

## VES Fast Facts

Grades: PreK-3 Enrollment: 392

Teacher of the Year:

*Michelle Hiers*

Support Person of the Year

*Gwen Evans*

5 National Board Certified Teachers

TAP School Value-Added Score

**"5"- Exemplary**

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## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & GROWTH

- \* SC TAP Program—teacher quality and student achievement
- \* TAP Leadership Team—7 members
- \* Math and Science Master teachers
- \* National Institute of Excellence in Teaching (NIET)
- \* Reading Coach
- \* Read 2 Succeed Professional Development

## 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

## 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.

## Awards and Recognitions

- \* TAP Value Added—"5" Exemplary
- \* Three times named Red Carpet School by the SCDE
- \* PBIS "Ribbon" School
- \* Six National Board Certified Teachers (Michelle Hiers, Anita Padgett, Robin Taylor, Elaine Rooker, Kelly Shipes, Dawn Smith)
- \* Bright Ideas grants totaling \$2,450 (3 grants received)  
Amanda Altman—Habitats for Firsties  
Dawn Smith—3D: Dreaming, Designing, & Developing  
Robin Taylor—Journey to the Biltmore
- \* Donors Choose recipients - \$1,365.04  
Harriet Smith—Help Us Hear  
Krystal Crosby—Reading Workwork Center  
Amanda Altman—Curious Firsties  
Amanda Altman—Explore into the iFuture
- \* PEARLS Betti Crosby Award - \$2,000  
Robin Taylor—LIT KIT (prek/k books)

## Third Grade Data—2014-2015

ACT Aspire

Math—58% met or exceeded

(State Average = 58%)

English—65.2% met or exceeded

(State Average = 65.1%)

Reading—23.2% met or exceeded

(State Average = 31.8%)



## Curriculum

- \* Journeys—balanced literacy
- \* Breakthrough to Literacy (PK)
- \* SC College and Career Ready Standards
- \* *Reading Eggs* computer Program (K-2)
- \* *Study Island* program (3)
- \* Dominie and MAP data used to monitor and guide instruction
- \* Fall/Winter/Spring K-3rd grade MAP testing
- \* "Seek N Grow" - summer program offers academic & extra-curricular activities
- \* Reading Recovery program
- \* Reading & Math Intervention
- \* Science Closet/Inquiry Kits
- \* Engineering Kits
- \* SC Ready Review
- \* Math manipulatives used daily
- \* Type To Learn (keyboarding skills)

## 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
- \* Technology Integration



## Special Programs

\*School Wide Arts Opportunities\*

### *Music and Drama*

*"Alice in Wonderland"*

*Baillie Players*

### *Art*

Garden Club Poster Contest

Soil Conservation Poster Contest

Watermelon Festival  
Contest

HC Guardian "Cook A  
Turkey"

SCDNR Wildlife 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
- ◆ Reading Counts reading comprehension program

## PTO OFFICERS

Danielle Youmans, Pres.

Stephanie Gibson, Vice-Pres.



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jackie Anderson (teacher)

Christine Carson (teacher)

Fallon Crapse (parent)

Christy Ferguson (community)

Kimberly Hadwin (parent)

Alexis Harley (parent)

Michelle Hiers (TOY)

Tommy Kelly (community pastor)

Donna Kinard (principal)

Shakeria Mixson (parent)

Annette Mole (support staff)

Kyshonna Moore (parent)

Kakela Robinson (parent)

Robin Taylor (Reading Coach)

Danielle Youmans (PTO)

# Varnville

# Elementary

Red Carpet School

PBIS Ribbon School

TAP Value-Added School

Score = "5" -Exemplary

Title One Reward School



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Report to the People

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