

## School Achievements

- ◆ Palmetto Silver Award Winner
- ◆ 2016-17 National Beta School of Recognition
- ◆ Green Steps Certified School
- ◆ Green School Challenge Award Winner
- ◆ USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant Recipient
- ◆ Recognized as Elementary School of the Year by the National Energy Education Department (Washington, D.C.) for our recycling efforts



## Special Events

- ◆ Open House/Grade Level Orientations
- ◆ Arts Showcase
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Math Night
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ College and Career Fair
- ◆ American Education Week
- ◆ Bullying Prevention Week
- ◆ Read Across America Week
- ◆ Earth Day Celebration/Upcycling Day
- ◆ Random Acts of Kindness Week
- ◆ Sheldon Township Forum/Community Fun Day

## SIC School Renewal Plan Annual Goals for 2017-2018

- ◆ Integrate STEM activities across the curriculum as we work towards STEM Accreditation
- ◆ Concentrated focus on RTI intervention
- ◆ Expand Arts Curriculum
- ◆ Actively engage parents, community and stakeholders in the school.
- ◆ Hire and maintain highly qualified teachers.
- ◆ Provide support to ensure best practices in learning, teaching, and leadership.
- ◆ Strengthen and utilize technology resources available to teachers and students.
- ◆ Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment in collaboration with community resources.

### SIC Members

Chairperson: Susan Millsap, Parent  
Vice Chairperson: Janay Glover-Small, Teacher  
Secretary: Catia Gilbert, Parent  
Assistant Secretary: Marie Murray, Teacher

### Parents

Katrina Cook  
Chanda Alston  
Patricia Gibbs

### Teachers

Torey Conner  
April Smalls

### Community Members

Carl Alston  
Lenora Henry  
Geraldine Dawson

### Ex-Officio Members

Principal: Anita Lynn Singleton

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# Annual School Improvement Council

## “Report to the Parents” 2016 - 2017



Whale Branch Elementary School  
James J. Davis Early Learning Center

Proud to be a  
Title One  
School!





## School Profile

Whale Branch Elementary School is located in rural Seabrook, SC, near the Whale Branch River. In addition to the main campus, Whale Branch Elementary School is also composed of an early childhood center (James J. Davis Early Learning Center), located on Keans Neck Road in Dale, SC. Our Pre-K and K classes are housed there along with Early Head Start and Head Start classes.

Our attendance continues to grow. We serve a population of approximately 552 students, of which 79% are African Americans, 12% are white, 6% are Hispanic/Latino, and 3% are two or more races.

We invite you to come to our school to visit and find out more about the exciting programs going on.

Anita Lynn Singleton, Principal  
Susan Millsap, SIC Chairman



## Student Achievement

Each year, the school sets goals and strategies that will improve the educational program. Performance on MAP, SC READY, and PASS are priorities. During the 2016-17 school year, we saw notable growth on the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test. The use of one-on-one devices in K-4th grade continues to support engagement and enrichment for all students.

We are continually broadening our focus to include implementation of projects and activities that are based on the concepts embedded in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). Our Green Team has expanded their work in the areas of recycling, developing the school garden, composting, and utilizing the rain water collection barrels. Other STEAM projects include the Hour of Code, Metric Week, Engineering Activities, and Legos and Robotics.

Our teachers have been recipients of grants through the Foundation for Educational Excellence. Through these grants, our students will have access to a Green Screen to create multimedia productions, we will be able to expand our garden with covered raised beds and students are able to participate in collaborative drumming activities in PE and music. Our Creative Dance team has performed at various events throughout the community and county, as well as attended a two-day event that allowed them to showcase their talents along with dance teams from throughout the district.

The Sheldon Township Community is still our biggest supporter. They provide resources and volunteers that help us to maintain continuous academic progress.



## School Programs

- ◆ Kid's Club
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ Recycling Green Team
- ◆ Creative Dance Team
- ◆ Girls Circle
- ◆ Garden Club
- ◆ Low Country Food Bank (Backpack Buddies)
- ◆ STEAM Afterschool Program
- ◆ Afterschool Honors Choir
- ◆ Good News Club
- ◆ Virtual Interviews with Professionals
- ◆ Strengthening Families Program
- ◆ YMCA Afterschool Program
- ◆ Project PUSH Tutoring Program

