

Enrichment at NAES

- ◆ Character Counts Enrichment
- ◆ Bear's Connect
- ◆ Emerald City Reading Initiative

Title I Funds Title I

The funds received were used to employ a school counselor, BMR aide, a full time instructional aide, and two half-time instructional aides. These funds were also used to increase professional development opportunities provided to teachers. In addition, parenting workshops and accompanying materials were financed using Title I Funds .

Volunteer Program

At North Aiken we have numerous opportunities for parents and community members to become involved. We have an active volunteer program sponsored through our guidance department. This year we continued to sponsor events such as: International Literacy Day, North Aiken Writes, Fall Carnival, Santa's Workshop, Spring Carnival, Field Day, and Emerald City Day & Parade. In addition, we had several service organizations volunteer this year including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Women of Woodside, Glaxo-Smith-Kline, Aiken High School Athletes, and USC-Aiken- Student Government Association. If you would like to volunteer please contact our Guidance Department.



2017-2018

To increase parent engagement in order to boost student achievement.

Action Steps:

In order to meet this goal we hosted Parent University, a read-aloud at Christmas, a Mother-to-Son Dance, and a Daddy-Daughter Dance. We have also extended invitations for parents to serve as guests during Morning Meeting and classroom instruction, as well as chaperone academic field trips.

School Improvement Council Members

Melissa Robinson, Teacher & Chairperson
Annette Wright, Teacher
April Williams, Parent
Monica Swanagan, Parent
Trina Stukes-Williams, Parent
Ladelerie Moton, Parent
Hattie Hayward, Parent
Trudy Boyd, Community Member
Kathy Mathis, Community Member
Elisa Sanders-Pee, Principal
Natonia Sullivan, Assistant Principal

Join Our School in Striving for Continuous Improvement

It is our desire to partner with you to ensure that our school continues its history of excellence in education. The support of parents and the community is priceless. Please contact any member of the School Improvement Council (SIC) or call (803) 641-2690 for more information.

North Aiken Elementary School School Improvement Council

Annual Report to Parents
2017—2018



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"Children are the HEART of North Aiken!"



Vision:

The children are the **HEART** of North Aiken and together we learn, grow, and excel.

At North Aiken both staff and students are committed to 5 Key tenants for success. These tenets are called our

"We Believe" Statements.

We Believe....

Together is Better.

Commitment is Key.

Creativity is Essential.

Learning is a Process.

Success is the ONLY option.

WE BELIEVE IN
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the North Aiken Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on our school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments throughout the school year.

From The Principal's Desk

At North Aiken our primary focus is student achievement and developing the profile of the 21st century high school student.

The teachers of North Aiken employ research-based instructional practices to ensure student achievement and success. The accomplishments of our school can be accredited to the collaborative efforts of the students, faculty, staff, parents, the School Improvement Council (SIC), and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). As a school community, we look forward to the continued input and collaboration with all stakeholders.

Elisa Sanders-Pee, Principal

Highlights for 2017-2018

- ◆ Our school met its *Emerald City Reading Goal* of **20,000 plus** books read this school year as part of our initiative to promote literacy.
- ◆ 1:1 Technology Devices in grades 3rd-5th
- ◆ We hosted author, *Kobe "Da Wiz" Wilkerson* and provided a two-day writing workshop targeting 4th & 5th grade males.
- ◆ Provided tutoring to 45 students via the *BearsConnect/Homework Center* sponsored by SC Commerce.

School Focus & Achievements

Our school continued our focus of Literacy. During the school year, our students and parents participated in various literacy activities and programs including: International Literacy Day, Family Literacy Night, Read Across America, Read Across North Aiken, North Aiken Writes, Jump Into Reading Days, and Jump into Writing Days.

Our percentage of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students reading on grade level increased by **15%** from the 2016-2017 school year.

Our current 4th grade students scores on Reading Inventory grew by **over 28%** from 2016-2017 to the 2017-2018 school year.

Our Instructional Program

To provide our students with a rigorous and relevant instructional program our teachers are engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities utilizing effective instructional framework and best practices of teaching provided by our administrators and literacy coach. Teachers were also afforded opportunities to receive additional support from ACPD Content Interventionists.