## Features of Mountain View Elementary

#### **Community Service**

Our school is proud to serve others in many ways. We raise funding and awareness for a single charity, the American Cancer Association. Additional community projects include an annual grandparents' luncheon, a senior citizens' luncheon, and a community-wide spring carnival.

#### **Other Special Features**

- Project Read School
- Running Club
- Tiger Tutors program
- Fuss Busters peer mediation program
- Multiage and looping classes
- Departmentalized 5th Grade
- Chic-Fil-A Core Essentials
- IDEA/SmartARTS
- Promethean Boards, Chromebooks, iPads and voting systems in every classroom
- Reflections Arts Contest
- Arbor Day Contest winners
- After-school Extended Day Program
- Peace Center Outreach Teacher of the Year
- Grant recipients—Greater Greer Education Foundation, SmartARTS, Donors Choose



### Special Achievements

- Palmetto GoldAward
- Three-time Red Carpet Award
- Energy Star Award
- Six-time Safe Kids Award







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Mountain View Elementary School is situated in a rural area at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The school is approximately eleven miles from Greer, the nearest city. Due to our remote location, families must travel in order to access banks, post offices, grocery stores, medical facilities, and even the public library. However, members of our community are happy traveling this distance because it allows them to enjoy the calm, picturesque country life that they value.

Principal: Jennifer Gibson Assistant Principal: Stephen Deyo

#### **School Performance**

#### **TEACHER QUALITY**

The majority of our teachers (71.1%) have continued their education and achieved advanced degrees. Nine teachers are National Board Certified. One teacher recently completed a doctoral degree and another an educational specialist degree. The percentage or teachers who returned to Mountain View from last year is 95.1%. Teacher attendance rate is 93.6%. All classroom teachers are Highly Qualified.

#### SCHOOL CLIMATE

Our school climate continues to be a strength here at Mountain View. As a three-time Red Carpet recipient, we pride ourselves on our warm and positive environment. According to our 2014 Report Card Survey 91% of our parents and 97% of our teachers and students are satisfied with the learning environment here at Mountain View. We will continue in our efforts to maintain that culture.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

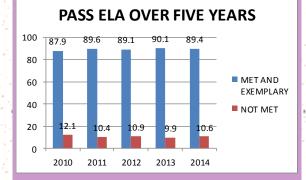
We will continue to develop our strategies using the Fountas and Pinnell approach to reading instruction. We will also continue to polish our skills as a Project Read school, using strategies we have gained through our graduate studies, to help our children become better readers and writers. Additionally, we offer continuing professional development in the area of technology to maintain proficiency in the latest devices and software applications.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

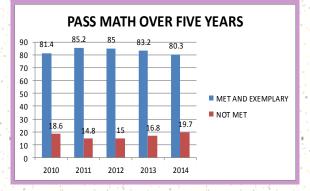
Mountain View Elementary has continued to make gains in student achievement over the last five years. Our Absolute Rating on the 2014 Annual School Report Card was "Excellent", meaning our school's performance substantially exceeds state standards. This change of rating earned us the Palmetto Gold Award.



Mountain View's percentage of students scoring Met and Exemplary on SCPASS ELA for 2012 was 89.4%, which is significantly higher than the district average of 78.6%. We will continue to use current strategies in addition to implementing the Balanced Literacy approach to maintain that performance level.



The percentage of students scoring MET or EX-EMPLARY in Math as measured by the SCPASS dipped slightly in 2014, from 83.2% to 80.3%.



#### **Our Mission**

"The mission of Mountain View Elementary School, in cooperation with the community, is to provide a safe, positive environment where children build skills, knowledge, and character needed for lifelong learning."

In the school year 2015-16, we will transition to a new statewide test for Reading, ELA, and Math—SCReady. We are confident that our children will meet the standards and will report that data as soon as it become available.

#### Business Partners

North Greenville University, Greer Flooring Company, Chick-Fil-A, Greer Athletic Club, Hanson Aggregates, BI-LO, Ingles, Publix, Whole Foods, Greater Greer Education Foundation, Target, SmartARTS with the Metropolitan Arts Council, South Carolina Aquarium, Peace Center for the Performing Arts, Roper Mountain Science Center