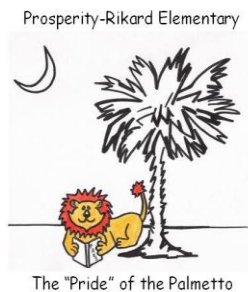


Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School is part of the School District of Newberry County. The school is located in the Town of Prosperity, a rural area of Newberry County. The school opened in the winter of 1997 and serves students in grades Pre-K - 5.

The school has a principal and an assistant administrator, twenty-five certified teachers (four of which are National Board Certified Teachers, two have been the District Teacher of the Year, and one has been the State Teacher of the Year), five instructional assistants, five cafeteria staff, and three custodial staff members. We are fortunate to have a full time nurse, guidance counselor, media specialist, art, music, computer, and physical education teachers, and two speech-language pathologists. We provide ESOL services with a certified teacher. Our campus also houses a Developmentally Delayed Pre-school Classroom and a multi-categorical LD/SC classroom. Our front office staff consists of two secretaries. The 370 children attending Prosperity-Rikard come from various socio-economic levels.

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School provides a positive, pleasant, and safe learning environment for students in grades K-5. Teachers provide challenging learning experiences and employ a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students.

Timothy J. Lyden, Principal



## Test Data for Annual Report Card

### Students Met or Exemplary

ELA	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Grade 3	85.1	83.3	67.3	73.2	77.5
Grade 4	82.7	72.9	69.6	69.9	72.7
Grade 5	78	70.6	68.7	76.4	76

Math	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Grade 3	66	79.2	63.5	48.9	62.8
Grade 4	92.3	72.9	78.3	74.4	75.5
Grade 5	65	75	83.6	74.4	78.1

Science	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Grade 3	56.5	42.9	42.9	54.3	56.1
Grade 4	84.6	75.4	75.4	70.7	66
Grade 5	46.2	71.4	71.4	61.4	58.3

Social Studies	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Grade 3	83.3	96	58.3	52.3	71.1
Grade 4	94.2	85.4	73.9	80.5	76.6
Grade 5	69.2	70.6	63.6	61.1	68.8

Year	Absolute Rating/Grade	Improvement Rating	
2013	A 98.4	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations	
2012	B 89.3	Performance exceeds the state's expectations	
2013	Good	Average	NA
2012	Good	Average	NA
2010	Average	Average	No

- Orientation for new students throughout the school year as needed
- Announcements are made daily on the morning TV show and awesome authors and life skill leaders are featured.
- A "Breakfast in the Classroom" Program provides a breakfast to EVERY child in the classroom each morning.
- Principal's Cabinet – Student advisory group that meets at various times throughout the year with the principal
- A weekly newsletter is sent on Tuesdays.
- Chorus for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Comprehensive Remediation program is offered to students needing additional help
- Principal's Honor Roll and A-B Honor Roll – Certificates are given each nine weeks during an awards ceremony for each grade level
- Leadership Opportunities – flag helpers, library helpers, Recycling Team, PE helpers, and student ambassadors
- Student work displayed throughout the school
- PTO sponsored family events throughout the school year
- An on-site After School program is available
- Daily reward passes given each day; 6 winners drawn each afternoon and 30 names each six weeks
- Students participate in poster and essay contests throughout the school year and service learning projects.
- A Gifted and Talented Arts Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is available as well as G/T for academics in grades 3 -5.
- PTO and SIC groups meet regularly.

## Awards and Recognition

- Palmetto Gold Recipient in 2012 for Closing the Achievement Gap
- Palmetto Silver Recipient in 2011 for School Improvement
- Recognized as a SC Red Carpet School
- Accredited by AdvancEd in 2013
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 2008
- Recognized as an Exemplary Writing School in 2003
- Palmetto Silver recipient in 2002
- Palmetto Gold recipient in 2001
- Flagship status with the School of Promise Initiative in 1999

## School Motto

The school's motto is *The "Pride" of the Palmetto*. Parents and guardians, staff, and business partners of the community all work together to provide a nurturing learning community to achieve our goal of achieving the personal best for all of our students.

## Strategic Plan Goals 2013-2018

1. Expanding and Integrating Knowledge
2. Thinking and Reasoning
3. Personal and Social Responsibility

## *The "Pride" of the Palmetto*

How to find us:

### Traveling West on Interstate 26 from Columbia:

- Take Exit #82 (Prosperity-Pomaria)
- Turn left toward Prosperity going 2.0 miles on SC 773
- Turn right at the stop sign onto Highway 76
- The school is 2.4 miles on the right

### Traveling East on Interstate 26 from Greenville/Spartanburg:

- Take Exit #82 (Prosperity-Pomaria)
- Turn right toward Prosperity going 2.0 miles on SC 773
- Turn right at the stop sign onto Highway 76
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### Traveling West on US Highway 76 from Irmo:

- Follow US Highway 76 through Chapin and Little Mountain and into Prosperity
- The school is located on the right on Highway 76

### Traveling East on US Highway 76 from Newberry:

- Follow US Highway 76 from Newberry into Prosperity
- The school is located on the left on Highway 76

For more information, visit us on the web:

<http://prosperity-rikardelem.sc.nce.schoolinsites.com/>

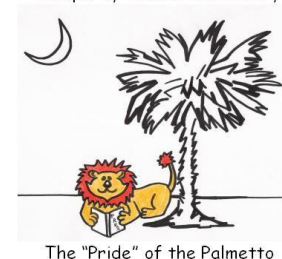
or email us at:  
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Student Enrollment: 370  
Student Attendance Rate: 97.1%  
Administrators: 2  
Teachers (certified personnel): 25  
Support Staff: 9  
Teacher Attendance Rate: 96%  
Student: Teacher Ratio: 21:1  
Faculty's Average Years of Experience: 18  
Percent of Faculty with:  
Bachelor's Degrees: 8%  
Bachelor's Degrees + 18 hours: 10%  
Master's Degrees: 69%  
Master's Degrees + 30 hours: 12%

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Information as of 3/1/2014

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### Mission Statement

The mission of the School District of Newberry County and of Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School, in partnership with families and communities, is to develop responsible and productive life-long learners by providing appropriate instructional experiences in a safe, caring environment.