

### **Bully Free Program**

Students in the third, fourth, and fifth grades participate in the “Bully-Free School” assembly. The third grade had Bully Free Poster Contest. Fourth grade had a Bully Free performance and the Fifth grade has an essay writing contest.

### **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 percussion presentation at USC Aiken.

### **Art Contests and Art Shows**

Agnes Mark Walter Youth Art Competition and Exhibition  
Carolina Pride “Litter Trashes Everyone”  
Graniteville Specialty Fabric Art Show  
Safe Kids Coalition Safety Calendar Contest

### **Back Pack Lunch**

This program provides two weekend lunches per week for many of our students. The meals are provided by Golden Harvest Food Bank and are financed by St. James Lutheran Church and other members of the community.

### **Parent Teacher Organization**

*Byrd's Variety Show:* showcase our students talents in music, dance, and other skillful performances.

*Byrd International Day:* celebrate the many cultures in our school community. Visitors experienced performances, food, and exhibits from different countries around the world.

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## **It is the policy of the administration, faculty, and staff of Byrd Elementary 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 requirements.
- 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.

# BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL “REPORT TO THE PARENTS” 2014

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## EXCELLENT EAGLES



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# SCHOOL SPONSORED STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## School Renewal Plan Goals 2013-2014

### Student Achievement

- By spring 2019, our students will score at the Met or Exemplary levels of 79% in math, 86% in ELA, 72.5% in Science, and 81.3% in Social Studies as measured by the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).

### Teacher/Leadership Quality

- By Spring 2019, 100% of our teachers will maintain highly qualified status as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act.

### School Climate

- By Spring 2019, 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.

Year	Absolute Rating	ESEA *
2013	Average	D
2012	Average	A

  

Year	Absolute Rating	AYP
2011	Average	No
2010	Average	Yes
2009	Average	Yes

\*Elementary & Secondary Education Act

2013-2014 School Improvement Council		
Scott Troup	Marcia Holcombe	
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Joel Deer	Hannah McMullen	
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## Byrd Elementary School

### Vision

It is the vision of Byrd Elementary to provide a safe learning environment for all students.

### Mission

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 are given the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test three times during the school year—Fall, Winter, & Spring. This year approximately, 80% 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 reward the students for their achievements. We are very proud of these students and the hard work they do throughout the school year.

### 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.

### 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  
 Item drive for the "Be A Bunny" Project

#### **Volunteered:**

At an animal shelter  
 To make Christmas cards for soldiers  
 To provide socks for the elderly  
 To make bird food strings  
 To participate in the Graniteville Christmas parade  
 At the Ronald McDonald House

### 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 has two Scholastic Book Fairs per year; one in the Fall and one in the Spring. There are two family nights as well, one for each book fair.

### Guest Speakers

Students enjoy several guest speakers throughout the school year who share their experiences and skills.

### Good News Club

This is a faith-based club sponsored by a local church. 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.