

### Father Daughter Dance and Mother Son Game Night

Students K-5th grades were able to share a time of fellowship and fun activities with their mothers and fathers. Daughters enjoyed an evening dancing the night away with their dads. Sons had a fun evening participating in various games with their mothers. Pictures were taken to help commemorate these special events.

### 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. They especially enjoyed singing for residents at nursing homes. 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 Show and Competition  
Palmetto Pride "Litter Trashes Everyone"  
(2013 State Winner & 2015 Midlands Regional winner)  
Triarcon Touched By Art 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

The PTO sponsors several events throughout the school year. They raise funds to support student, faculty, and school initiatives. The PTO was successful in purchasing new playground equipment for the school and is in the process of obtaining the funds for a second playground.

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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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# SCHOOL SPONSORED STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## School Renewal Plan Goals 2016-2017

### Student Achievement

- By spring 2019, our students will score at the Met or Exemplary levels of 63% in Math, 75% in ELA, 82% in Science, and 82% in Social Studies as measured by the SC Ready and SC PASS.

### Teacher/Leadership Quality

- By Spring 2019, 100% of our teachers will maintain highly qualified status.

### School Climate

- By Spring 2019, 88% of the school's stakeholders will indicate satisfaction with the learning environment, 92% social and physical environment, and 85% school-home relations as measured by the state report card survey.

Year	Absolute Rating	ESEA
2014	Average	C
2013	Average	D
2012	Average	A
Year	Absolute Rating	AYP
2011	Average	No
2010	Average	Yes
2009	Average	Yes
	Average	Yes

\*Elementary & Secondary Education Act

### 2016-2017 School Improvement Council

Nora Williams (Chair)	Marcia Holcombe
Terri Harris	Judy Moulton
Tonya Gordon	Dr. Tim Lintner
Joel Deer	Faye Anders
Samantha Nobles	Russell Gunter

### 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.

### Watch D. O. G. S.

Involving fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures in the school environment. These men volunteer their time to read and work with students. They join students at recess and lunch. The men are given a schedule to work with teachers to give some support to students and to be actively engaged with the daily routines of the school.

### 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.

### 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  
 Create puzzles for MCG

#### **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

### 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.

### 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. The Book Fair helps to provide new resources for the Library, as well as, provides funding for books for the Summer reading program.

### 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.