Our Mission

Building upon our rich *Lowcountry traditions*, we will ignite in every student a passion for lifelong learning. Through dynamic instruction, creative partnerships and exceptional support, we will foster opportunities for each student to build a *legacy of success*.

Our Vision

To challenge and empower our students to be successful in a highly competitive world.



Our SC Annual Report Card Rating

Absolute Rating

✓ 2010: Average
2009: Average
2008: Below Average

Improvement Rating
Good
Average
Below Average



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PASS

All students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade participated in PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) testing in March and May of 2009-2010 school-year in English Language Arts, Writing, Science, and/or Social Studies.

PASS RESULTS 2009-2010 % of Students scoring met or exemplary

Grade	2010
Writing	
3	62.4
4	57.7
5	69.3
Mathematics	
3	76.3
4	71.7
5	74.5
Reading and Research	
3	87.1
4	68.9
5	78.4
Social Studies	
3	61.7
4	57.5
5	41.2
Science	
3	52.2
4	56.6
5	70.6



Come be a voice on our School Improvement Council as we plan our strategies for meeting these goals 2010-11

Whitesville Elementary





Julia Taylor, Principal James Carraway, Asst. Principal

Annual Report to Parents and Community

School Improvement Council

Tara Baker Marie Dawson Katie Blatchford Kitty Echenique Ann Baker Angela Faglie Becky Goodwin **Becky Brannon** Tricia Broadus Jodi Harkins **Shirley Bryant** Thomas Hutson Ruth Butka Leila O'Neal James Byrd Gloria Uwalor

Parent/Teacher Organization PTO

- •Felicia Collins (President)
- •Thekla Ratliff (Treasurer)
- •Tracie Heyward (Vice President)
- Opal Welsh (Vice President)
- •Wanda Brown (Vice President)
- •Ariel Thomas (Board Member)
- Katrina Pringle (Secretary)

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Teacher of the Year 2010-11

• Ms. Katie Blatchford

National Board Certified <u>Teachers</u>

- Ms. Mary Jo Austin
- Ms. Phyllis Couch
- Ms. Kim Full
- Ms. Suzanne Johnson
- Ms. Leila O'Neal

Number of Certified Staff: 51

Number of Classified/Support Staff: 39

Number of Students: 770

School Improvement/ Title 1 Programs and Initiatives

Each year all the stakeholders for Whitesville are invited to participate in reviewing data related to the school's goals and help plan for the upcoming year. The following are strategies that are being implemented to better meet our student needs.

Computer/Technology Lab Assistant

An assistant was hired to provide opportunities for technology integration into the regular curriculum.

• Roscoe Reading



Roscoe Reading Program has become and integral part of our school. Students in grades 2 & 3 are treated to free book and ice cream parties for meeting

set reading goals. Many thanks to the volunteers and their dogs.



Parenting

We continue to maintain a parenting room on the A-hall stocked with information and items for parents visiting the school. Our Title 1 facilitator and guidance counselor have both become trained in Triple P parenting strategies and classes are offered regularly. We offered a variety of parenting/family activities once a month. These included nights such as Math/Science Night, Build-A-Book and "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" Night.

Science Lab

We operated a science lab where students received standards-based hands-on instruction.

• Kids Who Care

We had 100% of our kindergarten –5th grade participate in KWC. Our 5th grade and Ms Stanton's and Ms. Elliott's 1st grade classes placed 3rd in the district.

Morning News

Students took leadership roles anchoring the Whitesville morning news program.

<u>Technology</u>

We are well equipped with the latest educational technology. All classrooms have multiple computers and a smartboard. We have 4 computer labs for whole class instruction. We have a wide variety of instructional software. The most frequently used by the students include HeadSprout, Fast Math, Successmaker,

Accelerated Reader (AR), Read Naturally and V-Math Live. This year IPADS were added to our campus through a special grant. Our 5th graders had the opportunity along



with Ms. Echenique to explore their use in the classroom.

WOWs (Positive Behavior)

We are implementing year 3 of our positive school-wide behavior program, PBIS. Our students are taught how to be safe, respectful, and responsible at school. Students are rewarded for meeting the expectations.

Volunteers

We always have room for one more. This year we have had over 125 different people volunteer their time with our school. We have a spot for everyone. Many of our volunteers help out by working in the computer lab, going on field trips, helping with our "End Of Month" celebrations or listening to a child read.

Giving Back to the Community

Our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart raising over \$6,500 dollars for the American Heart Association.