared facility space)
- Green Roof
- Solar Panels
- Students create Lego robots, design, and develop products using computers
- 2 STEM Labs visible from both the interior and exterior of the building due to glass walls
- Most technologically advanced elementary school in Greenville County
- All classrooms issued iPads as an instructional resource
- SMART Table Lab and Electric Keyboard Lab for students beginning at 4K
- Butterfly garden
- Active PTA and volunteer involvement
- Breathe Better Air Program
- Challenge program for Gifted and Talented students
- After School and Enrichment Program
- Parenting Workshops

School Partnerships

Fluor GE Energy Michelin CU-ICAR ASME
 Earth Fare Arbor Engineering Jacob's Engineering
 Hartness International Hubbell Lighting EnTech 281
 Greenville Drive Peace Center Kroc Center NCEES
 Kiwanis Club Greenville Zoo City of Greenville Carolina
 Foothills Garden Club JHM Hotels Ten at the Top
 Greenville Water Greenville Organic Foods Organization
 Brookwood Church SC Business Coalition on Health
 Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital System
 NAI Earle Furman Sea Level Systems Duke Energy
 Greenville Tech

INNOVATIVE LEARNING

A World in Motion

- AJ the Robot
- Book Float Parade
- Leveled Bookroom and Classroom Library
- Math Manipulatives
- Heart Rate Monitors
- Summer Enrichment Program
- AJ Responsible Readers
- Student Designed, Community Built Playground
- Junior FIRST Lego League Teams (1st-3rd Grades)
- FLL Competitive Lego League Team (4th Grade)
- Piano Keyboarding Lab
- Terrific Kids
- Adult Learning Programs
- AJ Day at Flour Field
- STEM



Living Healthy

- Healthy Breakfast and Lunch Menus
- CATCH healthy living program/ Spark PE
- Partner with BI-LO
- Healthy Birthday Club
- 2nd Grade and 3rd grade Tennis Programs
- 3rd Grade Swimming Program
- 4th Grade Golf and Shag Dancing
- Organic Community Garden
- Soccer Program beginning at K4

AJW as a Green School

- Green Team
- Green Steps Award
- Recycle Machine