

School Renewal Plan Goals 2012-2013

Student Achievement

- By spring 2014, 90% of our students will score at the Met or Exemplary levels in both math and ELA as measured by the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).

Teacher/Leadership Quality

- By spring 2014, 100% of our teachers will maintain highly qualified status as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act.

School Climate

- By spring 2014, 90% of the school's stakeholders will indicate satisfaction with the learning environment, social and physical environment, and school-home relations as measured by the state report card survey.

Palmetto Silver Award

Byrd Elementary was awarded the Palmetto Silver Award for performance and growth in achievement due to student performance on PASS.

Year	Absolute Rating	AYP
2011	Average	No
2010	Average	Yes
2009	Average	Yes
2008	Average	Yes
2007	Average	Yes
2006	Average	Yes

2010-2011 School Improvement Council

Scott Troup	Marcia Holcombe
Terri Harris	Judy Moulton
Bernetta Monroe	Jody Padgett
Joel Deer	Leigh Johnson
Russell Gunter	Samantha Nobles

Byrd Elementary School

Mission Statement:

The mission of Byrd Elementary School is to provide an education by highly qualified professionals that enhances accountability, respect, and self sufficiency through research-based instructional practices, parental involvement, and community support.

MAP CELEBRATION

Students at Byrd Elementary were given the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test three times this school year—Fall, Winter, & Spring. Over 95% of the students met or exceeded their target goal from the Fall to Spring testing in one or more area. They showed improvement in reading and math. These students will enjoy a cookout and fun activities for their accomplishment. Also, drawings for prizes will take place to award the students for their achievements. We are very proud of these students and the hard work they do throughout the school year.

BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2012

Excellent Eagles

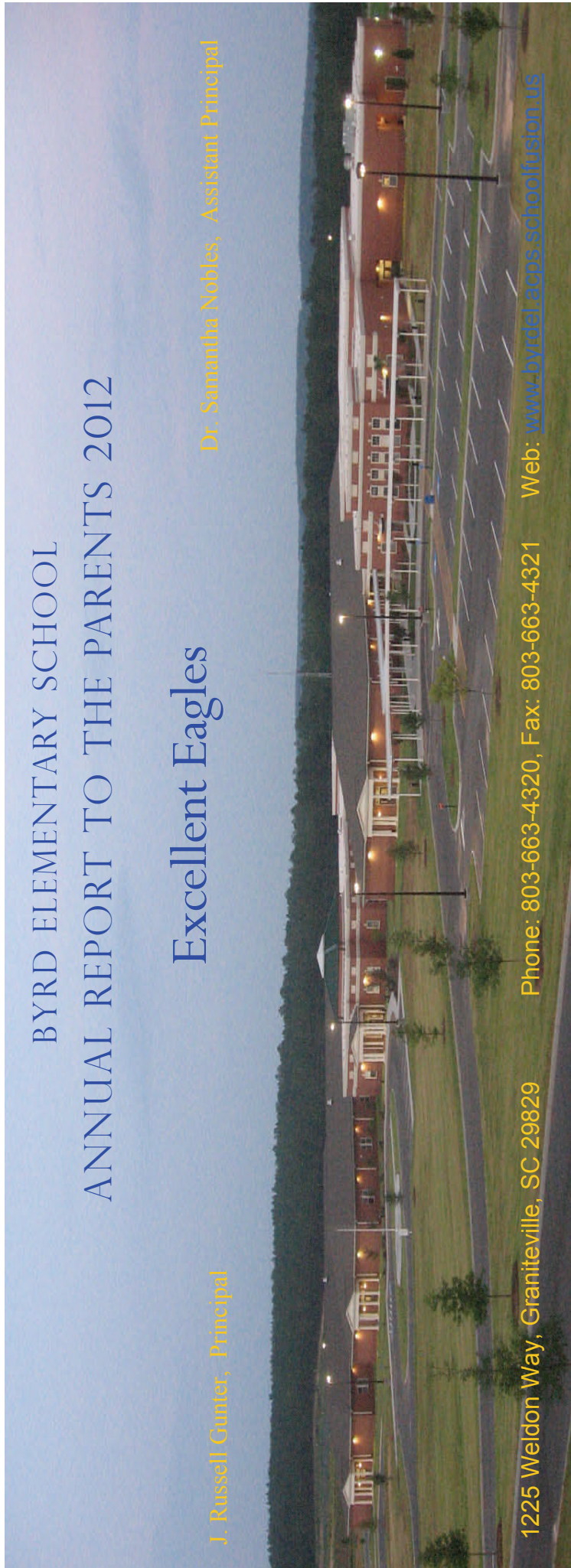
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SCHOOL SPONSORED STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Character Education (Good Citizens)

Students are recognized for positively modeling the character word for each month. The Good Citizen from each homeroom receives a pencil, certificate & a free kids meal from Chick-fil-a. At the end of each month, all of the Good Citizens are eligible for a drawing to become the Student of the Month. This student receives a certificate and gets a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-mart provided by Cytec, Inc.

