



## Woodland Elementary

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

VISION: *Where Every Leader Succeeds in Learning and in Life*

MISSION: *Our Woodland community's mission is to develop a safe, positive, student-centered environment for all students while seeking to develop productive and responsible leaders for our world.*

<b>Annual Report to the Community</b>
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*Katrina Miller, Principal*

*Amy Robertson, SIC Chairman*

*Chris Phillips, Assistant Principal*

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### Spring 2021

Woodland Elementary School is fully accredited by the *AdvancED Accreditation Commission* and proudly serves 805 in-school students and 260 virtual students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth from various cultural backgrounds. We are currently the largest elementary school in Greenville County Schools with a poverty index of 36% (according to the most recent data from the SC State Department of Education). All members of our professional teaching staff are 'highly qualified' and well trained for the position they hold. Eight of our teachers are National Board Certified and over 67% hold a *Master's Degree* or higher. Our teachers work diligently to arrange experiences that engage students in creative, rigorous, standards-based learning experiences that enable them to achieve to their highest potential. In addition to providing a *rigorous state standards-based pre-k curriculum* through fifth grade and utilizing research-based best practices throughout our instructional program, Woodland continues to promote student achievement through the integration of technology and the arts. Our staff regularly analyzes common formative and summative assessment data to make necessary adjustments to our instructional strategies that support success for every student while meeting the unique learning needs of our children. As a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, leadership is embedded in all areas of school life and strengthens students' abilities to lead and take responsibility, evaluate their own progress, set goals, and make plans to achieve these goals. Our students also demonstrate continuous progress academically, participate confidently, and contribute meaningfully with ideas and opportunities that matter not only to them but to our school. Students have developed leadership "soft skills" in the academic setting and are now applying them in other aspects of their lives. As a school, we continue to see our students grow and develop the necessary self-confidence skills and attitudes to be successful leaders of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

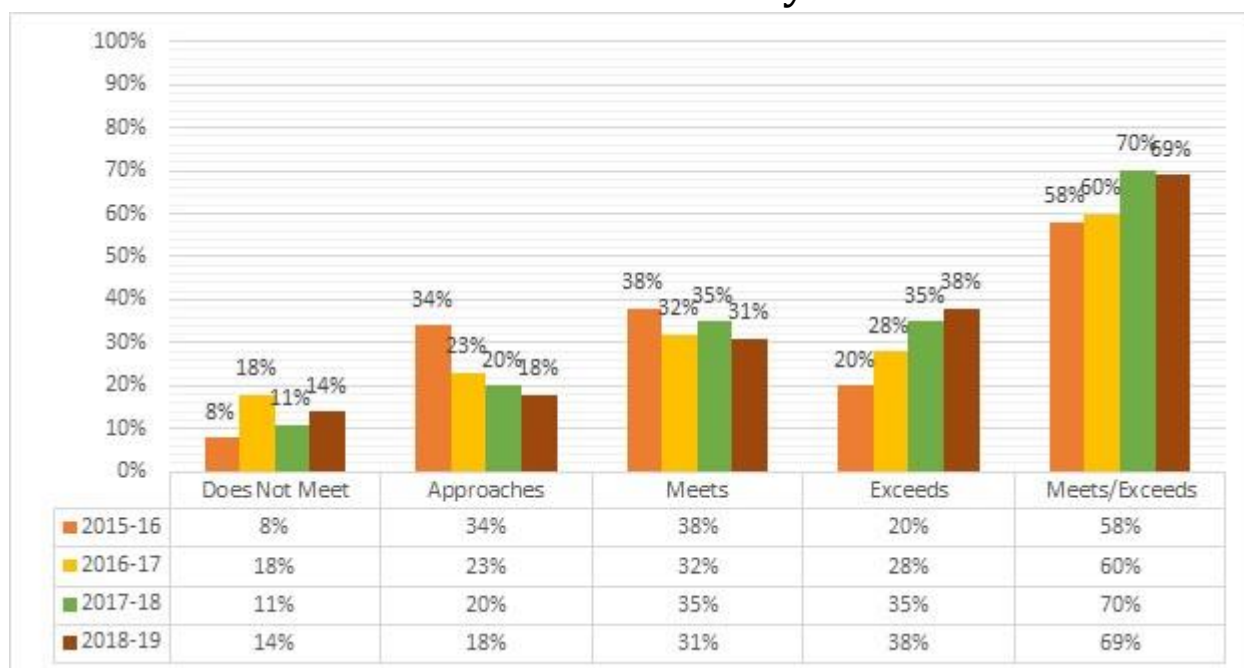
We are extremely proud of the academic achievement growth our students have made in past years and continue to make. We are most appreciative of the continued dedication of our teachers, staff, students, and parents in their efforts to meet the developmental and academic needs of each child. Woodland met the criteria necessary to receive an 'excellent' school rating on the SC State Report Card for the second year in a row. Woodland also earned the Palmetto Gold award for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Woodland students consistently perform higher than other Greenville County Schools on state assessment measures. Moving forward, our challenge is to continue to refine our implementation of rigorous grade level standards and effective instructional strategies to sustain our progress and meet the unique learning needs of our children as we continue to increase student achievement. ***A summary of our most recent student achievement data is included in this report.***

