



School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents 2019-2020

SIC Members

Parent Representatives

Mrs. Ajana Golden

Mrs. Marquette Carrington

Teacher Representatives

Miss Loren Simmons

Mrs. Elaine Naradowski, Chair

Community Representatives

Mr. Douglas Simmons

Mrs. Georgia Beasley



Who To Contact

Administrators:

Ronda R. Simmons, Principal
Lakeshia Rainey, Assistant Principal

School Counselor:
Dedra Stukes

Mental Health Counselor:
Marcus Russ

Attendance:
Beth Watts

Social Worker:
Casia Butler

Parent Involvement Coordinator
Loida Evatt

School Nurse
Allison Way



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Vision

At Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School, we strive to encourage a culture of excellence for students, staff, parents, and the community.

ACADEMIC

SUPPORTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- On Track Team
- Reading Intervention Programs: Reading Recovery, ERI and LLI
- Balanced Literacy Approach
- Individualized Student Goal Setting
- IXL and Study Island
- Academic Coaching from the Instructional Leadership Team
- Wildcat Morning Tutoring for 1st – 5th Grade Students
- Specialized instruction for students with special needs, exceptional abilities, Gifted/Talented, and English Language Learners (ELL)
- Instructional Coach and Reading Specialist on Campus
- Tutoring Program 5K-5th Grade
- ELL Afterschool Program
- 1 to 1 Chromebooks/ 1 to 1 iPads
- Various clubs offered: Dance, Cookie, No Bake, Cross Fit, Arts/Crafts, Coloring Club, Rock Painting, Crochet, Puzzle Pizzazz, Girl's Rule, Gamer Club, Coding, Robotics, Public Speaking, Music Club, Chess, Basketball
- Girls On The Run
- Book Buddy Reading
- Community Partnerships: Christ Church, Buncombe Methodist Church, Laurel Creek Masons, Shady Oak Baptist Church
- Alph Phi Alpha Fraternity Read Aloud & Book Donations
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Read Aloud
- 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
- Jet Toy Car Challenge

MISSION

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



What we believe...

- We believe all children can learn.
- We believe every student can achieve success.
- We believe teachers are responsible for providing a high-quality education to all students and encouraging strong collaboration with families.
- We believe education should be developmentally appropriate and differentiated to meet individual needs.

SIC Goals

Goal 1: Inspire Reading Enthusiasm

Goal 2: Cultivate a Culture of Empathy

Continuing into 2020, the School Improvement Council is developing a student and community based real-world project built on the concept to “Pay-It-Forward”.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

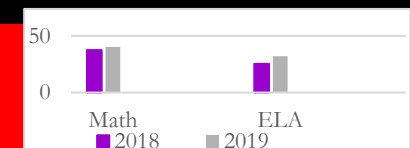
PARENT SUPPORTS

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- PTA Hosted Events
- Curriculum Nights
- School Improvement Council
- PTA Board
- Parenting Partners
- Monthly Parent Engagement Opportunities
- Home/School Compact
- Backpack Blessings Food Distributions
- Social Worker/Mental Health Counselor Support
- Guidance Classes All Grades

Awards and Grants

- Allison Golden awarded TEK Teacher of the Year
- Maria Koubrina TEK First Class Teacher Award
- Keeping Kids Learning in eLearning-Grant
- Sara Collins Elementary PTA-Grant
- Magic is in the Treehouse-Grant
- Tools to get the Job Done Right-Grant
- Bosch BE3ST STEM Sphero Robotics-Grant
- Recycling Education-Grant
- Collaborative Morning Work Supplies-Grant

Student Achievement



TEK Students moved from below average growth to showing average growth on SC Ready Math & ELA.