

Walker Gamble Elementary School

2020-2021 SIC Report to the People

Allen Kirby, Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT: Empowering 21st Century Learners

WGE Palmetto's Finest Winner

Each spring since 1978, SCASA has recognized a few schools which offer excellent instruction and outstanding leaders, augmented by strong family and community involvement and a supportive business community. Initially presented only to two elementary schools and one middle school, the award was expanded in 1996-97, with the support of Carolina First Bank, to include a high school. The selection process includes a comprehensive review of a school's program, focusing on the key question: "What impact is this school making on the lives of students and the community, and is it deserving of the Palmetto's Finest Award?"



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2018-2019 SC READY			
ELA	3rd	4th	5th
Does not Meet	26%	16%	26.9%
Approaches	35.1%	26.7%	36.5%
Meets	20.8%	26.7%	25%
Exceeds	18.2%	30.7%	11.5%

2018-2019 SC READY			
MATH	3rd	4th	5th
Does not Meet	16.9%	9.3%	20.2%
Approaches	31.2%	18.7%	24%
Meets	24.7%	30.7%	27.9%
Exceeds	27.3%	41.3%	27.9%

2018-2019 SC PASS 4th Grade Science	
Does not Meet	13.2%
Approaches	18.4%
Meets	30.3%
Exceeds	38.2%

	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE
WGE	43.2%	60%	68.4%
SC	45.4%	45.2%	52%

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Percentage of students demonstrating readiness:
 WGE- 36.8%
 South Carolina- 39.2%

Due to school closure from COVID, the data above reflects the last year students were tested.

The purpose of this report issued by the Walker Gamble Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law is to share information on the progress that has been made to reach goals and objectives and accomplishments.

Words from our Principal.....

This has been a year like no other, but the hard work and perseverance of the WGE family made sure it was a success. Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, community, and the parents who made sure to keep the focus on moving our students forward despite the circumstances. To the students, **YOU** are the reason we are here and **YOU** make this place special! That is why we are Palmetto's Finest!

School Renewal Strategic Plan Goals

In an effort of continuous Improvement, WGE conducted a comprehensive needs assessment and created goals and strategies to obtain these goals. The goals and strategies are included in the 5-year School Renewal Plan (2017-2022) and are listed below.

Student Achievement:

- Increase the percentage of students of scoring "meets" and "exceeds" categories as measured by the state assessment in ELA from 40.9% to 65.1%; in math from 40.9% to 65.9%; in Science from 70.7% to 80.7%; in Social Studies from 85.6% to 90.6%.
- Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level from 53% to 78% as measured by Fountas and Pinnell Assessments.

Teacher/Administrator Quality:

- Increase the percentage of teachers holding advanced degrees and/or National Board Certification from 68% to 78%.
- Cultivate the number of teachers who will participate in leadership roles within the school from 0 to 5 teachers.

School Climate:

- Increase the percentage of satisfied with home-school relations from 75% to 85% as measured by the State Department of Education Parent, Student, Teacher Survey.

Programs & Events

- Unified Champion School
- Wolverine Cub Cafe Exchange
- Weekend Backpack program
- 21st Century After-School Program
- Wolverine Weekly News
- Raz-Kids Plus
- Study Island
- Morning Clubs
- Palmetto Digital Literacy
- Google for Education App
- Good Citizens' Program
- Character Education Program
- GT Program
- Steam Lab
- Clarendon County Learning Center
- Student Intervention Team
- Reading Intervention
- Art Club
- Fitnessgram
- Visual and Performing Arts Program
- News in Education
- Reflex Math
- Careers in S.T.E.M
- Chorus
- Media Center Makerspace
- Letterland
- Common Lit
- School-wide House System

Community Involvement

- Clarendon County Soil & Water Conservation
- The Weekly Wolverine Update
- Community Parade
- Daily food distribution for students

Recognition & Awards

- Palmetto's Finest
- Bright Ideas Grant
- Amanda Williamson- Teacher of the Year
- AdvancEd Accreditation

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