

## School Achievements

- 2014 Title I Reward School for Performance
- 2011-12 Palmetto Silver Award
- 100% of teachers CPR certified
- Limestone College Professional Development School
- Dr. Alicia McGill—Teacher of the Year
- Mrs. Rebecca Mills—Reading Teacher of the Year
- Mrs. Jennifer Whelchel—Support Staff of the Year

## School Activities

- Accelerated Reader
- African American History Program
- Arts Expo
- Beta Club
- Book Fairs
- Campo Giorno
- Character Celebration Days
- Christmas Festival
- Family Arts and Fitness Parent Night (Spring)
- First Tee Program
- Good News Club
- Health and Fitness Initiative
- Honor's Choir
- Lego Team
- Learning at Limestone Parent Night (Fall)
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Winner
- Ready, Set, Learn Parent Night (Spring)
- PTO
- Santa Shop
- Science Fair
- SC State Honors Choir
- School Improvement Council
- Service Projects
  - Relay for Life
  - Jump Rope for Heart
  - Salvation Army Food Drive
- Student Council
- Student Produced Morning News Program

## School Activities

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- Student Recognition each Nine Weeks
- Tutoring/Mentoring Partnership with Limestone College (LC<sup>2</sup>)
- YMCA After-School Program
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Writer's Gala

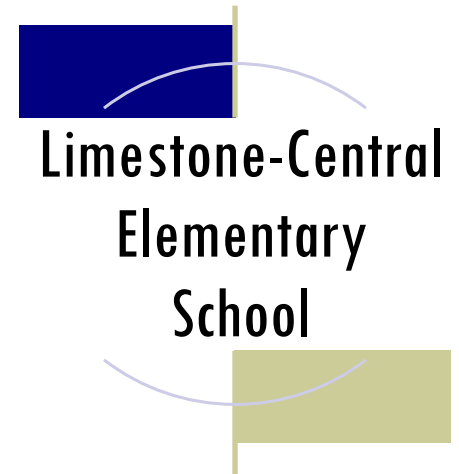
## Beliefs

- Children are always our first priority.
- Education is essential for the advancement of society.
- Every individual has equal value.
- Excellence is always worth the effort.
- A safe environment is a basic human need essential for learning.



## Purpose of the Report

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (Act 135) of 1993. It presents information about the school accomplishments in the 2014-2015 school year and updates on the 2015-2016 goals.



## “Report to the Parents” 2016-17



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## Mission Statement

The mission statement of Limestone Central Elementary School, in partnership with students, staff, family, business and community is to provide an effective educational program in a safe environment, which prepares each student to be successful at his/her next academic level.

## Review of 2016-2017 Strategic Plan Goals

- ☑ Successfully implement SC College and Career Ready standards.
- ☑ Consistently provide effective lessons for all students.
- ☑ Increase rigor for all students.
- ☑ Analyze data from MAP tests, STAR Reader, Accelerated Reader, Benchmark Tests, Next Steps Guided Reading Assessments, SC READY and SC PASS to improve instruction and achievement.
- ☑ Student goals will be developed and growth will be emphasized throughout the year.
- ☑ Guided reading in a small group setting will be used to provide daily, intensive, direct reading instruction with use of data notebooks.
- ☑ Provide a safe, nurturing, rewarding, risk-free learning and work environment for all students and staff.
- ☑ Utilize Wednesday faculty meetings for professional development to provide assistance to teachers in the area of small group instruction in ELA, mathematics, writing, and technology.
- ☑ Utilize PD teams and the Literacy Coach to deliver targeted instruction for our teachers.
- ☑ Analyze writing benchmarks and provide instruction across all curricular areas to strengthen student writing.
- ☑ Student achievement will be improved by differentiating and integrating instruction in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.

## SIC Members

*Chair: Mr. Brandon Coggins, Teacher*

*Teacher: Ms. Marsha Adler, Teacher/Parent*

*Parent: Ms. Jennifer Harvey, Parent*

*Member: Dr. Alicia McGill, Teacher*

*Member: Dr. Shelley Myers, Community/Business*

*Member: Ms. Angel Moss, Parent*

*Member: Ms. Jennifer Summey, Parent/Teacher*

*Member: Mr. Rick Wilkins, Community*

*Member: Mr. Josh Crotzer, Community*

## Summary of 2015-2016 SC READY Results

% of students Met or Exceeding

Grade 3	School	District	State
ELA	32.3	38.6	43.0
Math	42.2	34.7	42.6
<b>Grade 4</b>			
ELA	41.0	36.6	43.0
Math	41.4	34.7	42.6
Science	47.5	54.3	69.9
Social Studies	80.3	77.6	85.3
<b>Grade 5</b>			
ELA	40.3	33.7	43.0
Math	32.9	34.7	42.6
Science	65.6	58.3	66.3
Social Studies	63.9	61.7	71.4

## 2013 - 14 Absolute Rating

Average

## 2013 - 14 Growth Rating

Average

## School ESEA Report Card Grade

92.7% A

## School Statistics

Enrollment: 464 students

55% Caucasian

40% African-American

5% Students of Other Ethnicities

100% on Free and Reduced Meals

95.8% Average Daily Attendance

## Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Our motto for the 2016-2017 school year continues to be "Building a Strong Foundation." Students, parents and staff realize the importance of building a strong foundation. In order to do this, we all work together to meet the needs of all students.

The South Carolina Curriculum Standards are the basis for instruction and assessment at Limestone-Central Elementary School. To strengthen the reading and writing foundation for students in grades K-5, we have had a deep focus on use of Small Group instruction based around the Jan Richardson text, Next Steps in Guided Reading. We also have focused on implementation of small group instruction in mathematics for students in grades K-5, while using Saxon math. This has helped strengthen the academic foundation for students as well.

We also have a strong focus on the Profile of the SC Graduate and Character education as important building blocks in the foundation of our students. We teach and recognize a trait each month, and students participate in character celebrations at the end of each quarter. In addition, students participated in service projects for the American Heart Association, Relay for Life, the Salvation Army, and Harbor of Hope.

Mrs. Rebecca Mills was our Distinguished Teacher of Reading and Dr. Alicia McGill was named Teacher of the Year for Limestone-Central. Also this year, Mrs. Jennifer Whelchel earned the Support Staff of the Year recognition. We are proud of the hard work and dedication of these and all of our teachers and staff.

We are also proud of our partnership with parents and family members through the PTO. They have provided funding for classroom instructional needs, field trips, behavior incentives, and numerous additional items requested by teachers and students. This partnership is another brick in the strong foundation for our students at Limestone-Central.

Dr. Bryan K. Hullender, Principal  
Mr. Brandon Coggins, SIC Chair