Most Improved Students

At the end of each nine weeks, students are recognized for having improved in either grades or behavior. Each student receives a ribbon and a certificate. They enjoy lunch on stage and are given special treats.

K-Kids (A Kiwanis Club sponsored program)

K-Kids consist of a group of fifth graders who are involved in helping with various school-based community projects throughout the school year.

Projects include:

Food drive for Golden Harvest Food Bank, food drive for Aiken County Animal Shelter, volunteered at animal shelter, made Christmas cards for soldiers, made socks for the elderly, item drive for the Be A Bunny project, bird food strings, participated in the Graniteville Christmas parade, colors for Costa Rica, and Ronald McDonald House. They also collected gift cards for a family who lost their home in a fire.

How Full is Your Bucket?:

This is a school-wide program where students earn “raindrops” for being kind to others. Raindrops are placed in a classroom bucket. At the end of each month, the teacher draws a name from their bucket to participate in a fun activity. At the end of each nine weeks, the class earning the most raindrops will be treated with a free ice cream funded by the PTO.

Parenting Nights

Byrd has two parenting nights during the school year. Parents are invited to hear teacher presentations on reading and math strategies. After the presentations, the students and parents are treated to a meal.

Book Fair

Our Media Center at Byrd has two Scholastic Book Fairs per year; one in the Fall and one held in the Spring. There are two parent nights, as well, for each book fair.

Guest Speakers

Students enjoyed several guest speakers throughout the school year who shared their experiences and skills.

Good News Club

This is a faith based club sponsored by a local church that students are allowed to attend every Thursday after school.

Looney Tunes Banking

Students learn how to save money by opening a savings account with Security Federal Bank. They are allowed to participate by making weekly deposits. Our fifth graders gain experience by acting as the bankers under a bank representative's supervision.

Arbor Day Celebration

Students celebrated Arbor Day by planting a long leaf pine tree seedling on the school campus.

Bully Free Program

Students in the third, fourth, and fifth grades participated in the “Bully-Free School” assembly. The fourth and fifth grade students participated in the “Bully-Free School” pledge contest and the end of the year project.

Byrd Chorus

Students in fourth and fifth grades can participate in the Byrd Chorus. Students must show discipline and dedication to improve their vocal and performance skills. The chorus has performed at various events at Byrd and in the community. Also, students enjoyed attending a Symphony Orchestra Augusta Youth Concert and a piano presentation at USC Aiken.

Art Contests and Art Shows

Aiken Regional Design A Christmas Card Contest
Safe Kids Coalition Safety Calendar Contest
Sakura's Wonderful Colorful World Contest
Agnes Mark Walter Youth Art Competition and Exhibition
Savannah River Site Safety Art Contest

Relay for Life

Byrd Elementary has joined the world's largest movement to end cancer for the past three years. Our Relay For Life Team has raised money to help celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembered loved ones that have lost the battle and helped fight against a disease that has taken too much away from members of our community. The students at Byrd Elementary had the opportunity to help support the American Cancer Society through Change for a Cure. Students brought in change and donated it to a representative from the American Cancer Society. The faculty, staff and students at Byrd Elementary have worked together to make a difference in cancer research and finding a cure in the future.

It is the policy of the administration, faculty, and staff of your child's school to:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs.
- Hold an Annual Title I Meeting to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I and to explain its requirement.
- Provide information to parents in a timely manner.
- Provide parents with explanations of the school's overall student achievement and their child's individual student test results.
- Provide parents a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the ability levels students are expected to meet.
- Offer regular meetings for parents to make suggestions, share experiences, and participate in decisions relating to the education of their child.
- Provide timely responses to parents' suggestions.
- Develop and distribute a School-Parent compact.
- Provide parent involvement programs that provide materials and training to help parents work with educators as partners to monitor and improve their child's achievement.
- Make sure that information related to school and parent programs is sent to the parents in a format and language that parents can understand.
- Provide other practical support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.