SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Kid's Club
- Student Council
- Recycling Task Force
- Tail Waggin' Tutors
- Rainbow Readers
- Ladies and Gentlemen Club
- LowCountry Food Bank (Backpack Buddies)
- YMCA Summer Reading Program
- Afterschool Homework Center
- Music and Art Afterschool Programs
- Enrichment Clubs (Chess, Financial Literacy, Legos/Robotics, Step Team, Cooking)

WBE SPECIAL EVENTS

- Open House / Grade Level Orientations
- Chat and Chew Sessions
- Annual Spelling Bee
- Spring Musical
- Literacy Night
- Math Night
- Red Ribbon Week
- College and Career Fair
- American Education Week
- Bullying Prevention Week
- Read Across America Week
- Earth Day Celebration

**WHALE BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SIC MEMBERS**

Chairperson: Amy Turner, Teacher
Vice-Chairperson: Chanda Alston, Parent
Secretary: Quanderia Coney, Parent

Teachers:
Torey Conner
Renette Oliver
Carolyn Hicks
Brenda Singleton

Community Members:
Shirley Brown-Perry
Gwendolyn Moore
Carl Alston

Ex-Officio Members:
Principal: Anita Lynn Singleton
Assistant Principal: Michelle Sackman

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"Report to the Parents"
2014-2015

Anita Lynn Singleton, Principal
Michelle Sackman, Assistant Principal
Molly Kingma, Assistant Principal

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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 an early childhood center (James J. Davis Early Childhood Center), located on Keans Neck Road in Dale, SC. Our pre-k classes are housed there along with Early Head Start and Head Start classes.

We saw a substantial increase in our enrollment during the 2014-15 school year. Hence, our kindergarten classes will be housed at the early childhood center next school year.

We serve a population of approximately 587 students, of which 81% are African American, 11% are white, 5% are Hispanic/Latino, and 3% are two or more races. Our parents and community members play a vital role in assisting us with the goals that we create each year.

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

Anita Lynn Singleton, Principal
Amy Turner, SIC Chair

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Green School Challenge Award Winner

- USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant

- 2014 Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Winner

- PBIS Ribbon School

- US Healthier Schools Bronze Award

- Recognized by Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling and "Keep Beaufort County Beautiful" for successful recycling program

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Over the past four years, Whale Branch Elementary School has seen great growth and progress academically. After several years of a "Below Average" status, we celebrated a rating of "C" on the ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System.

We continue to focus on literacy, math, and technology. We have embraced the new state standards which has allowed us to teach students to think deeper and be problem solvers. Teachers receive weekly embedded professional development which are led by instructional coaches. The sessions are tailored to teacher and student needs, effective teaching practices, and a focus on data-driven decisions.

We believe that the use of one-to-one devices in third and fourth grade classes has permitted increased engagement. It is our hope that it will lead to accelerated and improved learning and comprehension.
The implementation of enrichment clubs has allowed students to participate in experiences outside of the regular curriculum.

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.

SIC SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN ANNUAL GOALS FOR 2014-2015

- Raising student achievement with a focus on literacy across the curriculum
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in the school
- Hiring and maintaining highly qualified teachers
- Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching, and leadership
- Strengthening the technology resources available to teachers and students.
- 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
2014	3	63.2	49.4	46.5	59.1
	4	55.6	58	55.6	75
2013	3	64.5	50	46.2	71.1
	4	71.2	79.5	41	74