

## VES Communication Tools

- School website
- ◆ Facebook page
- ◆ PowerSchool Parent Portal
- ◆ Classroom weekly newsletters
- ◆ VES School monthly newsletters  
(BEAR NECESSITIES)
- ◆ Remind (Text/E-mail System)

## Awards and Recognitions

- 4 National Board Certified Teachers  
Elaine Rooker, Kelly Shipes,  
Dawn Smith, Robin Taylor
- Bright Ideas grants totaling \$1,740  
(2 grants received)

Grant Winners:

Kelyne Buxton & Amy Murdaugh

DSS COVID- 19 grant \$13,000

Community Partnership Summer Reading Camp grant \$56,027

**Amanda Padgett – VES Teacher of Year**

**Angela Evans—VES Support Person of the Year**



## School Improvement Council Members

Jay Washington

Alison Rivers

Lydia Fields

Jessica Runkle

Robin Taylor, Literacy Coach

Peggy Bing-O'Banner, Principal

## Varnville Elementary School

### Report to the People

2020-2021



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### School Website

[www.hampton1.org/ves](http://www.hampton1.org/ves)

Find us on:



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## Community Involvement

- VES partnered with SC State 1890 Extension to celebrate reading all year long. The program brings readers to our first grade classes and provides books to all students. For Read Across America, they read to all the classes and gave all students and teachers Cat in Hat hats and Dr. Seuss books for their home libraries. The mission of SC State University 1890 Extension 4-H/Youth Development is to assist youth with developing and acquiring additional knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will further their development as self-directing, contributing, and productive members of society.
- VES Wellness Initiative-We are embracing health and wellness and socio-emotional aspects in the lives of staff and students. We use Conscious Discipline techniques for breathing and behavioral exercises. We have an afterschool yoga and fitness group.
- VES is participating in the MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness program. The goal is to increase and sustain wellness awareness for students, staff and families.
- VES participated in the Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program. Students received cabbage plant seeds to grow at home.
- VES participated in the Kids Heart Challenge with Mrs. Dragonetti. The students raised \$481.42
- VES partnered with State Farm Insurance to provide water bottles to all VES students as a part of our Wellness Initiative.

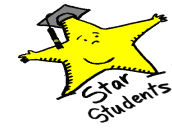


## Professional Development

- VES teachers continue to implement curriculum building processes to engage all students in reading, writing, and researching in appropriately challenging texts at least 80% of the time in order to learn content. These reading and writing processes help students to build deep understandings of science and social studies materials, as well as building reading and writing proficiency.
- *Through the **Read to Succeed Act (R2S)*** VES has a reading coach to support all teachers across all content areas. The goal is to help all teachers increase the literacy levels of all students through effective instructional and intervention strategies.

## VES Growth Mindset

- One of our goals is to increase student achievement. The three elements used to achieve this are multiple career paths, professional growth and instructionally focused accountability. We have a Leadership Team that consists of an instructional coach, three mentor teachers, and an administrators. We have embedded weekly professional development (PLC meetings) during planning periods and weekly collaborative team meetings to make intentional decisions for continuous school improvement and professional growth.



## Celebrating Students

- \* 3rd Grade William S. Ware Award
- \* 3rd Grade Bess D. Ware Award
- \* World Of Writing Recognition
- \* Student of the Week recognition
- \* Annual Awards Day program
- \* Bullying Prevention Week
- \* Red Ribbon Week
- \* Be The "I" in K ND Recognition
- \* **Tiny SuperHeroes Award**
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