*Our Parent –Teacher Association (PTA), School Improvement Council (SIC), and Parent Lighthouse* are involved in essential aspects of Woodland. These organizations continually explore innovative ways to recruit and retain parents and volunteers. We believe that utilizing the skills, talents, and abilities of our parents and community volunteers further enhance the effectiveness of our school program. Creating an environment and providing opportunities that welcome and engage parents as partners are key components of our continued success. The financial support, commitment to volunteerism, and creative problem-solving abilities of our parents and volunteers enable us to enjoy access to opportunities that would not be possible otherwise.

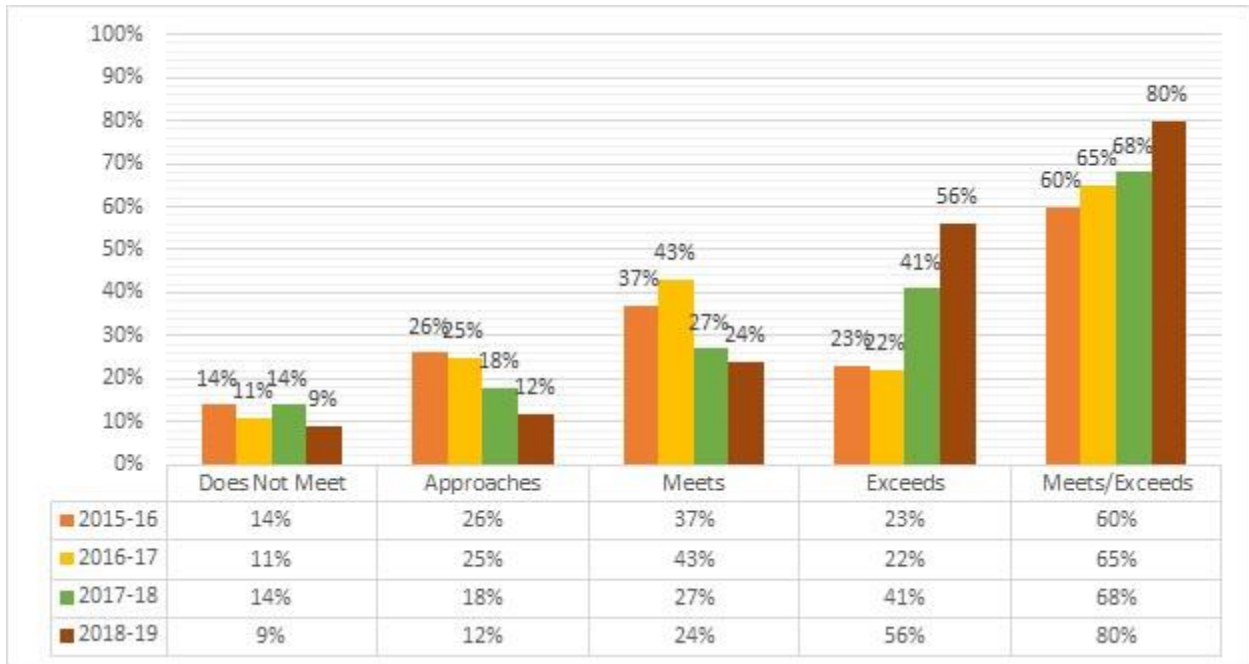
As a school family, we share a vision and belief that every child can achieve to his or her maximum potential if provided quality leadership opportunities, targeted support, consistent encouragement, and love. We remain fully committed to that vision.

