

Student Activities &

Opportunities

- Accelerated Reader Program
- All Aboard
- Art Club
- Battle of the Books Team
- Blue Ridge Jr. Golf Program
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Program
- Chorus
- Early Morning Computer Lab
- Early Morning Media Center
- Early Morning PE Program
- Elizabeth's Reading Circle
- Good News Club
- Jump Into Kindergarten
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Junior Beta Club
- Kiwanis Club of Walhalla Terrific Kids
- Lego League Team
- Math Madness Team
- 100 Book Challenge Program
- PBIS Celebrations
- Recycling Program
- Rise and Shine Club
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Running Club
- Safe Kids Upstate Initiatives
- SC Honors Choir Members
- Student Service Club
- Student News Program
- Swimming & Water Safety
- County Track Competition
- Weekend Backpack Program

Community Outreach

- American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart
- Annual School-wide Food Drive
- Keep Oconee Beautiful Association
- Keowee Kindness Fund
- Service Learning Projects

Recognitions

- 2009-2013 Palmetto Gold Award (5 years consecutively)
- 2008 Palmetto Silver Award
- SC Red Carpet School
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Yes
- 6 National Board Certified Teachers
- 3 Jefferson Award Winners

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 2012-13 school year marked Keowee's centennial year.

Our School Today

- Average enrollment for 2013-14 is 390 students.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2012-2013 school year was 96.9%.
- **School Report Card Rating:** Excellent
- **School Board Representative**
Mr. Jerry Lee
- **PTO Officers**
Laurie Gooding—President
Melanie Holcombe—Secretary
Sally Clay—Treasurer
Erin Dial—Volunteer Coordinator
- **School Improvement Council Members**

Allen White—Chair	Judy Quarles
Jennifer Jones—Secretary	Bob Norton
Robbie Morris	Bryan Duncan
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Ellen Stumpf	John Powell
Melanie Holcombe	Laurie Gooding
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Keowee Elementary School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



School Summary Report

2013-2014

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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 2012-2013

Curriculum

- Individual goal-setting conferences were held with our principal.
- Academic assistance was provided K-5.
- 100 Book Challenge and leveled text inventory was enriched with additional non-fiction text materials.
- Staff development in common core state standards, rigorous instruction, and new generation assessments was provided.
- Targeted instruction was provided based on data derived from formative assessments.

School Environment

- Dedicated funds for capital improvements were utilized to update a classroom space for the special education self-contained program, create an additional K4-K5 playground space, install security cameras, and re-roof the south wing.
- Dedicated PTO funds were utilized to resurface and repaint the blacktop playground area, and enhance the courtyard with metal sculptures.
- Received Safe Kids Safe School Award.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Support) continued to be emphasized through school-wide training updates and monthly student celebrations.

Home-School Connection

- Our Keowee Volunteer Program continued to actively involve parents and community members.
- Tools such as PowerSchool Parent Portal, Parent Link, and One Call Now were used to strengthen home-school communication.
- School and classroom websites were updated and maintained through *School World*.

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2013-2014

Curriculum

- Goal-setting conferences will continue to be held with our principal.
- K-5 academic assistance will continue to be offered.
- Leveled text inventory will be enriched with additional non-fiction text materials.
- Staff development in envision math program, common core state standards, and AdvancED strategic planning will be provided.
- Targeted instruction will continue to be provided based on data derived from formative assessments.
- Grant funding will be sought to enrich technology curriculum.

School Environment

- Dedicated funds will continue to be utilized to expand technological capabilities.
- PBIS will continue to be emphasized.
- Safe Kids Safe School Award application will be submitted.
- Dedicated funds for capital improvements will be utilized to update campus security, improve student drop-off/pick-up areas, and various building maintenance/updates.
- Dedicated PTO funds will be utilized to upgrade technology resources.

Home-School Connection

- School and classroom web presences will continue to be utilized to enhance communication between home and school.
- In cooperation with *Heath's Haven*, an initiative of the United Way of Oconee County, our school will host a series of informative parenting sessions entitled, Parent Café.