

From the desk of :  
Mrs. Ketron, 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:

- After-School Academic Program
- Summer School Program
- Chorus
- After-School WE Care program
- Student Council
- Terrific Kids Program
- Monster Mash Math Night
- Family Literacy Nights
- Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Reading Club
- Math Camp
- WETV morning news program
- Positive Behavior Intervention System
- Student Honor Roll
- Science Fair
- Battle of the Books
- Junior Beta Club
- Student Council

### **Donor's Choose Grants:**

- Resources for Readers
- Lifelong Readers
- Mrs. Funderburg's Class Pet
- Wild About Books
- Readers Become Leaders
- Soccer Goals and a Goal!
- Books, Books, and More Books!

### **Welcome Elementary School**

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# **WELCOME ELEMENTARY**



## **Report to the Community 2015-2016**

## **Greenville County School District**

### **Principal**

Donna Ketron

### **Assistant Principal**

Kristy Qualls

### **SIC Chair**

Dawn Johnson

## 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

## A Purposeful Present

**Resolved:** To give an annual report to our concerning Welcome's progress toward its goals and objectives, as outlined in our strategic plan and as aligned with the Education Plan of the School District of Greenville County.

**Goal #1:** Raise the academic challenge and community performance of each student

**Goal #2:** Ensure quality personnel in all positions

**Goal #3:** Provide a school environment supportive of learning

**Goal #4:** Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources

**Goal #5:** Improve public understanding and support of public schools

## ACT Aspire and PASS Data

ACT Aspire- English		
Spring 2015	Welcome % Ready	District % Ready
Grade 3	51%	70.4%
Grade 4	47%	71.5%
Grade 5	46%	72.6%

ACT Aspire- Reading		
Spring 2015	Welcome % Ready	District % Ready
Grade 3	15%	39.4%
Grade 4	17%	39.1%
Grade 5	21%	40.5%

ACT Aspire- Writing		
Spring 2015	Welcome % Ready	District % Ready
Grade 3	6%	18.8%
Grade 4	13%	23.1%
Grade 5	9%	21.0%

ACT Aspire- Math		
Spring 2015	Welcome % Ready	District % Ready
Grade 3	57%	67.0%
Grade 4	31%	58.2%
Grade 5	46%	56.5%

PASS- Science		
Spring 2015	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 4	48%	75.7%
Grade 5	52%	75.1%

PASS- Social Studies		
Spring 2015	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 4	77%	89.3%
Grade 5	63%	78.8%

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for accountability purposes until fall 2017.

## Awards

- Energy Conservation Award Verizon Math Grant
- National Parks Trust's Kids to Parks Grant
- Target Books for Schools
- Gardening For Good Grant
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant for \$5000
- First Book Grants
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Snack Grant
- Novo Nordisk CATCH School Award
- Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance



## Community Connections

The participation and contribution of our community representatives and parents have been of inestimable value to our continued success.

2015-16 School Improvement Council

Dawn Johnson, Chairperson

Sean O'Laughlin, Teacher

Rosa Rivera, Parent Involvement

Coordinator

Shankora Powers, Parent

Janet Harvey, Community Member

Donna Ketron, Principal

Kristy Qualls, Assistant Principal

Bobbie Jo Bright, Instructional Coach

Fallon Finley-Swofford, Title I Facilitator