

## Accomplishments and

### Professional Development

- Nicole Swank, Resource Teacher, won RTES Teacher of the Year
- Kelly Sittloh, Kindergarten Assistant, won RTES Support Staff of the Year.
- RTES staff participated in schoolwide professional development on the Foundations of a Professional Learning Community led by Solution Tree.
- Jennifer Brailsford led FMSD Units of Study Writing Professional Development Leader and one of the Read To Succeed continuing education courses.
- Mandy Shamblin was a STEAM conference leader.
- Joanna Barney led a Lightning Round at the DE VirtCon and was published in the Ed Journal
- Emma Sheppard, Brittany Kobak and Nicole Swank attended the Council for Exceptional Children in Orlando, FL.
- Gale Bolling, Mabra Wayman and Jennifer Brailsford attended Southeastern Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Conference.
- Melissa Burroughs was a presenter at the American Orff-Schulwerk National Conference, the South Carolina Music Educator's Association and the Winthrop University NAFME.
- Merri Martin attended the SCAHPERD state conference, the Fitnessgram Webinar series and the OEC conference at Winthrop. She was also a facilitator for Bowling lessons and writing grants at the OEC PE conference. She served on the OEC committee and served as a Mentor teacher to an intern from Winthrop.
- Kari Revels attended and presented at the ESOL OEC conference and the ESOL conference on the Language Lens for Content Classrooms.
- RTES raised **\$10,500** for the Kids Heart Challenge.
- RTES raised **\$530** during the Speed Stack fundraiser
- Merri Martin implemented the First Tee golf program at RTES for the first time.

## Purpose of the Report:

This report is issued by River Trail 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.

## Awards and Accolades!

- People's Choice Award Winner - Town of Fort Mill Scarecrow Crawl
- Melissa Burroughs (Music) - Vice President of Orff Chapter and Charter Member of Catawba River Winds
- Merri Martin - Named the Vice President of Sport/Wellness for the SCAPES association.

### Members:

#### Parent/Community Members:

Lyn Ashley  
Nicole Carroll  
Donald Heed  
Debbie Houser  
Molly Long  
Rachel Mann  
BethAnn Molesky

#### Staff Members:

Amanda Shamblin (chair)  
Sarah Baird  
Jennifer Brailsford (secretary)  
Brooke Smith  
Savannah Steger  
Kristy Swigunski  
Mabra Wayman



**RIVER TRAIL**  
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## School Summary Report 2021 - 2022

*An Update on the Progress of Our School  
Strategic Plan*

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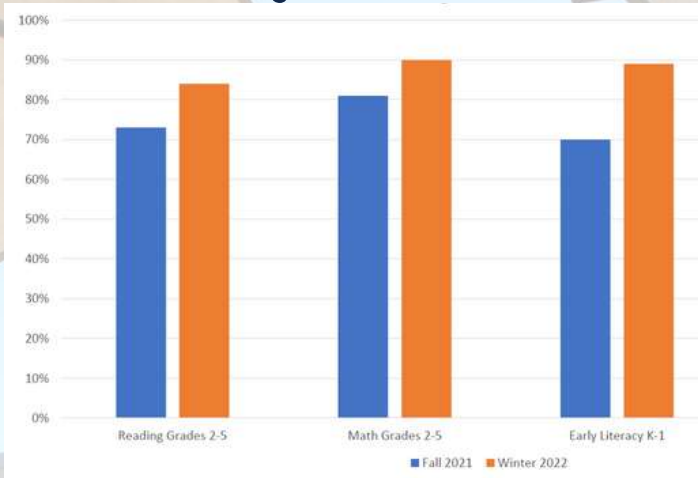
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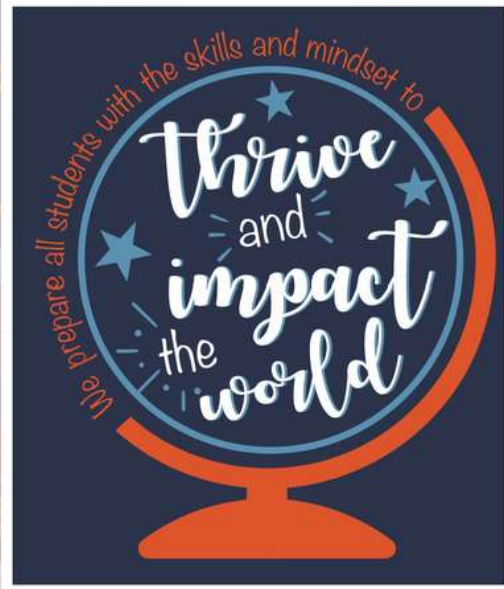
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## STAR Testing Results 2021-2022 SGP



The goal of the River Trail Elementary School Improvement Council is to increase parental and community involvement with the school to cultivate an atmosphere of academic achievement and foster the educational environment for all students.



### Grades K-5

Enrollment: 702

Male: 366

Female: 336

### Completed Coursework and Degrees

- Julia Lovaglia obtained a Masters Degree in Instructional Technologies and Curriculum Design.
- Brooke Smith and Mandy Shamblin both graduated with a Master Degree in Educational Leadership.
- Sara Gilbert obtained an ESOL endorsement from Winthrop University.
- Kelly Batot, Valerie Nelson, April Ray and Nicole Swank took the Read to Succeed Instructional Practices course in order to obtain their R2S endorsement.
- Kristin Wilkerson completed 2 graduate courses and finished her Literacy Coach Certification
- Julie Russell completed the Introduction to ESOL and Dyslexia graduate courses
- Merri Martin is working on her Masters in Educational Leadership with WGU and completed her CPR certification
- Kari Revels received her Masters + 30 this year

### Grants

- **Kelly Yates (1st)** - Resources Galore Grant from Donors Choose
- **Jennifer Darcy (Guidance)** - Mindful Moments in the Classroom from Donors Choose
- **Jessica Howell (2nd) & Mandy Shamblin (5th)** - Foundation for Fort Mill Schools
- **Merri Martin (PE)** - Multiple grants totaling \$8600 for new equipment

### School and Community Events

- One School, One Book
- Fall & Spring Book Fair
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Red Ribbon Week
- Read Across America
- Winter Holiday Shop
- Boosterthon
- Teacher Cadets from Catawba Ridge
- Virtual Career Day
- The Otter News Show
- Otter Outlet
- 4th/5th Talent Show
- Safety Patrol