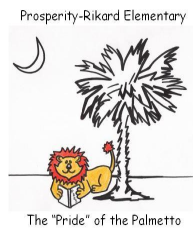


Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School is part of the School District of Newberry County. The school is located in the Town of Prosperity, a rural area of Newberry County. The school opened in the winter of 1997 and serves students in grades K-5.

The school has a principal and an assistant principal, twenty-five classroom 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 share an ESOL (English of Students of Other Languages) teacher with another school. Our front office staff consists of two secretaries, but they handle receptionist, SASI, medical, bookkeeping, attendance, and all other duties. The 350 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	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Grade 3	83.3	67.3	73.2	77.5	82
Grade 4	72.9	69.6	69.9	72.7	77.5
Grade 5	70.6	68.7	76.4	76	77.2

Math	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Grade 3	79.2	63.5	48.9	62.8	73.4
Grade 4	72.9	78.3	74.4	75.5	74.2
Grade 5	75	83.6	74.4	78.1	86.2

Science	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Grade 3	42.9	42.9	54.3	56.1	64
Grade 4	75.4	75.4	70.7	66	67.4
Grade 5	71.4	71.4	61.4	58.3	62.5

Social Studies	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Grade 3	96	58.3	52.3	71.1	71.7
Grade 4	85.4	73.9	80.5	76.6	67.4
Grade 5	70.6	63.6	61.1	68.8	60.6

Year	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2012	Good	Average	No
2011	Average	Good	No
2010	Average	Average	No
2009	Average	Average	No
2008	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 4th and 5th 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 3rd 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
- Recognized as a SC Red Carpet School
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 2008
- Flagship status with the School of Promise Initiative in 1999
- Palmetto Gold recipient in 2001
- Palmetto Silver recipient in 2002
- Recognized as an Exemplary Writing School in 2003

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 2008 - 2013

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
- The school is 2.4 miles on the right

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:

www.prosperity-rikard.com

or email us at:

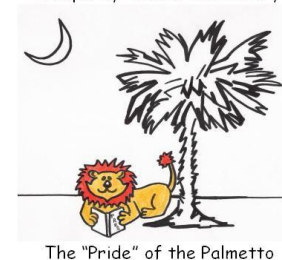
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Student Enrollment: 350
Student Attendance Rate: 97.1%
Administrators: 1
Teachers (certified personnel): 25
Support Staff: 8
Teacher Attendance Rate: 96%
Student:Teacher Ratio: 20:1
Faculty's Average Years of Experience: 18
Percent of Faculty with
Bachelor's Degrees: 8%
Bachelor's Degrees + 18 hours: 10%
Master's Degrees: 69%
Master's Degrees + 30 hours: 12%

Prosperity- Rikard Elementary School

Information as of 4/1/2012

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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.