

Our School

North Aiken Elementary is a Title I community school located on the north side of Aiken, SC. Our main focus is on student achievement and youth development.

North Aiken partners with the family YMCA in conjunction with the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC). Our students have opportunities to excel in both areas through the various programs and experiences provided through the 21st CCLC and through an after-school Homework Center sponsored by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

North Aiken collaborates with USC-Aiken as an on-site Professional Development School (PDS). The PDS program provides college students experiences in the classroom, as well as individual assistance for the students.

Some of the fourth grade male students had opportunities to participate in the Books and Bikes reading program sponsored by Aiken Public Safety. Local police officers came into the school to read to the students and taught lessons on bike repairs and safety. At the end of each session, the students received books, safety gear for their bikes, and participated in a bike rodeo held at North Aiken Elementary School.

SIC Members

Melissa Robinson – Teacher/Chairperson
Patricia Johnson - Parent
Christy Washington – Parent
Charlie Williams-Community Member
David Robinson-Community Member
Shenikka Jackson-Teacher
Shantia Wheeler-Teacher
Elisa Sanders-Pee-Principal
Clyde Jobes-Assistant Principal

North Aiken Elementary School

School Improvement Council

2013-2014

Annual Report



Mission Statement:

The educational mission of North Aiken Elementary School is to provide each student with instruction using best practices based on scientific research through a challenging curriculum to assist in the development of mind, character, and overall well-being; while actively welcoming and encouraging parent and community involvement in the education of our children.

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Our Instructional Program

The teachers of North Aiken Elementary provided quality education based practices. Our students received instruction based on Common Core State Standards. They were assessed using MAP, Dominic, and PASS to identify strengths and weaknesses. Technology based software such as Compass Odyssey and Moby Maxx were available before and after school to strengthen skills in math and reading.

The teachers were engaged in math professional development with Ruth Patrick consultants. In addition, teachers were afforded the opportunity to participate in professional development with a consultant from the Scholastic Company utilizing an effective instructional framework. Teachers received additional professional development from instructional coaches based on student and teacher needs.

Title I Funds

Title I funds received were used to employ an additional full-time guidance counselor, BMR aide, a full time instructional aide, and two half-time instructional aides. Professional development opportunities for teachers were also increased with these funds. In addition, parenting workshops were financed using Title I Funds.

Accomplishments

The Chamber of Commerce provided a grant for the 21st CCLC.

Gwendolyn Byrd and Kathy Mathis were the recipients of SRS mini grants.

The North Aiken Elementary School Steppers placed first in a regional competition.

Community Involvement

North Aiken partnered with parents, community members and local businesses to heighten the awareness of the benefits of having a community school. Our faculty and staff joined the Crosland Park Homeowners Association for a work day to clean around the local neighborhood. The group's goals are to strengthen home-school relations and build relationships within the community.

Volunteer Program

Parents and community members were immersed with opportunities to become involved in our school. We have an active volunteer program sponsored through our guidance department. We continued to sponsor events such as: Donuts for Dads breakfast, Muffins for Moms breakfast, Literacy Night, Parenting Nights, and Family Feud Math Night. Parents and community members also

participated in our National Walk to School event sponsored in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School organization.

Mentor Program

Identified students in fourth and fifth grades participate in mentoring programs. FOCUS Incorporated sponsors *Young Men of Distinction* which emphasizes training in scholarship, manhood, perseverance and community service. Aiken Youth Empowerment sponsors *Girls Circle* which teaches positive decision making and positive self-esteem. Other trained mentors work with our guidance department to provide support and assistance to other students throughout the school.

Join Our School in Striving for Continuous Improvement

It is our desire to partnership 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 North Aiken Elementary School for more information.