

VES Fast Facts

Grades: PreK-3
Student enrollment: 367
Teacher of the Year:
Kristin Rentz
Support Person of the Year
Annette Grant
7 National Board Certified Teachers
SDE Title 1 Reward School-
Performance
ESEA Rating—"A" (score- 93.1)



Mission Statement

The mission of
Varnville Elementary School
is to develop responsible, literate, life-
long learners by providing meaningful
educational opportunities in a safe and
nurturing environment.

Community Outreach

- ⇒ Jump Rope for Heart (AHA)
- ⇒ Relay for Life (ACS)
- ⇒ Veterans' Day Luncheon
- ⇒ Retired Teachers' Luncheon
- ⇒ Volunteer Breakfast
- ⇒ Arbor Day Program
- ⇒ Read Across America (Dr. Seuss)
- ⇒ Ronald McDonald (dental care)
- ⇒ Winter Fest
- ⇒ American Legion
- ⇒ Magnolia Garden Club
- ⇒ Clemson Extension Chick Incubation
- ⇒ Shoes That Fit

Awards and Recognitions

- * SDE Reward School
- * Palmetto Gold Award recipient
- * Three times named Red Carpet School by the South Carolina Department of Education
- * PBIS Ribbon School
- * Seven National Board Certified Teachers (Tina Boyles, Michelle Hiers, Robin Hiers, Anita Padgett, Elaine Rooker, Kelly Shipes, Dawn Smith)
- * 4 Bright Ideas grants totaling \$3,230
ICU Science—Robin Hiers
TABLET—Dawn Smith/Stacy Willis
Mathemagicians—Michelle Hiers
Chick Us Out—Elaine Rooker
- * "Seek-N-Grow", after school program
- * Literacy Matters Pilot Project
- * Donors Choose - Harriet Smith (classroom learning rug)

Third Grade Data—2011-2012

54% scored EXEMPLARY on Math
PASS
41% scored EXEMPLARY on ELA
PASS
Almost 80% of students scoring met
or exemplary in Math and Reading



Curriculum

- * Journeys—a balanced literacy program
- * Breakthrough to Literacy (PK)
- * Implementation of Common Core
- * *Reading Eggs* computer program
- * *Study Island* program (K,1,2,3)
- * Dominie and MAP data used to monitor and guide instruction
- * Fall/Spring 3rd grade MAP test
- * "Seek-N-Grow" after school program offers academic & extra-curricular activities
- * Reading Recovery program
- * Reading & Math Intervention
- * Adult Education Program
- * Summer Reading/Writing
- * Science Closet/Inquiry Kits
- * PASS Review
- * Math manipulatives used daily

School Environment

- * Emergency procedures expanded and updated. Safety drills continue to be a priority.
- * Positive Behavior Interventions and Support school-wide behavior plan to focus on positive behavior and added Tier II student interventions
- * IPAD usage
- * Mobile NetBook cart



Special Programs

School Wide Arts Opportunities

Music and Drama

"Little Red Riding Hood"
Baillie Players



Dance

Artist-in-residence
Mr. Karl Singletary

Art

- * Garden Club Poster Contest
- * Soil Conservation Poster Contest



- ◆ CDEPP site hosting 4 all day Pre-Kindergarten classes
- ◆ Student of the Week Program
- ◆ Birthday Club
- ◆ Presidential Academic Fitness Program
- ◆ Principal's List/Honor Roll Awards
- ◆ Perfect Attendance Award
- ◆ "Book It" Club
- ◆ PBIS Cub Club - good behavior
- ◆ Energy Savings Program
- ◆ Box Tops for Education
- ◆ Field day
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ USC Lady Gamecocks Reading Program
- ◆ School Citizens

PTO OFFICERS

Danielle Youmans, Pres.
Stephanie Mikell, Vice-Pres.
Makela Henderson, Sec./Treasurer



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jackie Anderson (teacher)
Alice Behlin (counselor)
Christine Bartley (teacher)
Fallon Crapse (parent)
Amy Felix (parent)
Christy Ferguson (community)
Tommy Kelly (community pastor)
Donna Kinard (principal)
Stephanie Mikell (parent)
Chrissy Millsap (teacher)
Shakeria Mixson (parent)
Annette Mole (support staff)
Willie O'Banner (parent)
Shannon Parker (parent)
Stefanie Peeples (parent)
Annie Smith (community member)
Kristin Rentz(TOY-SIC chair)
Danielle Youmans (PTO)

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Report to the Parents



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