



## Awards and Grants

- Samantha Tindal awarded Teacher of the Year
- Keeping Kids Learning in eLearning (Grant)
- Donors Choose (Grants)
- Tools to get the Job Done Right (Grant)
- Bosch BE3ST STEM Sphero Robotics (Grant)
- Recycling Education (Grant)
- Collaborative Morning Work Supplies (Grant)
- South Carolina's Children Theater (Grant)
- Unified Special Olympics



## Who to contact

### ADMINISTRATORS

Principal  
**Mrs. Ronda Simmons**

Assistant Principal  
**Lakeshia Rainey**

School Counselor  
**Janell Choice**

Mental Health Counselor  
**Valerie Torry**

Attendance  
**Beth Watts**

Social Worker  
**Casie Butler**



### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PARENTS

#### SIC GOALS

**Goal 1:**  
Create After School  
Extracurricular Opportunities

**Goal 2:**  
Cultivate a Culture of Empathy

#### SIC Members 2019-2020

Mr. Bruce Wilson, Parent  
Mrs. Deena Marino, Parent  
Mrs. Madison Dean, Teacher  
Mrs. Elaine Naradowski, Teacher/Chair  
Mr. Douglas Simmons, Community Member  
Ms. Chasta Posey, Community Member



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# ACADEMIC

## SUPPORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- On Track Team
- Reading Intervention Programs: Reading Recovery, ERI and LLI
- Balanced Literacy Approach
- Academic Coaching from the Instructional Leadership Team
- Wildcat Morning Tutoring for 2nd – 5th Grade Students
- Specialized instruction for students with special needs, exceptional abilities, English Language Learners, Gifted /Talented
- Instructional Coaches and Reading Specialist on Campus
- Tutoring Program 2nd – 5th Grade Students
- 1-1 Chromebooks Grades Kindergarten-5
- Guidance classes with all grade levels
- Partnerships with Community Organizations T-Mobile, Barfield Family, PEP, Buncombe Methodist Church, Laurel Creek Masons, Shady Oak Baptist Church
- School-based Mental Health Counselor
- Public Education Partners

## STUDENTS

- Honor Roll/Attendance Recognitions
- Terrific Kids
- Student Council hosts community fundraisers
- Can Food Drive
- Broadcast Team
- Virtual Field Trips
- Parents Donations and Class Support
- S.T.E.A.M. Tower Competition Kindergarten-5th

# MISSION, VISION, AND CORE BELIEFS

The mission of Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School is to develop successful, responsible, and respectful life-long learners.



## Vision

We strive to encourage a culture of excellence for students, staff, parents, and community.



## We believe...

All children can learn.

Teachers are responsible for providing a high-quality education to all students and encouraging strong collaboration with families.

Education should be developmentally appropriate and differentiated to meet individual needs.



# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

## SUPPORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- School Improvement Council
- Monthly Parent Engagement Opportunities
- Home/School Compact
- Backpack Blessings Food Distributions
- Guidance Small Groups



## Student Achievement

TEK students moved from below average growth to demonstrating average growth in math and ELA.

