

School Improvement Council

Parent Update

2010-2011

The staff, students, and parents at McLaurin Elementary are proud of the progress we have made this year. McLaurin students continue to improve academically and we continue to see the attendance rate for students and teachers increase. McLaurin received an average rating on the School Report Card for the 2009-10 school year.

Among our other accomplishments are the following:

- Our teachers continued extensive professional study sessions this year with a focus on building community in the classroom and with our parents.
- We provided after school tutoring for 73 students.
- Early intervention was provided to students needing additional instruction in reading.
- Our school-wide walking program was recognized as a DHEC All Health Team winner and McLaurin received a \$500.00 award to expand the program next year.
- Students, staff, and parents walked over 20,000 miles this year during our walking program.
- McLaurin students read over 56,000 books this year.

Our staff is dedicated to providing our students with a strong academic program enhanced with an equally strong focus on character. Daily communication with our parents through student agenda books is a means to keep parents informed and involved in their child's education. In addition to the agenda book communications, teachers provided good news messages to all students throughout the year. Our school also held two additional conference days to allow our parents more opportunities to be involved.

McLaurin's Association of Parents (APT) and our School Improvement Council are vital to the success of McLaurin. Our APT raised funds to offer financial support for the overall program at McLaurin. Our School Improvement Council and APT focus for this year was increasing parental involvement and making improvements to our playground by paving the walking trail. We continue to have strong parental involvement in meetings, conferences, and other events offered at our school. McLaurin is a community where expectations are high, and everyone is encouraged to be a lifelong learner.

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