

Community Involvement & School Achievements

*Recognized for being one of the top schools in the state.

*2023 SC READY Math and ELA Scores were above the state average.

* Received 3 Donors Choose Grants

*Rewarded a USDA Playground Grant

*Received 3 Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grants

*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.

*Participated in the KIDS Heart Challenge with Mrs. Dragonetti. We collected more money than previous years.

*Participated in Fitness with Jeanine Program.

*Creative Cakes by RaFayele collaborated with small businesses to recognize VES teachers and staff.

*Community Partners and School Improvement Council had monthly staff motivation events.

*Partnered with SC State 1890 Extension to bring awareness concerning recycling to our 2nd graders.

*Clemson Extension collaborated with 2nd grade to explore the life cycle of chickens.

*Collaborating with Head Start to provide an on-site 3-year-old preschool program.

*Received the Community Partnership Grant for Summer School

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Communication Tools

- *ParentSquare
- *Facebook Page
- *PowerSchool Parent Portal
- *Classroom Weekly Newsletters
- *Principal Newsletter: Bear Necessities
- *Bear Books (daily communication)
- *Word of the Day



VES Growth Mindset

Our goal is to improve ALL students' outcomes. The three elements used to achieve this are multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS), on-going professional development for all staff, and instructionally focused accountability. We have a MTSS Leadership Team that consists of the principal, the literacy coach, the guidance counselor, special education teacher, reading interventionists, the media specialist, a classroom teacher, and a paraprofessional. We completed our two-year training of LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling). Our focus shifted to phonics with the implementation of UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) and Heggerty which are scientifically researched based phonics programs.

Our 2023-24 Motto:

“TEAM USA –

Upstanding Scholars All Around!”



Celebrating Students

- *Student of the Week
- *iReady Recognition and Celebrations
- *Monthly & Daily Birthday Recognition
- *Awards Day Programs
- *Bullying Prevention Week
- *Red Ribbon Week
- *Shine a Light on Literacy
- *Graffiti Writing Day
- *School Writing Focus