

From the desk of :  
**Mr. Cobbs, Principal**

***Our commitment at Welcome Elementary School is to provide a safe, positive, caring and learning environment. I believe that every student can and will succeed if provided the right supports and opportunities to be challenged. You should know that while I take my role as principal very seriously, I also believe that learning should be fun! I also know that the best schools are those where every single person feels valued, safe and welcomed. It is my top priority to ensure that everyone who enters the doors of Welcome Elementary feels like part of the Welcome Family!***

### **Our Mission**

We will learn in a safe, nurturing environment to achieve academic success and become productive citizens.

### **Our Vision**

The vision of Welcome Elementary is to educate and empower each child to be an independent lifelong learner, and a productive, responsible citizen. We will be interactive, providing opportunities that are developmentally appropriate and will integrate technology across all areas of the curriculum.

### **Educational Enrichments**

During the past year, Welcome Elementary has been able to educate our students, not only through academics, but through the following special programs:

- Authors' Visits
- Computer Lab
- Response to Intervention
- Fancy Friday Professionals G+
- Parent Involvement Events/Trainings
- WETV Morning News Program
- Safety Patrol
- Title I Family Engagement Events
- Terrific Kids Program
- Challenge Program
- Awards Day quarterly
- Honors Chorus, Spring Sing participants
- Extended Day Program— WE CARE
- PBIS
- 1:1 Technology Initiative School
- CATCH School
- Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Communities In Schools
- Mentors
- Student Council
- Junior Beta Club
- Step Team
- Running Club
- Alpha Pack Leadership Club
- Robotics Club
- Battle of the Books
- Reading All Stars
- Kagan Cooperative Learning

\* Some activities were cancelled this year due to the pandemic. They will resume when possible.

### **Welcome Elementary School**

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# **WELCOME ELEMENTARY**

**School of Excellence**

2018-2019 SC Report Card Rating



## **Report to the Community 2020-2021**



## **Greenville County**

**Principal**

Wallace Cobbs

**Assistant Principal**

Fallon Finley-Swofford

**SIC Chair**

Luisa Piza

## A History of Excellence

Welcome Elementary School has a long history of excellence in education, care and concern for students and a strong involvement within the community. By working closely with the school's administration, Greenville County district officials, PTA and community citizens, Welcome Elementary School has been successful in maintaining the standard of excellence of the past, while working to secure that standard for future generations to come.

## Building College- and Career-Ready Graduates

**Inspired | Supported | Prepared**

## Strategic Goal Areas

### 1. Student Success

- ◆ Enhance focus on early literacy and K-8 reading

### 2. Premier Workforce

- ◆ Recruit, develop, and retain high quality teachers and school leaders

### 3. Caring Culture and Environment

- ◆ Provide a safe, engaging, learning environment for all students

### 4. Resource Stewardship

- ◆ Ensure efficient use of resources through effective management

### 5. Community Engagement and Communications

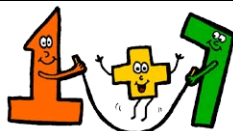
- ◆ Recruit, retain, and develop community partnerships

## SC Ready and SCPASS Data

Listed below are the percentages of our students that met or exceeded the standards on the Stare's standardized tests.



SC Ready ELA		
Spring 2019	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 3	52%	60%
Grade 4	41%	63%
Grade 5	41%	53%



SC Ready Math		
Spring 2019	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 3	66%	59%
Grade 4	50%	64%
Grade 5	43%	57%



PASS- Science		
Spring 2019	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 4	40%	64.8%



PASS- Social Studies		
Spring 2019	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 5	60%	80.8%

## Awards

- Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance 2019, 2015, 2012
- Excellent rating on 2018 SC School Report Card
- Safe Schools Award
- Energy Conservation Award
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Snack Grant
- Gardening For Good Grant
- National Park Trust's Kids to Parks Grant
- Novo Nordisk CATCH School Award



## Community Connections

The Welcome community, consisting of both school families and local community partners, have been extremely generous and an integral part of our continued success. Collaborative partnerships include Jacobs Engineering, NewSpring Church, Welcome Baptist Church, Tanglewood Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Simpsonville, Bethesda UMC, Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Tremont Church of God, Agfa Healthcare, AMECO, IFMA, Grainger Industrial, Tajh Boyd Foundation, Gordian, Frazee Center, Arnett Dentistry, Bank of America, Youth Base, Buffalo Soldiers Greenville Chapter, and Harvest Hope Food Bank.

## 2020-21 School Improvement Council

Luisa Piza, Chairperson, Parent

Morgan Freeman, Teacher

Shatokia Poole, Parent

Mary Kathryn Kuehnert, Community Partner

English MacDonald, Community Partner

Jennifer Carter, Instructional Coach

Courtney Tilley, Instructional Coach

Kathryn Gandy, Title I Facilitator