

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:

- One:One Initiative School
- Authors' Visits
- Computer Labs
- Mobile Laptop Carts
- Promethean Boards in Every Classroom
- Response to Intervention
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids
- Character Education Program
- Parent Involvement Days/Trainings
- Student-produced WETV News Show
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Terrific Kids Program
- Challenge Program
- Brainpop, IXL, English in a Flash
- Principal's Honor Roll
- Perfect Attendance Recognition
- Outdoor Learning Classroom
- JumpRope for Heart
- Good News Club
- Chorus
- Extended Day Program
- PBIS
- Welcome Farmers' Market
- CATCH School
- Spring Sing participants
- Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Kagan Cooperative Learning
- Breakfast in the Classroom

### **Welcome Elementary School**

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# **WELCOME ELEMENTARY**



## **Report to the Community 2017-2018**

## **Greenville County School District**

### **Principal**

Donna Ketron

### **Assistant Principal**

Lisa Gilliard

### **SIC Chair**

Miriam Rios

## 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

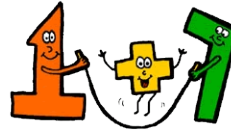
**Goal #5:** Improve public understanding and support of public schools

## 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 2017	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 3	29%	51%
Grade 4	21%	50%
Grade 5	30%	46%



SC Ready Math		
Spring 2017	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 3	44%	60%
Grade 4	33%	55%
Grade 5	29%	47%



PASS- Science		
Spring 2017	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 4	25%	53%
Grade 5	39%	54%



PASS- Social Studies		
Spring 2017	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 4	68%	86%
Grade 5	70%	79%

## Awards

- National Parks Trust's Kids to Parks Grant
- Gardening For Good Grant
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Snack Grant
- Novo Nordisk CATCH School Award
- RAMP Award

## 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.

2017-18 School Improvement Council

Miriam Rios, Chairperson

Lora Fricks, Teacher

Sara Carpio, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Miriam Torres, Parent

Janet Harvey, Community Member

Donna Ketron, Principal

Lisa Gilliard, Assistant Principal

Jennifer Carter, Instructional Coach

Fallon Finley-Swofford, Instructional Coach

Allison Hardin, Title I Facilitator