

Highlights

School

- PBIS (Positive behavioral interventions and supports) School
- Four National Board Teachers
- Safe Kids Upstate School

Students

- Honor Roll/Attendance Recognitions
- Terrific Kids
- Student Council hosts community fundraisers
- Safety Patrol
- Broadcast Team
- Visiting Artists
- Field Trips
- Parents in the Classroom Day
- PTA Math & Reading nights
- Gifted / Talented Program expanded services
- Field Day
- Girl's on the Run
- Buddy Reading
- SECOND Chance Program

Community Involvement

- Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
- Box Tops
- Public Education Partners
- Good News Club – Long Branch Baptist Church
- Falcon Midstream Services, LLC
- Kiwanis Club of Greenville
- Marvin's Produce – Healthy Snack Grant
- SC Children's Theater
- Greenville Little Theater
- Pennies for Pasta – Leukemia Research
- Shepherd's Gate Student Council Project
- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Southside High School – Mentors / student athletes
- Christ Church Episcopal School – literacy buddies
- Clemson – Cooperative Extension Services, Reading Recovery Training Site
- Hillcrest Garden Club
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Safety Features

- School Check-In System for visitors
- Controlled entry to school and hall
- Weather radios
- Room phones
- Intercom communication system
- Classroom Safety Bags
- Direct Connect Safety Radio
- AED, Trained First Responders
- Certified CPR Responders
- Tornado, Fire, and Lockdown Drills
- Volunteer Level 1 and 2 screening process
- CPI trained staff

Thomas E. Kerns Elementary is a school which receives Title I supplemental federal funding. These funds are used to reduce class size, classroom materials, provide specialized staff, and professional development for teachers.

Thomas E. Kerns School Improvement Council's goal for the 2017-2018 school year is to continue helping engage students and parents in reading activities in order to grow their knowledge and excitement for literacy.

The 2017-2018 SIC has met, discussed, and researched ways to involve families in literacy. The SIC sponsored a "Get Excited About Reading Week" during March 26-30, 2018. Parents and students were encouraged to participate in additional literacy activities.

Ways we accomplished the "Get Excited About Reading Week" goal:

- Guest readers for classes
- Buddy reading
- Book Bingo with extra recess for winners
- Young Author's Celebration

For the 2018-2019 school year, we will continue to focus on ways to support and involve students and families in literacy engagement.

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

VISION - The vision of Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School is to encourage a community of excellence for students, staff, and parents.

BELIEFS - We believe . . .

- all students can learn.
- every student can achieve success.
- teachers are responsible for providing a high-quality education to all students.
- education should be developmentally appropriate and differentiated to meet individual needs.

Professional Development for Staff

State Standards
Data Teams
Balanced Literacy Training
Professional Book Studies to enhance instruction
Technology Training

Specialized Staff

Instructional Coaches
Guidance Counselor
Title I Facilitator
Reading Interventionists
Math Interventionist
Literacy Specialist
Related Arts Teachers
Speech Therapists
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Resource Teachers
English as a Second Language Teachers
Gifted/Talented Teacher
Title I Social Worker
Greenville Mental Health Workers
Title I Nurse
Parent Involvement Coordinator
Title I Behavior Interventionist

After School Child Care Centers who pick-up at the school are kept on a list that can be requested from the office.

Upcoming Testing:

SC Ready - Grades 3-5 will take the ELA tests on May 9-10, 2018. The math portion will be taken online in May.

SC PASS will also be taken online by Grades 4-5. The science and social studies tests will be taken online in May.

Below are some suggestions to help your child be successful during testing.

- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest the night before.
- Dress your child comfortably.
- Be positive and encourage your child to do their best.
- Consider re-scheduling any appointments that are during the school day.
- Please see that your child has a nutritious breakfast (school breakfast is free for all children).
- Have your child arrive at school before 8 AM, so they can be ready to begin testing.

Did you know. . .

- For 2018-2019, Miss Nichole Ross will serve as our Teacher of the Year?
- Our students collected approx. \$2000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through their participation in Pennies for Pasta?
- Thomas E. Kerns Elementary is named in honor of Dr. Kerns, former Superintendent of Greenville County Schools?
- TEK students all have personal learning devices to use at school?
- All of our parent workshops are provided in both English and Spanish?
- We offer English as a Second Language classes?

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