

School Achievements

2012-13 Goal #1

Improve student achievement by refining instructional and managerial practices.

Our teachers have grown professionally. Forty-nine percent of teachers have acquired a Master's Degree. Another twenty percent of teachers have acquired Master's plus thirty more additional graduate hours. One teacher has earned National Board Certification.

Administration and teacher leaders have provided professional development to help teachers acquire knowledge in the Common Core State Standards, Learning Objectives, Essential Questions, Writing Across the Curriculum, Classroom Management, and a variety of topics including literacy, mathematics, and technology.

Teachers grouped students according to their needs determined by individual RIT score ranges from Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing (A test that measures what level individual students are in Language, Reading and Mathematics.)

Our school established an After-School Program with EIA (Educational Improvement Act) funding to enhance the daily curriculum.

Our school has two full time Reading Interventionists, Math Interventionists, and Instructional Coaches.

Our school offers two 4-K classrooms as well as a Preschoolers Acquiring Language Skills (PALS) class.

Our school has a Compass Computer Lab for extra support learning skills in Math, English Language Arts, and Reading.

Our school is growing in its use of technology as students get to use I-pods daily to motivate and engage learning as well as a Synergistic Lab which is a hands on computer-based program for Middle School students funded by PEP (Public Education Partners).

Instruction has moved to more project based learning such as activities highlighted in our newsletters: Owl Pellets, Landscape Dioramas, and Geobots!

Our school's Absolute Rating improved from below average to average on our school's annual report card. For more information you can view our school report card at www.ed.sc.gov.



2012-13 Goal #2

Increase parental involvement in educational decisions by strengthening communication and developing a parent/teacher organization.

School Improvement Council sponsored the election of PTO officers for the start of 2013-14 school year.

Teachers have conference with 94% of parents this year! Our goal is 100% by the end of the year. Our school has an open-door policy, and we welcome all families to visit and provide feedback.

Our school sponsored many after school events: Learning Fest, Gang Awareness, RS-M Beauty Pageant, Christmas and Spring Concerts.

The **Good News Club**, sponsored by local church members, hosted an after school class for our students on Tuesdays in the Fall and Spring.

Our school publishes a weekly newsletter informing parents of everything going on at the school and often includes many helpful tips for parents.

2012-13 Goal #3

Enhance the bullying prevention program by providing training to staff and interventions for students.

Administration and Guidance Counselors trained staff on the proper protocol for incidents of bullying. Parents are informed using the school's website and newsletters of what to do if there is an incident of bullying.

Our school developed an incentive program called the **Trojan Trading Post** for good behavior where students earn Trojan dollars to spend at the post.

Our school hosts two **Trojan Pride Celebrations** for students who have no suspensions.

Our school rewards "**Terrific Kids**" and "**Terrific Teachers**" each month for demonstrating respect, gratitude, responsibility, self-control, caring, fairness, friendship and honesty.



Other School Achievements

Our school received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service and the State Department of Education to participate in the **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** (FFVP). Our elementary students have had a healthier school environment this year receiving many varieties of healthy snacks. They have participated in Food Fairs and a Drawing Contest where the winner's drawing will be placed on the side of a refrigerated truck. Nancy Lopez won the contest!

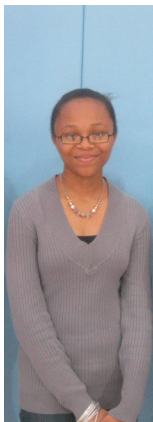


Many local businesses and churches have donated supplies to our school as well as donated through **Laces of Love** and **Angel Tree!** Thank you, Community! You are making a difference!

Aiken County Rotary Club donated dictionaries to all third grade students.



Student Achievements



At the end of last year, we had two **Junior Scholars**: Asia Negron and Miranda Middlebrooks. This year, Alicia Key is a **Junior Scholar**. These students were invited to take the Preliminary SAT, a test usually given to tenth graders. Their scores were high enough to qualify them as Junior Scholars.

Alicia Key won our school **Spelling Bee** and was accepted into the **Gateway Program** this summer which is a program that will help Alicia become an even more talented writer.

Our **Academic Team** finished 2012-13 ranked 4th in the Aiken County School District.

The **chorus** performed in Ridge Spring for *Christmas on the Square*.

Our students raised \$3,207 for **Jump Rope for Heart** and **Hoops for Heart**.

We had 12 new inductees in the **Beta Club**: Kaylee Acevedo, Julia Brewer, Desiray Butler, Arturo Contreras, Ginger Garris, Perla Hernandez, Eddie Jones, Aviana Kendrick, Jocelyn Matias, Kelson Palmer, Austin Scott, and Hunter Waters.



The **Beta Club** worked on the following endeavors this year: a canned food drive, helping with Trojan Pride Day, reading with the elementary students (Tuesday and Thursday), helping with snacks for elementary students (1st Semester) and providing treats for the teachers and staff (Christmas). At the end of the year, they began a "Kindness is Contagious" project.

The **Student Council** has helped at the Trojan Pride Store, managed the recycling program, and will be doing a canned food/clothing drive this spring, as well as helping out with the Eighth Grade Farewell Ceremony.

2012-13 RS-M

School Improvement Council Members

Parent Members: Jason Rodgers (Chair), Pamela Layton, Libby Cockrell, Felicia Key, Sharon Lignons, and James Williams.

Teacher Members: Misty Wright, Chris Roberts, Joseph Middlebrooks, and Sarah Moore

Community Members: Virginia Blacks, Barry Epps, Kenny Johnson, Mary Fallaw, and Harriett Householder

Ex Officio Members: Callie Herlong (Principal), Amy Cooper (Asst. Principal), Sylvia Gay (Asst. Principal), and Amy Berry (2011-12 Teacher of the Year)

Purpose of Report

"This Report is issued by the RS-M Elementary/Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

2013-14 Goals

Our goals for next year include:

- To improve student achievement by refining instructional and managerial practices to align with Common Core State Standards in preparation for Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- To have an established PTO.
- To increase community involvement.

Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary/Middle School

Annual School Improvement Council

"Report to the Parents" 2012-13



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Educational Mission

The mission of Ridge Spring – Monetta Elementary/Middle School is to provide a safe, cooperative learning environment to meet the developmental, emotional, and behavioral needs of students by preparing them to function productively in an ever-changing, multicultural, and technological society.

