

# 2014 – 2015

## Goals

### Goal #1

**Improve student achievement by refining instructional and managerial practices.**

- 74% of teachers hold advanced degrees (Masters or Higher)
- Professional development to facilitate small group instruction in reading and math
- Full time Reading Coach
- One Full time Reading Interventionist
- One Full time Math Interventionist
- Part time Math Tutor
- Part time Reading Tutor
- Two Full Day Child Development Classes
- First in Math Lab
- Ticket to Read Lab
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Aiken Association of Special Citizens Grant
- Partnership with USC-A

### Goal #2

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

- PTO Established
- PTO Fundraisers
- ESOL Family Nights
- Community Learning Night
- Learning Fest
- Good News Club
- Terrific Kids
- Bi Weekly Newsletter
- Student Agendas
- Parent Teacher Conferences

### Goal #3

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

- Trojan Pride Day
- Terrific Kid Celebrations
- Trojan Trading Post
- Anti-bullying committee

### School Achievements

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant
- School Wide Spelling Bee
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Active Gamecocks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader, Alex Burdett, made a perfect score on 2014 Math PASS
- Over 1,000,000 problems completed in First in Math
- Over 2,000 passages read using Ticket to Read
- Two third grade students, Cody Davenport and Benjamin Moyer, selected to attend an MLK reception for future astronauts
- Ambassador program established to produce future leaders.
- We had 28 new inductees in the Jr. Beta Club
- Augusta Greenjackets reading incentive program
- Celebrations of Character presented by the Joint Women's Club of Aiken recognized Robbie Barrineau and Kanaan Ligions
- GT Electricity City Project
- Martin Luther King Jr. Art Poster Contest  
Winners were: Cody Davenport, Alex Burdett, Alana Bailey and Trinity LaBrew

### Ongoing Professional Development

We have teachers from all grade levels that serve on curriculum teams in ELA, Math, and Social Studies. These teachers meet once a month with other teachers across the district developing techniques and strategies to improve our classroom instruction.

### Testing at RSM Elementary School

The MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test is an online Math and Reading, diagnostic test used by teachers to determine student strengths and weaknesses. Students take the MAP test three times a year: Fall, Winter, and Spring.

### MAP Growth Results \*\*

Grade Level	Fall School Average Reading	Spring School Average Reading	Spring District Average Reading	Spring National Average Reading
Second	171.5	185.0	186.6	189.6
Third	186.0	192.6	196.8	199.2
Fourth	194.8	203.1	205.8	206.7
Fifth	197.3	201.8	211.1	212.3

Grade Level	Fall School Average Math	Spring School Average Math	Spring District Average Math	Spring National Average Math
Second	173.8	186.5	188.1	191.3
Third	187.0	194.6	199.8	203.1
Fourth	200.7	207.7	209.3	212.5
Fifth	204.0	210.4	218.6	221.0

**\*\*Data was taken March 2015. This data is used by our teachers to guide instruction in the classroom.**

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### Purpose of Report

“This Report is issued by the RS-M Elementary 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.”

### Educational Mission

The mission of Ridge Spring – Monetta Elementary 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.

### RSM Elementary Teachers of the Year

Our current **Teacher of the Year** is Retta Havird. She won at the district level and is now representing Aiken County School District as Teacher of the Year at the state level.



Our **Distinguished Teacher of Reading** is Terrell Carson. She represents our school within the Aiken County International Reading Association.



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## Report to the Parents 2014-2015

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