

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:

- Communities in Schools 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 (PBIS)
- 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 2016-2017

Greenville County School District

Principal

Donna Ketron

Assistant Principal

Andrey Boggs

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 come.

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

SC Ready and PASS Data

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

SC READY-ELA		
Spring 2016	Welcome	District
Grade 3	18.9%	50.5%
Grade 4	31.4%	51%
Grade 5	22.4%	48.2%

SC READY—Math		
Spring 2016	Welcome	District
Grade 3	34.3%	60.9%
Grade 4	35.8%	55.8%
Grade 5	18.9%	52.1%

PASS- Science		
Spring 2016	Welcome	District
Grade 4	56.1%	71.4%
Grade 5	49.6%	71.7%

PASS- Social Studies		
Spring 2016	Welcome	District
Grade 4	75.7%	85.4%
Grade 5	59.7%	77%

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

Awards

- National Parks Trust's Kids to Parks Grant
- Gardening For Good Grant
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Snack Grant
- Novo Nordisk CATCH School Award
- Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance

Partnerships

- CH2M
- NewSpring Church
- Welcome Baptist Church
- Tanglewood Baptist
- First Baptist Church Simpsonville



Community Connections

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

2016-17 School Improvement Council

Dawn Johnson, Chairperson

Julie Hunt Teacher

Sara Carpio, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Shankora Powers, Parent

Janet Harvey, Community Member

Donna Ketron, Principal

Andrey Boggs, Assistant Principal

Jennifer Carter, Instructional Coach

Fallon Finley-Swofford, Instructional Coach

Allison Hardin, Title I Facilitator