## ***Summary of Student Performance Data***

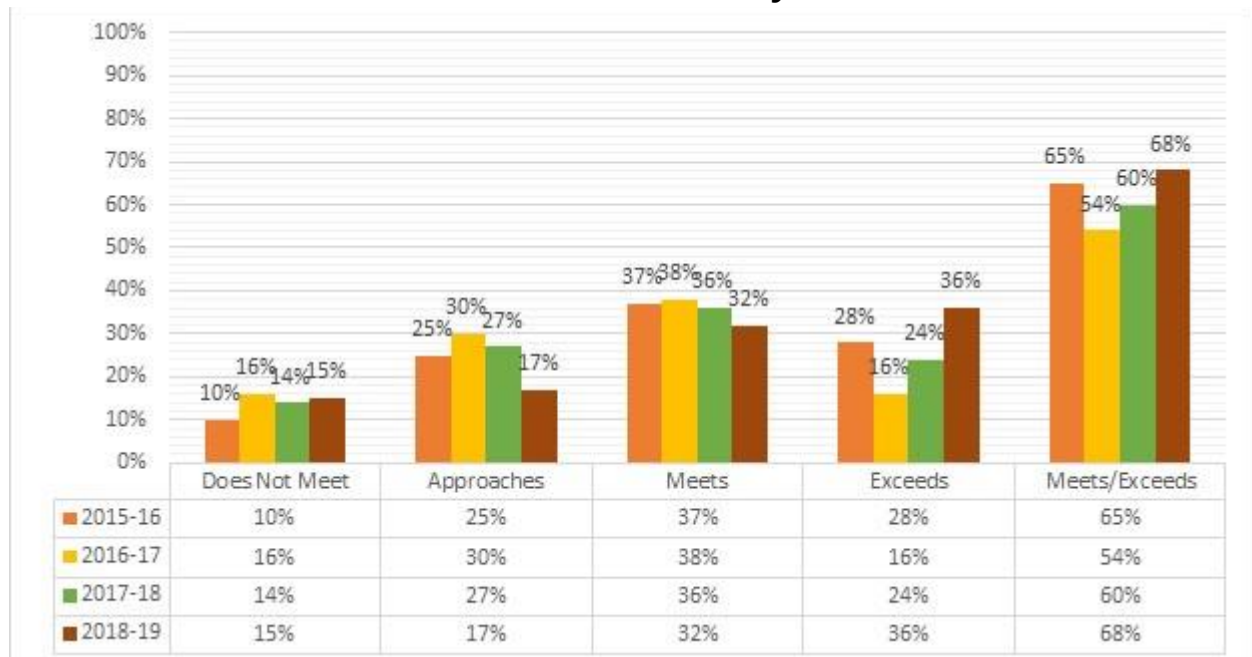
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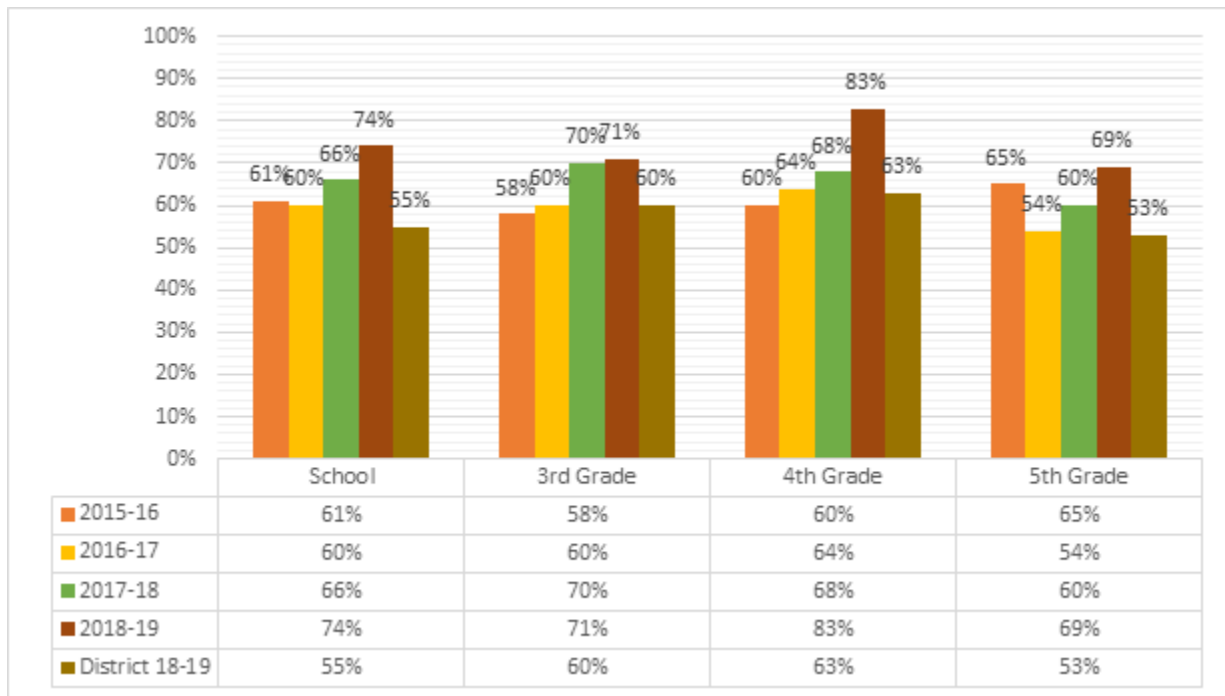
