

School Renewal Goals

Student Achievement:

- Increase the percentage of students scoring met or above on PASS in all subject areas

Teacher Leadership Quality:

- Maintain teacher attendance rate of 95% or above

School Climate:

- Maintain a positive perspective on the school environment through parent communication and implementation of our character education program, Lifelong Guidelines and LIFESKILLS

Supporting Activities:

- Balanced Literacy instructional approach in ELA
- Update school and classroom libraries to support Balanced Literacy instruction
- RTI (Response to Intervention) small group instruction in each classroom
- Utilize Fantastic Five and Accelerated Math materials to support math instruction
- Update technology in the classroom as needed
- Utilize www.educationcity.com, IXL.com, and other appropriate internet sites to ensure active engagement in the classroom
- Provide professional development activities for all content areas, technology, Professional Learning Communities, and Lifelong Guidelines and LIFESKILLS

- Disaggregate MAP, PASS, common assessment, and other teacher created test data to identify student needs
- Develop and maintain class web pages
- Maintain parent communication through bi-monthly class newsletters, monthly instructional calendars, class and school web pages, marquee information, parent conferences, etc.
- Offer a variety of family oriented activities such as Grandparent's Day, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, Family Nights twice yearly, PTO meetings and programs, Field Day, Birthday Lunches, etc.

Extracurricular Activities and Programs offered:

- Clubs:
 - STEP Team
 - Mouseketeer Technology Club
 - Merrywood Mailers Club
 - Mile Makers Fitness Club
 - Student Council
 - WMER news show
 - Flag Patrol
- After School Tutoring during second nine weeks
- Lifelong Guidelines and LIFESKILLS character education program
- SMART Boards in every classroom
- Multiple author visits
- School wide recycling campaign
- Relay for Life
- United Way
- March of Dimes

Awards:

- Palmetto Silver Flag Award Recipient 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009—2010
- Red Carpet Award Recipient 2009
- SC Title 1 Distinguished Schools Honorable Mention for Closing the Achievement Gap—2008-2009
- Fifteen National Board Certified Staff Members

Spring 2011 MAP Results

Grade 1 MAP results exceeded the national averages in both reading and math. Results exceeded the district average in math.

Grade 2 MAP results exceeded the national in both reading and math.

Grade 3 MAP results exceeded the national and district averages in both reading and math.

Grade 4 MAP results exceeded the national average in both reading and math. Results exceed the district average in reading.

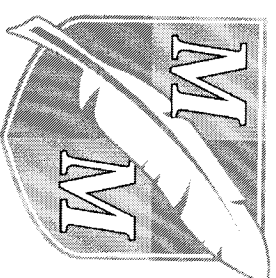
Grade 5 MAP results exceeded the national averages in both reading and math. Results exceed the district average in reading.

Merrywood's Mission Statement:

The mission of Merrywood Elementary is to educate all students by providing challenging learning experiences, encouraging responsible and caring citizenship, and nurturing the development and potential of each child.

Our Beliefs:

- Each person is a valued individual with unique intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs.
- Educators must remain flexible and receptive to new ideas that will enrich instruction, stimulate learning, and enable students to become self-directed learners.
- Curriculum and instructional practices should incorporate a variety of learning activities to accommodate differences in instructional levels and learning styles.
- All students can learn when appropriately challenged.
- Education is everyone's responsibility.
- Effective discipline is essential for our school to function as a place of learning.
- Decisions must be based on what is best for all students.
- Learning is a lifelong process.



One for All and All for One!

2010—2011

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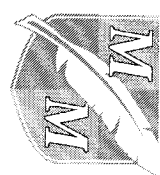
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Merrywood Elementary School

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Report to the Parents
2010—2011

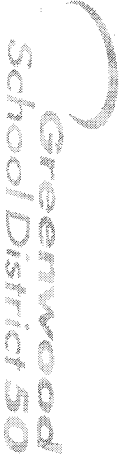
Purpose of report:
Act 135 requires school improvement councils to report annually to parents and community members the progress made towards the goals and objectives of the School Renewal Plan.

The mission of Greenwood School District 50 is to educate all students to become responsible and productive citizens.

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