

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

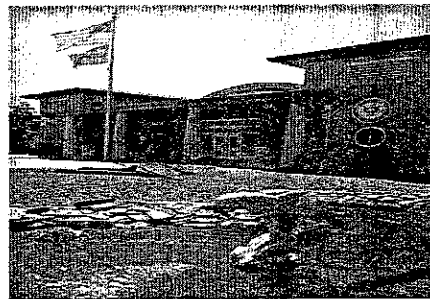
- Teacher of the Year: Sarah Gardner
- Reading Teacher of the Year: Carla Lowder
- 2016 Let's Move! Active Schools National Award recipient
- DME Archery team qualified for SC State Tournament.
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 are now equipped with one to one technology.
- 16 National Board Certified Teachers
- DAP Arts Grant Recipient
- 21st Century LIFE Program Campus of the Month (3 times)
- Boys and Girls Club "Be Great" after school program
- "Dolphin Pups" Early literacy program
- "Brain Sparks" student fitness initiative
- PTA Playground improvements
- Birthday books for all students

Evaluation by Teachers 2016 State Report Card

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	40	83	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.5%	96.4%	95.5%
Percent Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5%	91.5%	97.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.5%	89.2%	83.3%

Areas of Focus for the 2017-2018

1. Create an academic environment that promotes high expectations for all students to prepare them to become College- and Career-Ready
2. Implement strategies to sustain a positive, safe learning environment
3. Create a professional learning environment that attracts and supports a highly qualified, diverse core of teachers and staff members
4. Develop alliances with families and community stakeholders to enhance and support the well-being of our students



Purpose of the Report

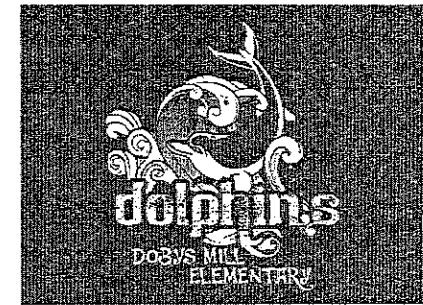
In accordance with South Carolina law, the School Improvement Council of Doby's Mill Elementary issues this report to share information about DME's progress toward meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments.

DOBY'S MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Title I School)

Annual

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2016-2017



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SIC President: Chad Long

Mission: The mission of Doby's Mill Elementary School, in partnership with our community, is to provide safe, nurturing, and innovative learning environment that empowers students with knowledge and skills to become self-disciplined, responsible, and productive citizens.

Student Achievement

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in spring 2016. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Subject	Met or Exemplary
Science	66%
Social Studies	81%

SC READY

The South Carolina College and Career Ready (SC READY) assessment was administered for the first time during the 2015-2016 school year to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing.

Subject	Meets or Exceeds Expectations
ELA	50%
Math	56.5%

School Performance:

State and federal laws require schools to release a report card to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until fall 2018 when the state will transition to a single accountability system.

Additional Information

Doby's Mill Elementary School strives to help all students to become college and career ready by providing an academically stimulating environment where students are nurtured and kept safe. As a result of powerful relationships, during the 2016-2017 school year, our Title I school continued to meet the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students through networking with our stakeholders. The 21st Century LIFE and Be Great programs supplement instruction and provide additional opportunities to well over 150 students every day; certified teachers and staff members provide enrichment services through these entities and are credited for the incredible outcomes generated from these programs.

Each day, highly qualified, hard-working educators embody the vision and fulfill the mission of our school by providing rigorous instruction that is aligned to the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Curriculum Standards. Students benefit from a technology-rich campus. The upper grade 1:1 technology initiative promotes inquiry through the use of Google Classroom. Students in PreK-5 experience a balanced literacy program, hands-on experiences in math and science (STEM), chorus, strings, art, gifted education, and physical education. Certified staff work tirelessly to deliver a whole child instructional approach by offering a variety of programs, such as Special Olympics, Safety Patrol, Student Council, Lego Robotics, Archery, Science Fair, Yearbook, Lunch Bunch, BrainSparks, Marathon Kids, DME Choraliers, Junior Achievement, Book Buddies, Doby's Dashers, and You Go, Girls. Exemplary

character is maintained and high academic expectations are reinforced through our PBIS Character Education programs and initiatives, which provide opportunities to our 607 students as learning extensions beyond the typical elementary school classroom. Our students also participate in annual school-wide service projects including Jump Rope For Heart, Million Penny Challenge, recycling efforts, and Relay for Life.

Professional learning committees make strategic, instructional changes by analyzing assessment data to deliver appropriately leveled instruction to each student by setting goals, monitoring progress, and celebrating student successes. Teachers continue to enhance their knowledge through professional development opportunities offered throughout the year. These training sessions inform and refocus our educators with knowledge of best teaching practices and collaboration opportunities. This year, our focus was the utilization of Thinking Maps to respond to Text Dependent questions and the implementation of more rigorous instruction in conjunction with the Read 2 Succeed requirements and the KCSD EdTech Challenge.

Student success is only possible with the support of an involved, vocal SIC, active PTA volunteers, and generous business partners. The Dolphin Family is blessed to have incredible stakeholders who help our students develop into responsible, lifelong learners so that they can contribute to society, even at such an early age. as our dynamic Dolphins become tomorrow's leaders.