



# Community Involvement

- **Canned Food Drive** - During Red Ribbon Week students donated food to Lexington Interfaith Community Services.
- **Love and Logic Parenting Workshop** - WKE Guidance held a series of parent education workshops.
- **Tiny Tot Literacy Program** - The Learning Commons sponsored a preschool story time for community. All participants were given a new book to start home library.
- **Relay for Life** - Students raised money to support the American Cancer Society.
- **USC Partnership** - Mr. Rich's class and USC students become pen pals in math.
- **Wrap Up in Warmth** - Students, in partnership with West Columbia Police Department, collected mittens, gloves, hats and scarves
- **Jump Rope for Heart** - Students raised money to support the American Heart Association.
- **Coins for Canines** - Students raised money for military dogs care and training.
- **Send a Card** - Students sent 700 cards to local nursing homes.
- **Make-A-Wish Foundation** - Student Council raised money to support the Make-A-Wish foundation through the sale of Valograms.
- **Juvenile Diabetes** - Students raised money to support the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.



Third Grade Students study ecosystems on Capers Island, SC.

## ABOUT US

WHITE KNOLL ELEMENTARY (WKE) OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1990. IT CONSISTS OF MORE THAN 100,000 SQ. FEET OF LEARNING SPACE. IT WAS BUILT AT A COST OF \$5,500,000 AND IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL WHITE KNOLL SCHOOL, WHICH OPENED IN 1920.

OVER 2500 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SERVED BY WKE. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 790 STUDENTS SERVED BY 100 FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS.

THE TIMBERWOLF CUB IS OUR SCHOOL MASCOT. HIS NAME IS WARRIOR!!!



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# REPORT TO PARENTS

## WHITE KNOLL ELEMENTARY

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

## 2011-2012



## An Update on the Progress of Our School Renewal Plan

Jan Malone, Principal  
 Martha Goff, Assistant Principal  
 Jon Stevens, Assistant Principal

# The Vision of White Knoll Elementary

The students of WKE are a 21st century generation of learners and leaders who are creative, collaborative, critical thinkers, and effective communicators. A challenging standards-based curriculum is delivered by highly knowledgeable educators, who in partnership with families and the community, provide opportunities for excellence as individual needs are met in a caring, positive environment.

## What is the School Improvement Council?

Mandated by law, the School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to the WKE principal and faculty. It is a broad-based community advisory group established to work with the principal to cultivate a positive school environment supporting student success. As advisory bodies, SIC's provide input, feedback, recommendations, resources, and support to the principal and the school.

### Teacher Members

Jenny Szalwinski  
Teri Catalano

### Parent Members

Dan Hane, Chairperson  
Barry Raines, Vice Chairperson  
Ralph Bryant

### Community Members

Shannon Wilson  
Kathy Moore

### Ex-Officio

Jan Malone, Principal  
Martha Goff, Asst. Principal  
Jon Stevens, Asst. Principal  
Kat Harbin, PTA President

## Our School's Achievements for 11-12

- Teacher of the Year - Johna Buchanan
- DHEC - Recycling Grant Winner - Jennifer Gillespie
- Michelin Golden Apple Grant Winner (2)  
Hope Thomas and Kristin Simmons, Terri Catalano
- MCEC Bright Idea Grant Winner (1)  
Katy Handell

## What Are Our Current Goals?

- LEXLIVES - Maintain and Improve home-school relations, as well as, improve student attendance.
- LEXLEARNS - Increase academic growth as measured by Dominie Assessment, PASS and MAP.
- LEXLEADS - Implementation of Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Student, as well as, a School Wide Positive Behavior Support system.

## How Are We Achieving Our Goals?

These goals are reviewed monthly by the SIC, School Leadership Team, and faculty to assess progress toward achievement and determine ongoing strategies for successful attainment.

## Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

Aligned to the state academic standards, these assessments include in writing, English language arts (reading and research), mathematics, science and social studies. The table below shows the percentage of WKE students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" for the 2010-2011 school year.

	Writing	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
3rd Grade	N/A	81.5%	67.2%	62.3%	82.8%
4th Grade	N/A	80.0%	84.9%	76.5%	80.0%
5th Grade	85.6%	85.4%	86.2%	78.8%	71.9%

For more details on our school report card, visit:  
<http://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/2011/district.cfm?ID=3201>  
then select **White Knoll Elementary**

## Innovative Achievement

- Response to Intervention
- Winterfest Art Exhibit -
- Data Teams
- 21st Century Learning
- CAFÉ and The Daily Five
- STEM Labs
- Everyday Mathematics
- Professional Learning Communities
- Kite-LL - Spanish
- Leader in Me - Seven Habits of Highly Effective Students
- PBIS
- K-4 District Writing Initiative
- Digital Daily Five
- 5 to 1 Computing
- The Cub Report
- Dr. Seuss Celebration
- Weather Station
- Tiny Tot Literacy Program
- Early Morning and Afternoon Tutorial sessions



Fourth Grade Students study the effects of aerodynamics in the STEM lab.