

School Achievements

- 2015 Palmetto Silver Award Winner
- 2015-2016 National Beta School of Recognition
- Green Steps Certified School
- Green School Challenge Award Winner
- USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant Recipient
- Recognized by Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling and “Keep Beaufort County Beautiful” for a successful recycling program
- Featured on an episode of “Coastal Kingdom” entitled “Nature’s Classroom”



Special Events

- Open House/Grade Level Orientations
- Annual Spelling Bee
- 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

SIC School Renewal Plan

Annual Goals for 2016-2017

- Increase student achievement with a focus on the concepts of STEAM across the 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: Amy Turner, Teacher
Vice-Chairperson: Kristyn Alston, Parent
Secretary: Crystal Simmons, Parent
Assistant Secretary: Beverly Daise, Parent

Parents:
Chanda Alston
Isabel Cobb
Sherry Jones

Teachers:
Torey Conner
Renette Oliver

Community Members:

Carl Alston
Lenora Henry
Gwendolyn Moore

Ex-Officio Members:

Principal: Anita Lynn Singleton
Assistant Principal: Michelle Sackman

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Annual School Improvement Council

“Report to Parents”

2015-2016



Anita Lynn Singleton

Principal

Michelle Sackman

Assistant Principal

Molly Kingma

Assistant Principal

Whale Branch Elementary School
Proud to be a Title I School
James J. Davis Early Childhood Center





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 Childhood 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 591 students, of which 81% are African Americans, 11% are white, 4 % are Hispanic/Latino, and 4% 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
Amy Turner, SIC Chair



Student Achievement

During the 2015-16 school year, we saw continuous growth on the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test. In addition, the use of one-to-one devices in grades K-4th has permitted increased engagement.

We have expanded our focus to include implementation of projects and activities that are based on the concepts embedded in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). Some of those projects include the Cardboard Challenge, Hour of Code, Metric Week, the River of Words Project, and Legos and Robotics. Our STEAM Afterschool Program was featured on an episode of “Coastal Kingdom” entitled “Nature’s Classroom.” During this event, students were able to explore coastal habitats.

Our school was the recipient of the Peggy May Performing Arts Grant through the Foundation for Educational Excellence. Through this grant, a variety of students were able to perform in the production of the musical “Annie Jr.” Our STEP Team has also performed at various events throughout the community and county. 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
- Wild Steppers Step Team
- Girls Circle
- Garden Club
- LowCountry Food Bank (Backpack Buddies)
- STEAM Afterschool Program
- Afterschool Honors Choir
- Good News Club
- Financial Literacy Program for 4th graders

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Tiger Sharks*