

## School Achievements

- 2011 Absolute Rating on Annual School Report Card increased from 'Average' to 'Good'
- Palmetto Silver Award Winner for Second Year in a row
- All teachers are Highly Qualified and Technology Proficient
- Expanded the Teacher Literacy Resource Room with additional materials
- Installed TV production equipment for students to utilize in school
- Reading Eggs and Raz\_Kidz computerized tutoring in reading and ALEKS computerized tutoring in math
- Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math
- Two scanners placed in each of grades 3-5 for scoring Accelerated Math
- 2/3 of Kindergarten students are writing above grade level
- Daddy-Daughter Dance
- Mother-Son Adventure Night
- Parent Involvement Night with spaghetti dinner, book fair, and student art work show
- Career Day for students
- K-5th grades field trips
- Excellent Child Study Team to assist teachers and students for increased academic achievement
- Reading tutor

## Wateree Elementary School SIC Members

*Chair: Mr. Roy Stehle,  
Community Member  
Ms. Mary Kay Hall, Community  
Member  
Mrs. Sharon Kirkland, Parent  
Mrs. Jenny Koumas, Parent  
Mrs. Simona Tautkus, Parent  
Mrs. Phyllis Cleveland, Teacher  
Mrs. Linda Poeta, Teacher*

*Principal: Mrs. Elizabeth Gail  
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### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Wateree Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

## Wateree Elementary School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2011-12



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The mission of Wateree Elementary School, in collaboration with the school's community, is to develop lifelong learners who have the academic, social, physical and character skills necessary to lead productive and successful lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## SIC Annual Goals

Goal: During 2008-2013, all professional development plans will be revised yearly to reflect 21<sup>st</sup> century job requirements.

Result: The SIC reviewed the School Renewal Plan Goals and the professional development offerings at WES designed to address them. Student writing portfolios and reading scores on MAP reflected teachers' successful implementation of best practices in the areas where professional development was provided.

Goal: By 2012-13, students at Wateree Elementary will demonstrate responsibility and accountability through behavior that reinforces respect for themselves and others, reducing student referrals by 10% over the five years (of the School Renewal Plan 2008-2013).

Result: Wateree Elementary School has exceeded this goal within the school environment.

Goal: By 2008-2013, at least 77% of parents will be satisfied with the community/parent involvement in our school as measured by the Wateree Elementary parent survey.

Result: 85.1% of parents surveyed for the 2011 School Report Card were satisfied with home-school relations.

## Student Achievement

- *Spring 2011 PASS gains:*
  - *Higher percentage of students scored Met or Exemplary in English/Language Arts, Writing and Math than in spring 2010*
  - *Wateree Elementary outperformed the state in 11 of 15 areas*

*For more information, you may view Wateree Elementary's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*

- *Ryder Ray, third grade, and Gabriel Cobb, fifth grade, won first place in the Fine Arts Center county-wide Black History Month project contest for all Kershaw County School District students*
- *Art work of Jaiden McCaskill, second grade, was chosen as part of the Fine Arts Center's traveling 2012 Youth Arts Month Exhibit*

## Additional Information

Wateree Elementary School families were very generous in community outreach during 2011-12. Our parents, students and staff raised more than \$5,000 for Relay for Life/American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer. In addition, monies were donated to The American Heart Association, the American Red Cross and United Way. The WES student council sponsored a canned food drive; all goods were donated to the local food bank.

There are many opportunities and ways for parents to become involved with WES. The School Improvement Council will vote again at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year for new members to serve a biennial term, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. It is important to have members who will serve for two years because each year's new members will have half of the prior term's experienced members remaining to assist them with the SIC process.

The PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) is heavily involved and very necessary to WES in planning and providing activities throughout the year. WES will need additional PTO members next year, as well.