

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Recognized for a Value-Added
Growth Score of "5" on the TAP Rubric

USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant

2014 Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Winner

PBIS Ribbon School

US Healthier Schools Bronze Award

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Kid's Club

Parent Honor Roll

Ladies and Gentlemen Club

Lowcountry Foodbank (Backpack Buddies)

YMCA Summer Reading Program

Afterschool Homework Center

Music and Art Afterschool Programs



Whale Branch Elementary School SIC Members

Chairperson: Audrey Jenkins, Parent
Vice-Chairperson: Kamiktra Simmons, Parent
Secretary: Quanderia Coney, Parent

Teachers:

Torey Conner
Renette Oliver
April Smalls
Amy Turner

Community Members:

Shirley Brown-Perry
Gwendolyn Moore
Mae Belle Scott

Ex-Officio Members:

Principal: Anita Lynn Singleton
Assistant Principal: Michelle Sackman

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the 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."



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Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2013-2014



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Over the past three years, Whale Branch Elementary School has seen great growth and progress academically. Recently, we received the Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance and the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. We also received an absolute rating of Average and a growth rating of Excellent on our 2013 School Report card.

We continue to focus on literacy, math, and technology. The implementation of the Common Core State Standards has allowed us to teach students to think deeper and be problem solvers. Through TAP, we continue to have weekly collaborative professional development sessions that are tailored to teacher and student needs, effective teaching practices, and a focus on data-driven decisions.

The effectiveness of TAP is evidenced by our school achieving a Value-Added Growth score of “5” on the on the TAP rubric, signifying student gains of more than 1.5 years, as measured on MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) and the PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards).

As we plan for the next school year, we will continue to work closely with our community and stakeholders, retain highly qualified staff members, and maintain a positive school climate.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to build a collaborative learning environment to inspire life-long learners.



SIC SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN ANNUAL GOALS FOR 2013-2014

- Increase student achievement
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in the school
- Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching, and leadership
- Provide resources for appropriate learning environments
- Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment in collaboration with community resources
- Develop practices, processes and technologies for open, frequent, transparent and effective communication

		% Met or Exemplary			
Year	Grade	English	Math	Science	Social Studies
2013	3	64.5	50.0	46.2	71.1
	4	71.2	79.5	41.0	74.0
2012	3	67.7	67.7	47.1	54.8
	4	44.9	57.7	41.0	61.5

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 comprised of Davis Early Learning Center, located on Keans Neck Road in Dale, SC.

We serve a population of approximately 543 students, of which 81% are African American, 11% are white, 4% are Hispanic/Latino, and 4% are two or more races. The community plays an active and vital role in the educational program at Whale Branch Elementary School. Through collaboration, a shared vision for learning and accountability for results has been established.

We invite you to visit our school or contact us if you have any questions about any of our programs.

Anita Lynn Singleton, Principal
Audrey Jenkins, SIC Chair

WBE Special Events

Annual Spelling Bee

Dinner Theater

Spring Musical

Literacy Night

Math Night

Red Ribbon Week

College and Career Week

American Education Week

National School Counselor Week

Bullying Prevention Week