

Little Mountain Elementary, an historical community school strongly supported by parental and community involvement, is the educational setting for 404 "Winning Wildcats." Our school was recognized for receiving the Palmetto Gold Award for general performance and the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap, as well as receiving the status of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our leadership and data analysis team uses data results from PASS, MAP, Dominie, and other formative classroom assessments to carefully make strategic decisions such as offering small group intensive reading intervention for at-risk students in grades K-2, creating a school writing team that will enrich and provide professional development opportunities to enhance the school's writing program, integrating a balanced literacy program, and offering hands-on experiences in math and science. Exemplary character and high academic expectations for students are maintained through our implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS.) The consistency of this program is seen throughout the school with school-wide expectations in the classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, auditorium, and on the bus. At LME we put our best "PAWS" forward: Personal Best, Act Responsibly, Work and Play Safely, Show Respect. School-wide events are offered through the collaboration of school personnel, PTO, and SIC members. Some of those events offered this year were the ProKids Show, in support of our PBIS initiative; a Wildcat Fun Run, highlighting staying healthy; and family math night, featuring the Mini Metric Olympics. Our students are encouraged to participate and learn about various community services which include: collecting non-perishable food for the Manna House, Relay for Life, Santa Paws (providing goods for our local animal shelter), Pennies for Patients, and St. Jude's Math-a-Thon. We had fifty-six students that participated in the Afterschool 4-H Shamrocks and sixty who participated in the Good News Club. Goodies for Grands, Muffins for Moms, and Doughnuts for Dads are some of the events that took place at LME to thank our supporting community. Our school has one teacher that serves on the CERRA's advisory board and a teacher that has been accepted to attend the Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center.

LME's faculty is committed to teaching today's students to become tomorrow's leaders.

Kimberly S. Mack, Principal

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