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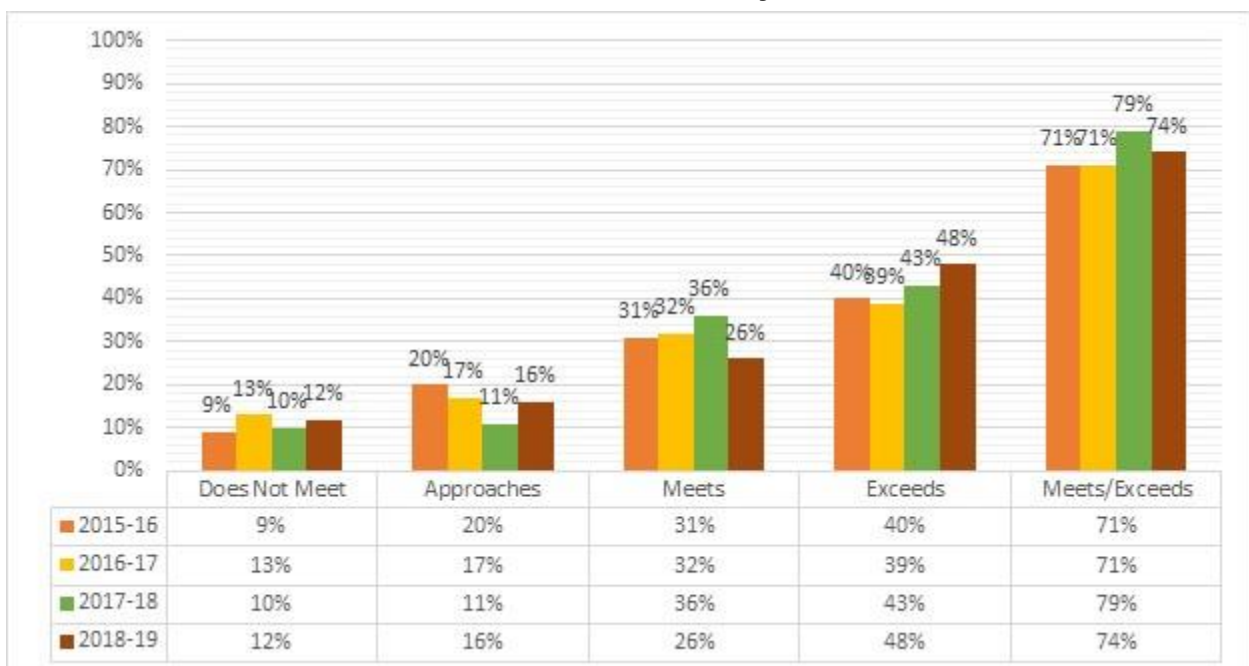
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## Woodland vs District: SC Ready ELA



