

From the Desk of :

Christine L. Phillips, Principal

Our students and staff have worked hard this year, and we continue to look forward to the future. As this school year draws to a close, we are planning for next school year. We will continue our focus on strategies to differentiate instruction within each classroom to better meet the needs of individual students; incorporate technology through the use of the 1:1 iPad initiative; and provide our students with a safe and positive environment in which to learn.

With warmest regards,

Christine L. Phillips

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.

AWARDS

- Energy Conservation Award Verizon Math Grant
- DHEC Champions of the Environment Seedling grant for \$500
- Target Books for Schools
- Golden Apple Award
- 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

Donor's Choose Grants:

- Ready, Set, READ!
- Book Basket Bonanza
- Dynamic Dice
- Bananas for Books - We are Wild About Learning
- Loving to Read with Leveled Readers
- Learning Knowledge Through the News
- Reading into Math



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WELCOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Report to the Community 2014-2015

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Principal	Christine L. Phillips
Assistant Principal	Dawn Hooker
SIC CHAIR	Matthieu Wilson

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

Specific objectives:

- Maintain the percentage of all students in grades 3-5 meeting standard in math on PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) at state levels.
- Maintain the percentage of all students in grades 3-5 meeting standard in reading on PASS at state levels.

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

A Record of Results

Gains in student achievement continue to be made in both **MAP** (Measures of Academic Progress) and **PASS** (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) testing. School achievement goals based on MAP testing were met or exceeded in both Reading and Math. Welcome Elementary made **AYP** (Adequate Yearly Progress) in 2009 and again in 2010 with 27 subgroups. Welcome did not make AYP in 2011 with the increase to 29 subgroups and the bar was raised but was able to maintain ratings of "Average" for both growth and improvement and received the Silver Award in General Performance. In 2014, the school increased its growth rating to "Good."

PASS 2014	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Exemplary and Met	59.0%	62.3%	47.2%	69.7%	64.6%
Not Met	41.0%	37.7%	52.8%	30.3%	35.4%

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

We anticipate that our students will continue to make gains with each administration of PASS. To achieve this goal, the school's academic focus, this year, has included the following:

- Using classroom assessment data to make instructional decisions
- Fountas & Pinnell Guided Reading instruction
- School-wide implementation of 1:1 iPad technology
- Math facts fluency
- Increasing the rigor of assignments
- Providing individualized assistance based on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and PASS data.

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:

Before School Academic Program
Chorus
After-School WE care program
Student Council
Terrific Kids Program
Math/Science Nights
Family Reading Nights
RtI Reading Program
WETV morning news program
Battle of the Books
Positive Behavior Intervention System
Math Superstars
Student Honor Roll
Science Fair
Healthy Choice Menu
CATCH Program

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

2014—2015

Rusty Galloway	Parent
Joan Garrett	Teacher
Matthieu Wilson	Chairperson
Fallon Finley	Title I Facilitator
Rosa Rivera	Parent Involvement Coordinator
Cathy Hale	Greenville County Math Coordinator
Dianne Henson	Community Representative
Letha Evatt	School Counselor
Dawn Hooker	Assistant Principal
Chris Phillips	Principal
Heather Cantrell	Parent
Emily Thomas	Instructional Coach
Kim Black	Parent