

SIC Letter to Parents

2022

W B Goodwin Elementary School

Vanessa Gonzalez Ramos makes a perfect score on SCReady!

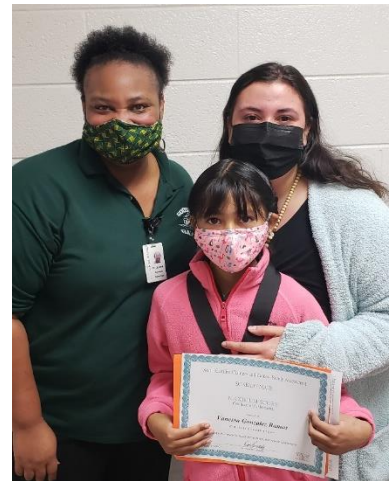
Proud moment for many

Vanessa Gonzalez Ramos recently learned that she earned a perfect score on her third grade South Carolina College - and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY). When asked how she made a perfect score, she proudly announced that she listened to her teacher, Ms. Grillo, and she just did the work. Sounds simple, and, in essence, it is! Vanessa pointed out to us great things happen within these walls. Her fellow classmates consider her famous. They also look up to her. She has instilled hope for many students at our school that it can be done.

“Congratulations to Vanessa who worked very hard to earn this perfect score,” added CCSD’s Chief Academic Office, Karolyn Belcher. “Over the last few years, it has been hard for adults and students to stay focused on learning. Vanessa showed what is possible if you work hard enough and have talented teachers working with you.”

According to her third-grade teacher, Anna Grillo, Ramos is truly one of a kind.

“She is gracious, kind, and beautiful on the inside just as much as the out,” said Grillo. “Last year in class, she inspired me daily. She inspired me to be patient, and to look at life with an open heart. She always tried her best and accepted every challenge.”



Natasha Jones, Ms. Grillo, and Vanessa Gonzalez Ramos celebrate along with students all along the hallway!

The Battle of the Books

Goodwin's first team represents our school for the 3rd Annual event

Our school Media Representative, Melanie Johnson, asked students in fourth and fifth grade if they wanted to compete in this year's Battle of the Books at Burke High School. What you might not know is the students did all of the work. They set up a game plan on how to read to understand 20 books. Two teams were formed and captains for each team regularly met with their teammates. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Stansell held practice sessions to go over the rules. Because only one team could compete, a competition within the school was held and the fifth-grade team won. Three fifth graders and four fourth graders attended the event. Alison Alvarado, Laila Powell, Kelis Heyward, Daisy Martinez, and competed on stage along with twelve other teams. Although we did not come home with the prize, we all had a lot of fun and Goodwin was represented by some great students who can't wait to try again next year. W B Goodwin was the only school from N Charleston who joined the competition this year.



On stage for the Battle of the Books at Burke HS



Sarah Swain

Sarah Swain named Teacher of the Year 2021 for W B Goodwin

Congratulations to Ms. Swain, a Second-grade teacher at Goodwin. Ms. Swain has taught here for 13 years. She has been an anchor for her colleagues offering support in numerous ways. Her students love her! We are so proud of your accomplishments.



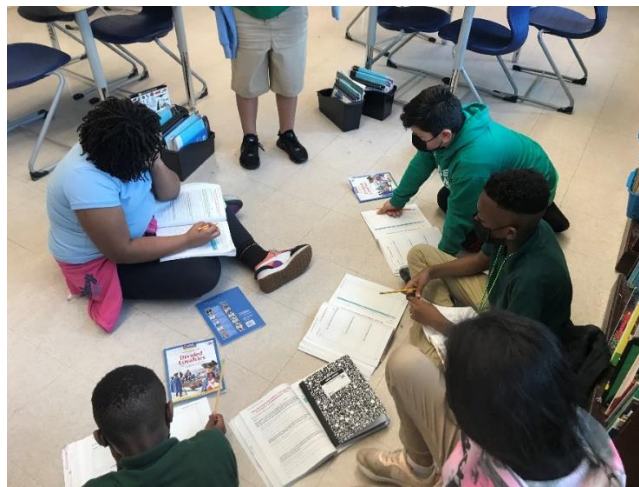
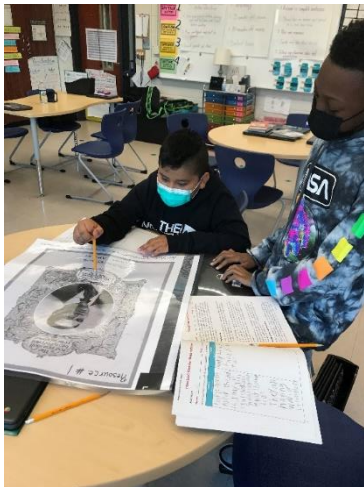
Backpack Buddies

Westminster Presbyterian Church has volunteered the past 2 years to provide food for our students. They collect the food from the Food Bank, gather at their church once a month and put the food in individual bags, then pack it in boxes and bring them to the school for distribution. We can't thank them enough for the long hours and muscles used to make a difference in the lives of our students.

New Curriculum

EL Reading curriculum for 2021-2022

Students and teachers alike are loving our new reading program. It is a lot of work in preparation for the lessons, but teachers are getting it done. It is already making a difference in the way our students think and respond to text. The EL curriculum empowers teachers to build equitable and inclusive learning opportunities for all students. Created by teachers for teachers, and based on college and career readiness standards, this curriculum is a comprehensive, research-informed, core language arts program that engages teachers and students through compelling, real-world content. It includes Equity and Inclusion, embedded Social Emotional learning, knowledge-rich, substantive content, and high-quality resources. Students own their learning. It also offers professional development to assist with the rigorous delivery of the program. It follows the Science of reading, tailor built to standards.



Art Contest Participants

Congratulations to Luis Ramos, Sharon Valverde, Kelis Heyward, and . Their artwork went on display in the Reconstruction Era National Historic Park in Beaufort, SC from March 12 to May 15th. There is still time to go and see their works of art! We have some great artists here at Goodwin!



Tied to Education

Goodwin gators and their families enjoyed a night of food and fun in April in preparation for our year end testing. Students tie dyed shirts and bags in the colors that matched what they agreed to do to get ready. We all wore our shirts to school to show we are ready!



Goodwin gators on the courts!

Basketball is the name of the game, and our 2nd and 3rd grade students are learning the ropes. Shout outs go to our head coach, Seth Summers, and the assistants who spent the time with our scholars both on and off the courts. Our gator cheerleaders are led by Ms. Grillo. They have been working hard every week preparing to cheer for the games.

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