

Highlights

School

- PBIS Exemplar school – the only school in Greenville with this highest PBIS Award ranking
- Five National Board Teachers
- Safe Kids Upstate Award

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
- School-wide mile walk
- Gifted / Talented Program expanded services
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Field Day
- State Chorus
- Gentlemen’s Club

Community Involvement

- Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
- Box Tops
- Public Education Partners
- Good News Club – Long Branch Baptist Church
- Kiwanis Club of Greenville
- Marvin’s Produce – Healthy Snack Grant
- SC Children’s Theater
- Greenville Little Theater
- Pennies for Pasta – Leukemia Research
- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Southside High School – Mentors / student athletes
- Clemson – Cooperative Extension Services
- USC Lady Gamecocks Basketball Team

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

Thomas E. Kerns Elementary is a Title I school which receives 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 2016-2017 school year is to help engage students and parents in reading activities to grow their knowledge and excitement for literacy.

The 2016-2017 SIC has met, discussed, and researched ways to involve families in literacy. The SIC sponsored a “Get Excited About Reading Week” during March 27-31, 2017. Parents and students were encouraged to participate in daily literacy activities.

Ways we accomplished the “Get Excited About Reading Week” goal:

- Visiting author and motivational speaker, Kobie Wilkerson
- Puppet show by Greenville County Library System
- Book Character Parade
- Guest readers for classes
- Buddy reading
- Book Bingo with extra recess for winners

For the 2017-2018 school year, we will continue to focus on ways to support and involve student 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

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 3-4, 2017. 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 2016-2017, Mrs. Morgan Warner was our Teacher of the Year? For 2017-2018, Mrs. Shalonda Blakeney will serve as our Teacher of the Year?
- Our students collected approx. \$1300 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 has been recognized by SAFE KIDS UPSTATE every year since we opened?
- TEK students all have personal learning devices to use at school?
- All of our parent workshops are provided in both English and Spanish?
- Thirteen parents attended and graduated from the Parenting Partners?

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2016-2017****Council Membership****Stephanie Baker, Chairman****Marsha Garrett, Vice Chair****Nichole Ross, Secretary****Amanda Ferguson****Jennifer Beckett****Loida Evatt****Judy Hall****Ann Heatherly****Dr. Mark Adams, Principal****Lakeshia Rainey, Assistant
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