

Student Activities &

Opportunities

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

Community Outreach

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

Recognitions

- National Beta Club School of Distinction
- 2018 District Battle of the Books Competition—3rd Place
- 2016 & 2018 Regional Jet Toy Competition Winner
- 2018 Regional Science Fair— 2—1st Place, 2—2nd Place, 2—3rd Place
- 2018 District Math Madness Event— 2—1st Place, 2—2nd Place, 4—3rd place, 2—4th place, and 2—top 10 finishes.

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, and this year our 4K program was increased to 2 classes. The 2017-18 school year marks Keowee's one hundred and fifth year as an Oconee public school.

Our School Today

- Average enrollment for 2017-18 is 405 students.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2016-2017 school year was 96%.
- **School Report Card Rating:** Excellent
- **School Board Representative**
Mr. Jerry Lee
- **PTO Officers**
Keri Unsworth—Team Leader
Amanda Dougherty—Co-Team Leader
Michele Cromer—Treasurer
Faith Cooper—Membership Chair
Audrey Heltzel—Grant Coordinator
- **School Improvement Council Members**

Kathy Crouse—Chair	Carey Gully
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Keowee Elementary School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



School Summary Report

2017-2018

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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 2016-2017

Curriculum

- Academic assistance was implemented K-5.
- Staff development in STEAM learning, Google Classroom, Canvas, John Collins Writing program, guided reading, and Analyzing Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment results was provided.
- Targeted instruction was provided based on data derived from formative assessments.
- Individual student goal-setting conferences were held with an administrator for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
- School-wide STEAM projects were implemented each quarter.
- John Collins Thinking & Writing Program was implemented school-wide (Year 2).
- K-5 reading intervention resources were enriched with Leveled Literacy Intervention kits, Literacy Footprints, and Raz Kids.

School Environment

- Dedicated funds were utilized to expand technological capabilities including the purchase of Smart TVs, Chromebits, Stickbots, a green screen, and an additional mobile Chromebook lab.
- Dedicated PTO funds were utilized to upgrade technology resources, and add 2-way radios, air horns, and a library door chime.
- Received Safe Kids Safe School Award.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Support) continued to be emphasized through school-wide training updates and monthly student celebrations. A PBIS Kiosk was added for 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders.

Home-School Connection

- Our Keowee Volunteer Program continued to actively involve parents and community members.
- In conjunction with PTO and SIC, the school hosted Family Literacy Night, STEAM Night, Doughnuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Grits for Grands, and a school-wide cook-out.
- School and classroom web presences were updated and maintained through CANVAS.

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2017-2018

Curriculum

- Individual student goal-setting conferences will continue to be held with an administrator for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
- 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 Front Row, Rosetta Stone, Discovery Ed, Canvas, MAP Reading Fluency, MAP Skills, PS Gradebook, NWEA reporting, and John Collins Writing program strategies.
- John Collins Thinking and Writing program will continue to be implemented school-wide (Year 3).
- K-5 reading intervention resources will be enriched with additional Literacy Footprints, Foundations, and Scholastic Short Reads.
- K-5 reading teachers will pilot the Fountas & Pinnell Online Benchmark Assessment .

School Environment

- Technological capabilities will continue to be expanded including the installation of wi-fi hotpots in each classroom, the purchase of Interactive Panels, and 1-to-1 devices K-5.
- Dedicated funds for safety improvements will be utilized to purchase 5 additional security cameras and additional 2-way radios.
- Capital improvements will be made to convert a teacher workspace into a 4K classroom. The art room and media center will both be upgraded, new windows will be installed in the gym, and sidewalks in the courtyard will be improved.

Home-School Connection

- School and classroom web presences will continue to be utilized to enhance communication between home and school via CANVAS.
- In conjunction with PTA and SIC, the school will host Family Literacy Night, STEAM Night, Health Fair, Talent Showcase, Grandparents' Breakfast, Polar Express Night, Used Book Sale, Career Awareness Day, and a free Love & Logic parenting course.