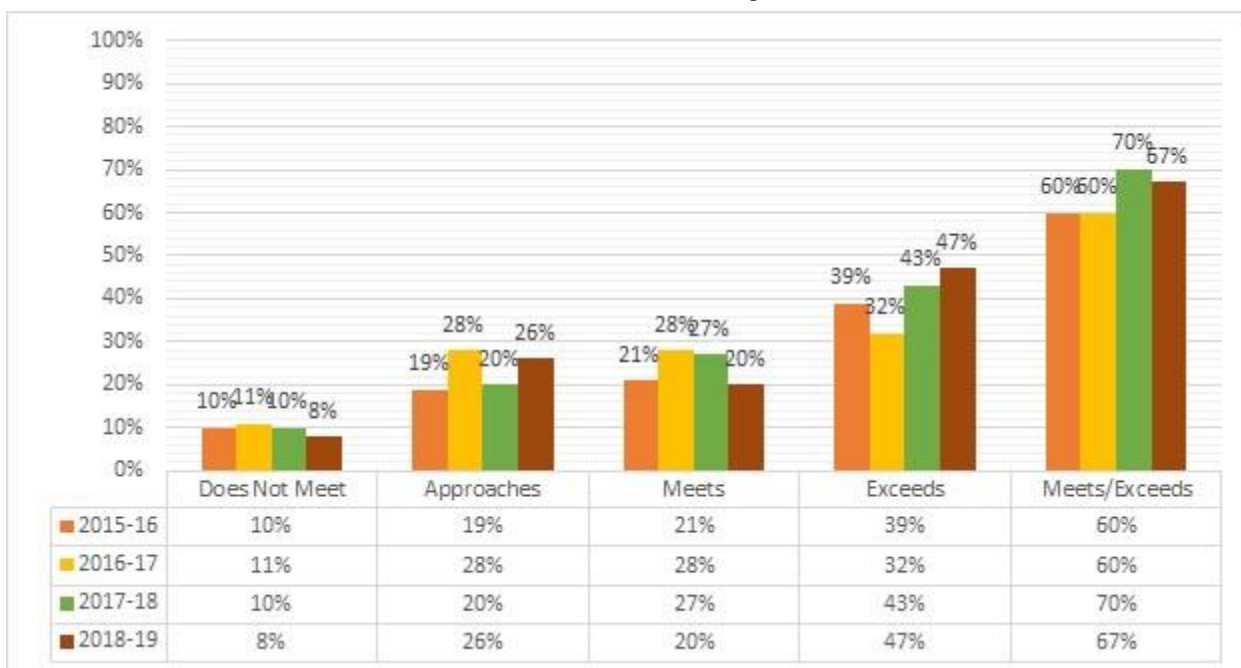
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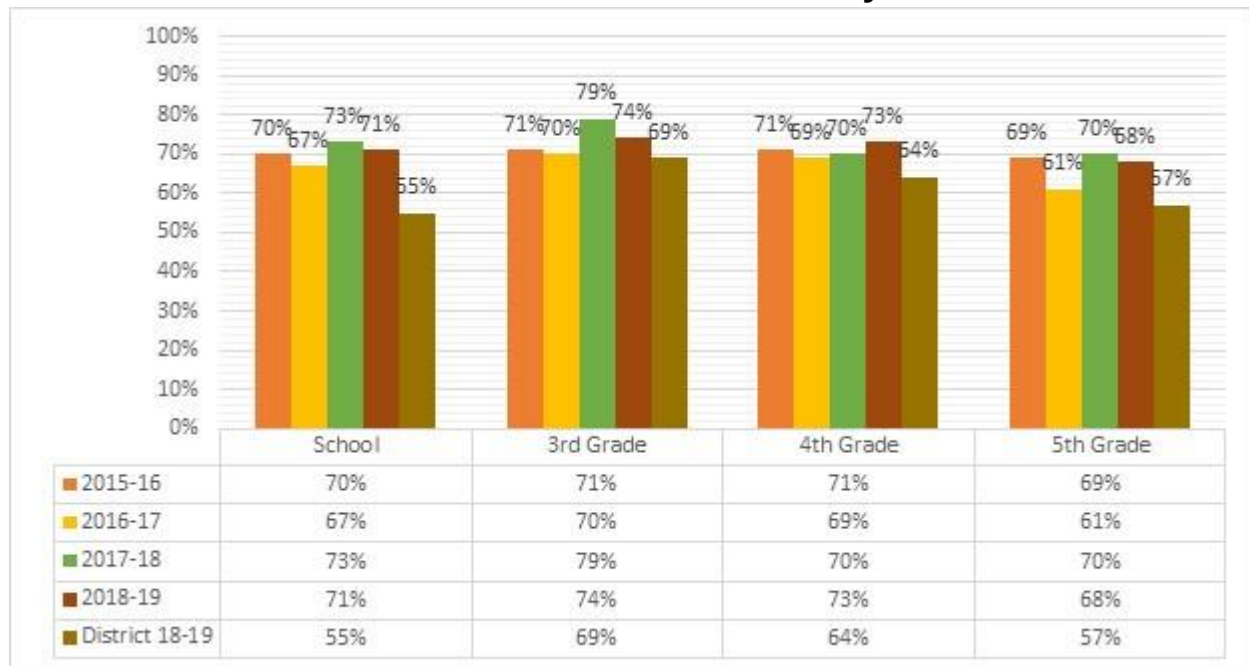
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## Woodland vs. District: SC Ready Math



