

## Exciting Events and Programs at North Augusta Elementary

- 5th Grade Spelling Bee
- Looney Toons Bank for Students
- Safety Patrol
- International Day
- Math and Science Day
- Parent Workshops
- Summer Reading Program - Grade 3 and 4
- Family Y Prime Time After School Program
- Reading Intervention Program
- 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Program
- Student Council for Grades 3-5
- PTO Fall Carnival
- PTO Father / Daughter Dance
- Talent Show
- Positive Office Referrals
- Augusta Greenjackets Reading Program
- Relay for Life
- Book Fair
- Dolphin News
- Good Morning Dolphins Radio Program
- Reading Programs
- Nine Weeks Ribbon Awards Ceremonies
- 100 Book Club, Dolphins Reader Response and Pagemaster
- Field Day
- Character Education Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Spirit Nights at Chick-Fil-A
- Character Parade
- Accelerated Reader
- Box Tops and Labels for Education
- Student Interviews and Published Work in the North Augusta Star and North Augusta Today Newspapers
- Gifted & Talented Program
- NAHS Teacher Cadets
- Veterans Day Program
- Author Visits
- Grandparents' Day Activities
- Running Club
- Jazzercise
- Great Leaps Reading Program
- Polar Express Day
- Outdoor Leadership North Augusta Learning Pavilion
- Laura Murphy Memorial Garden Project
- PTO Mother/ Son Event
- Valentine Dance and Court

Members of the North Augusta Elementary School Improvement Council (S.I.C.) prepared this information. S.I.C. meetings are posted in the weekly newsletter. Interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

# North Augusta Elementary

## An Award-Winning Aiken County School



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### 2013- 2014 Report to Parents and Community

**Purpose:** Our purpose at North Augusta Elementary is to work cooperatively with parents and the community to promote academic success and rigorous thinking in a safe, challenging environment with high expectations in order to develop lifelong learners.

**Direction:** We envision our school as a safe instructional environment where all students will have their individual needs, differences and abilities recognized, and will be challenged to excel in learning supported by a cooperative school community.

### 2013-2014 School Improvement Council

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### **Administration**

Laurie Reese, Principal  
Felicia Walters, Assistant Principal

**Purpose:**

This report from the School Improvement Council presents North Augusta Elementary's accomplishments and progress toward goals established in the 2009-2014 School Renewal Plan.

**Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement**

- North Augusta Elementary received an ESEA grade of 95.8/A.
- On the 2013 School Report Card, North Augusta Elementary received an Absolute Rating of "Good" and a Growth Rating of "Average."
- North Augusta Elementary received the Palmetto Silver Award for student achievement in the Spring of 2012.
- The school used Dominie, Compass Learning, PASS and MAP data to monitor and guide instruction.
- To boost student achievement in all areas N.A.E. utilized the District Literacy Model to instruct students during the daily 90-minute uninterrupted reading block.
- Math/Science Day, Career Day, and International Day were held as extension of the curriculum to involve parents and the community in the N.A.E. instructional program.
- Reading Recovery instruction was provided to first grade students that needed additional assistance in reading.
- A School Intervention Team met monthly to support teachers in analyzing school and class-level achievement data and suggesting interventions for students that were struggling in academics or behavior.
- SMARTBoards were utilized in all classrooms across the curriculum.

**Goal 2: Increase Teacher Quality**

- Teachers attend professional development activities throughout the school year, including scheduled activities during early release days.
- Reading teachers participate in Dominie training on administering and analyzing the assessment and its results.
- Teachers and administration review MAP and Dominie data to plan lessons and staff development needs.

**Goal 3: Improve School Climate**

- Quarterly ribbon ceremonies were held to recognize student achievement during the nine weeks grading periods.
- The school web-site and school Facebook page are maintained and parents receive a weekly newsletter with important information about upcoming events and instructional programs.
- The principal uses the Blackboard Connect phone call system to relay important reminders to parents throughout the school year.
- Parents were given access to the Powerschool Parent Portal allowing them to access student's grades and attendance information.
- Day and evening events were held to increase parent involvement in school activities.
- Students were honored for achievements and excellent behavior through Positive Office Referrals. Students received certificates and pencils at school. Postcards were mailed home to parents.
- On the 2013 School Report Card Survey, **over 95%** of the North Augusta Elementary parents surveyed rated North Augusta Elementary "okay, good or very good" for the school's overall friendliness.