

About our School

Philip Simmons Elementary offers a PreK-4 STEAM curriculum that focuses on providing students with a transdisciplinary curriculum in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. At the end of 4th grade, we expect all of our students to be able to demonstrate competency with state standards as well as the foundational skills of respect, responsibility and reliability. Each student will take Academic Arts classes in: Discovery Lab, Media Arts, Music, Physical Education, and Visual Arts.

Our Mission Statement

BCSD STEAM Schools engage students in solving real-world problems through a transdisciplinary approach to learning focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

Teacher of the Year

Doretha Garland

"I feel honored and humbled to have been selected as Philip Simmons' first Teacher of the Year. I am honored to be a part of the PSE's team of remarkable and distinguished educators. I am humbled because of the outstanding, passionate, creative educators in our building who challenge, inspire, and support our students on a daily basis."



Philip Simmons Elementary SIC Members

Chair Person: Melyssa Jaskiewicz, *Parent*

Vice Chair Person: Kate Sablotsky, *Parent*

Secretary: David Frazier, *Teacher*

Charles Atkins, III, *Community*

Josh Romine, *Community*

Seth Austin, *Community*

Shawna Berden, *Parent*

Anne Miracle, *School Counselor*

Doretha Garland, *Teacher*

Dr. Karen Whitley, *Principal*

La Toya King, *Assistant Principal*

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Forging a Future

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Philip Simmons 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."

Philip Simmons Elementary

Annual

School Improvement Council

Report to Parents and Community

2016 - 2017



Our vision:

Empower All Students for Success

Channel 2 Cool School

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Community Support and Involvement

The parents and community members of Philip Simmons Elementary are invested in the education of all students. There are currently over 165 registered volunteers and over 20 active business partners. Parents and community members volunteer for reading buddies, career exploration, mentoring, PTA, character education and School Improvement Council.

Student Achievement

With Philip Simmons Elementary in its inaugural year, teachers administered fall assessments to better understand the learning levels of each student. Fall assessments include:

- Fountas and Pinnell; grades 1-4
- CoGAT/ITBS; 2nd grade only
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA); in Kindergarten
- Common Unit Assessments
- District Benchmark Assessments; grades K-4

The availability of technology for every student allows teachers to have student response in real-time. Students can also take quick, standards-based assessments with immediate results; this allows our teachers to plan more meaningful lessons that meet the needs of all learners.

Programs

Archery Club
Arts Night
Book Swap
Career Vehicle Day
Character Education
Fall Festival
Field Day
Gatekeepers (Before/after school care)
Genius Hour
Gifted and Talented Program
Girls on the Run
Golf
Grade Level Music Performances
Grandparents' Tea
Iron Horse Choir
Iron Horse Derby
Jump Rope for Heart
Kids Who Care
Koffee with Karen & King
Makers Space
Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
Parent Child Book Club
Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
PSES News Show
PTA
Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
Red Ribbon Week
Reindeer Run
Robotics Club
Scholastic Book Fair
School Spirit Nights
Science Fair
STEAM Night
STEAM Run
Student Council
Turtle Trek

Technology Initiative

Philip Simmons Elementary is a one-to-one Chromebook school. All kindergarten through fourth grade students are issued Chromebooks to support their learning at school and home. We use the Common Sense Media curriculum to ensure safe and meaningful use of technology. Our students also use Google Apps for Education. Our goal is for teachers and students to be proficient in the effective integration of technology to support student success.

Through the use of technology, students at Philip Simmons Elementary have authentic, meaningful learning experiences that help prepare them for the 21st century.