### ***Awards and Honors***

Fully accredited by AdvancED Accreditation Commission 2018-2023

Palmetto's Finest School 2020

Excellent Report Card Ratings: 2009-2015, 2018, 2019

Palmetto Gold Ranking: 2017-2018, 2018-2019

Palmetto's Finest Finalist-2020

SchoolDigger-ranked 53rd out of 643 elementary schools in South Carolina (2020-2021)

Became an official *The Leader in Me* school- Fall 2014

Achieved "Lighthouse School" status with *The Leader in Me*- Spring 2017, recertified 2019

Leader In Me-recognized as an Academic School of Distinction: 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020

67 Percent of Teachers with Advanced Degrees

8 National Board Certified Teachers

National R.A.M.P Award-2013 to present (*Recognized American School Counseling Model Program*)

Safe School Award- 2009-2017

### ***South Carolina Junior BETA Club Convention Results***

Junior BETA Club State Winners: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Junior BETA Club National Winners: 2016, 2017, 2018
Recognized BETA Club School of Distinction- 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2017-2018

Woodland students experienced tremendous growth in ELA on SCReady during the 2018-2019 school year. Students in grades third through fifth grew six points in ELA on SCReady. Woodland Elementary received an overall rating of “Excellent” on the South Carolina report card and received a Palmetto Gold award for the 2018-2019 school year for student achievement. Woodland received the prestigious honor of being named a Palmetto’s Finest School in the spring of 2020. We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and parents. We believe that our academic achievement is correlated to our students taking ownership of their learning by setting WIGS (Wildly Important Goals) in reading and math to track their progress and celebrate their success.

We continue to utilize our one-to-one technology in kindergarten through fifth grade to provide our students with a variety of educational experiences that support student-centered learning. Our teachers continue to dissect data available through MasteryConnect, TE21, and formative and summative assessments to meet the individual needs of our students. We continue to look at the needs of the “whole child.” Through the support of our parents, PTA, community partners, and student leaders we are able to provide students with additional support through our Children’s Clothing Closet, Backpack Meals, mentors, school supplies, small group counseling, and individual tutoring.

We continue to focus on strengthening and expanding our parent and community outreach and involvement through hosting the following events during a typical school year: Goodies for Grandparents, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, Leadership Day, Literacy Night, All Arts Event, Parent Leadership Nights, etc. As a member of the Greer Chamber of Commerce, Woodland Elementary continues to look for opportunities to give back to other schools and our community. This year, our student leaders collected food for the local food bank, provided holiday gift stockings to children in the hospital, collected soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and provided supplies to local animal shelters. We continue to be amazed at the generosity of our children and families.

As the 2020-2021 school year ends, I am thankful for the support that I continue to receive as principal of Woodland Elementary School from the students, faculty & staff, parents, and community members. I am honored to serve as the principal of Woodland Elementary and I am excited about our school’s future.

Yours in serving children,

Katrina Miller, Principal

“Lead by Serving Others” BETA Club motto

Amy Robertson, Chairman, School Improvement Council

