

Student Activities & Opportunities

- Artist in Residence Program
- BARK Program
- Battle of the Books Team
- Beta Club
- Blue Ridge Jr. Golf Program
- Career Awareness Day
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Program
- Chorus & SC Honors Chorus
- DAR Essay Contest
- Drama Club
- Drug & Bullying Awareness Week
- Duke Energy Art Exhibit
- Early Morning Activities
- Family Literacy Night
- Future Chef Competition
- Good News Club
- Health Fair
- Imagineers Club
- Jet Toy Competition
- Jump Into Kindergarten
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Math Madness Team
- MESA Science Competition
- 100 Book Challenge Program
- PBIS Quarterly Celebrations
- Recycling Team
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- School Store
- Spelling Bee
- STEAM Night
- Student Service Club
- Student News Program
- Swimming & Water Safety
- Weekend Backpack Program
- YMCA After School Program

Recognitions

- National Beta Club School of Distinction
- 2018 District Battle of the Books Competition—3rd Place
- 2016 & 2018 Regional Jet Toy Competition Winner
- 2019 District Jet Toy Competition—2nd Place
- 2019 Regional Science Fair—1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
- 2019 SDOC Math Madness—1st Place 3rd Gr. Team Problem Solving

Our History

Keowee Elementary School dates back to the early 1900's when the school served area students elementary through high school. Since the early 80s, the school has served students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and self-contained special education classes. In 2010-11, a 4K program was added. The 2019-20 school year marks Keowee's one hundred and seventh year as an Oconee public school.

Community Outreach

- The Blood Connection
- Annual School-wide Food Drive
- Keep Oconee Beautiful Association
- Keowee Kindness Fund
- Oconee Humane Society

Our School Today

- Average enrollment for 2019-2020 is 397
- School Report Card Rating: Good
- School Board Representative: Mr. Jerry Lee

PTA Board

Heather Rogers—Co-President
Allison Blackwell—Co-President
Jessica Ford—Vice-President
Pilar Riddle—Treasurer
Jeanne Mefleh—Secretary

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School Summary Report 2019-2020

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Keowee Elementary School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Mission Statement

Our mission at Keowee Elementary School, in cooperation with home and community, is to challenge and enable every child to learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally, within a safe and nurturing environment.

Our Beliefs

- Optimizing student learning is the priority for the school.
- Our school community shares the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.
- Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- Curriculum, instruction, and assessment involve a variety of learning experiences to accommodate individual differences.
- Students learn best when they are authentically engaged in the learning process.
- Students' self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between members of the school community.
- A safe, nurturing environment promotes student learning and confidence.

Accomplished School Renewal Plan Goals for 2019-2020

Curriculum

- K-5 academic assistance was provided.
- Staff development in IXL, Discovery Ed, MAP Reading Fluency, MAP Skills, PS Gradebook, NWEA reporting, Google Suite, and Writing program strategies, Guided Math, was provided.
- Targeted instruction was provided based on data derived from formative assessments.
- Standards-based PLOs
- Thinking & Writing Program was continued school-wide (Year 4).
- K-5 reading intervention resources were enriched with additional Literacy Footprints, Foundations, Storyworks, and Scholastic Short Reads.
- K-5 reading teachers continued online use of the Fountas & Pinnell Online Benchmark Assessment.

Environment

- Dedicated funds were utilized to expand technological capabilities including the installation of Wi-Fi spots in each classroom, and the purchase of 1-to-1 devices K-5.
- The Olweus Anti-Bullying Program was implemented.
- Growth Mindset strategies were implemented school-wide.
- Dedicated funds for safety improvements were utilized to purchase "Ignore the Door" signs for all exterior doors, and to install one-way vision perforated window/door wraps.

Home-School Connection

Our Keowee Volunteer Program continued to actively involve parents and community members. In conjunction with PTA and SIC, the school hosted Family Literacy Night, STEAM Night, Health Fair, Talent Showcase, Grandparents' Breakfast, Polar Ex-press Night, Used Book Sale, Career Awareness Day, and a free Love & Logic parenting course.

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2020-2021

Curriculum

- Targeted instruction will continue to be provided based on data derived from formative assessments.
- K-5 academic assistance will continue to be offered.
- Staff development in guided math, standards-based PLOs, FastBridge Screening and Intervention Assessment System for a MTSS, blended learning, synchronous and asynchronous learning, eLearning, and SCTS 4.0 rubric will be provided.
- Thinking and Writing program will continue to be implemented school-wide (Year 5).
- Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment will continue to be used in guided reading instruction.

Environment

- Technological capabilities will continue to be expanded including installation of interactive panels school-wide.
- A former PIP classroom will be converted into a second grade classroom.

Home-School Connection

- Upon state and district approval and in conjunction with PTA and SIC, the school will host family events to include Family Literacy Night, STEAM Night, Health Fair, and Around the World Night .
- Upon state and district approval, additional family-friendly events will be held to strengthen the home-school connection. These events include Grandparents' Breakfast, Polar Express Night, Parent Breakfast, Career Awareness Day, and a free Lunch & Learn parenting workshop.