

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS

Our School Renewal Plan Goals are monitored throughout the year by our School Improvement Council (SIC), administration, and faculty. The SIC serves as an advisory group to Mt. Pisgah Elementary and plays a crucial role in school improvement by bringing parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to determine strategies in monitoring and evaluating the progress of specific long-range goals for student achievement.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

United Way

Relay for Life

Sacks of Love

Jump Rope for Heart/ American Heart Association

Pennies for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Kare Canned Food Drive

LiveWell Kershaw

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mt. Pisgah Elementary School, with its strong family and community support, is to meet the needs of each individual student by providing a positive, challenging, and safe environment that facilitates success, promotes lifelong learning, and develops responsible citizens.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Asian	0%	Two or More Races	10%
African American	8%	White	80%
Hispanic/Latino	2%	Other	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	Free/Reduced Lunch	73%

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER SURVEY RESULTS

2015	Parents	Students	Teachers
N= Number Surveyed	4	18	7
Satisfied with the learning environment	I/S Insufficient Sample	100%	100%
Satisfied with the social and physical environment	I/S Insufficient Sample	100%	100%
Satisfied with home and school relations	I/S Insufficient Sample	100%	100%

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

MTP Morning Show

Flag Crew

Terrific Kids

Family Fitness Fair

Dictionary Day

Christmas Shop

Red Ribbon Week

Moving Mondays Exercise Club

Breakfast in the Classrooms

Read Across America/ Dr. Seuss' Week

Student of the Month Recognition for Character Traits

Safety Patrol

Junior Beta Club

Mighty Ram Singers

Reading Buddies

Quiz Bowl Team

Fall Book Fair

Mt. Pisgah Elementary School



Home of the Mighty Rams!

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School Improvement Council

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2015-2016

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**“Always Caring, Always Positive,
Always Learning”**

SCHOOL GOALS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Mt. Pisgah Elementary grades K-5 will show increase in **ELA and Math achievement** due to continuous efforts to improve teaching and learning as indicated by at least 90% of the students scoring at or above norm grade level mean RIT on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) by 2018.

Progress:

- Implementation of benchmark assessments
- Using standards to build assessments
- Analyzing assessments for rigor and depth of knowledge
- Using data to create differentiated lessons
- Using 1 to 1 technology to enhance instruction
- Teacher Action Plans

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Mt. Pisgah Elementary will provide increased opportunities for **parent and community involvement** in our school with 95% parent satisfaction as indicated with the South Carolina School Report Card Survey Results.

Progress:

- Muffins for Moms
- Donuts for Dads
- Grits for Grandparents
- Family Fitness Fair
- Fall Musical Program with Book Fair Shopping Night
- Reading Buddies
- School-wide electronic newsletter for parents and community

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR QUALITY

Mt. Pisgah Elementary faculty and staff will participate in increased **professional development** opportunities. Increased professional development will allow us to grow professionally and provide better instruction to our students.

Progress:

2015 School Report Card- 6.7 professional development days/teacher

- Joint Professional Development with Bethune Elementary
- Implementation of weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Implementation of weekly Instructional Moment sharing of best practices.
- Ed Tech Challenge
- Reading Study Groups
- Read to Succeed
- Lucy Calkins Conference

ACTION PLAN

We plan to continue to improve student achievement, to increase parental and community involvement, and to enhance professional development opportunities.

Our SIC will continue to increase awareness of good health and the overall fitness of our students and our community.

TEST RESULTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing is used to show a student's academic progress during a school year. The table below shows the percentage of students scoring at or above norm grade level mean RIT on MAP in spring 2016.

Grade	Reading	Math
K	61%	67%
1	65%	65%
2	42%	32%
3	68%	58%
4	78%	61%
5	61%	61%

ACT Aspire is a state standardized assessment administered at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The table below shows the percentage of students meeting proficiency.

Grade	English	Math	Science	Reading	Writing
3	75%	65%	40%	35%	15%
4	78%	33%	28%	39%	6%
5	72%	83%	67%	39%	33%

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) is a state standardized assessment administered at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The table below show the percentage of students meeting standard in grades 4 and 5.

Grade	Science	Social Studies
4	66.67%	77.77%
5	55.56%	88.89%

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



STUDENTS

Heritage Tea School Winners

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
3rd Grade	Madison Doyle	Morgan Gardner	Lyric Izzard
4th Grade	Kelsie Bowers	JT Gandy	Treven Mattox
5th Grade	Amariya Benson	Logan Seegars	Kinsley Roberts

TEACHERS AND STAFF

Patricia Tupper was recognized as Mt. Pisgah Teacher of the Year.

Martha Mason was recognized as Mt. Pisgah Reading Teacher of the Year.

Estelle Benson was recognized for earning the South Carolina Transformational Leadership endorsement on her administrative certification.

SCHOOL

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation

Mt. Pisgah Elementary is a 2014-2015 Palmetto Gold and Silver winner. Mt. Pisgah has received a Gold Award for General Performance and a Silver Award for Closing Achievement Gap.