

Student Activities &

Opportunities

- Accelerated Reader Program
- All Aboard
- Art Club
- BARK Program
- Battle of the Books
- Blue Ridge Jr. Golf Program
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Program
- Chorus & SC Honors Choir
- Computer Science Club
- DAR Essay Competition
- Early Morning Computer Lab
- Early Morning Media Center
- Early Morning PE Program
- Elizabeth's Reading Circle
- Future Chef Competition
- Good News Club
- Jet Toy Competition
- Jump Into Kindergarten
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Junior Beta Club
- Kiwanis Club of Walhalla Terrific Kids
- Lego League
- Math Madness
- MESA Science Competition
- Oconee County Tornado Poster Contest
- 100 Book Challenge Program
- PBIS Celebrations
- Recycling Program
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Running Club
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- Soil & Water Conservation Essay Contest
- Stop, Drop & Write
- Student Service Club
- Student News Program
- Swimming & Water Safety
- Weekend Backpack Program
- YMCA After School 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 2014-15 is 380 students.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2013-2014 school year was 96.4%.
- **School Report Card Rating:** Excellent
- **School Board Representative**
Mr. Jerry Lee
- **PTO Board Members**
Erin Dial—President
Kim Cagle—President Elect
Sara Smith—Secretary
Sally Clay—Treasurer
Carla Denny—Volunteer Coordinator
Stephanie Gansen—Member
- **School Improvement Council Members**
Julia Cook—Chair
Emmie Morris—Secretary
Robbie Morris
Joy Duncan
Ellen Stumpf
Erin Dial
Crystal Gibson
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Keowee Elementary School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



School Summary Report

2014-2015

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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 2013-2014

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 envision math program, common core state standards, and AdvancED strategic planning were provided.
- Targeted instruction was provided based on data derived from formative assessments.
- Grant funding was secured and utilized to purchase a mobile Chromebook lab.

School Environment

- Dedicated funds for capital improvements were utilized to update campus security and various building maintenance updates.
- Dedicated PTO funds were utilized to upgrade technology resources.
- 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.
- School and classroom websites were updated and maintained through *School World*.
- In cooperation with *Heath's Haven*, an initiative of the United Way of Oconee County, our school hosted a series of informative parenting sessions entitled, Parent Café.

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2014-2015

Curriculum

- Goal-setting conferences will continue to be held with our principal.
- K-5 academic assistance will continue to be offered.
- Staff development in data notebooking, Read to Succeed competencies, technology, and ACT Aspire training will be provided.
- Targeted instruction will continue to be provided based on data derived from formative assessments.
- Individual student goal-setting conferences will be held with an administrator three times during the year for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
- Stop, Drop & Write will be implemented K-5.

School Environment

- Dedicated funds will continue to be utilized to expand technological capabilities.
- PBIS will continue to be emphasized.
- Dedicated funds for capital improvements will be utilized to enhance security at the main entrance and add a shade structure on the playground.
- Computer labs will be relocated to a central location.
- Dedicated PTO funds will be utilized to upgrade technology resources.
- In coordination with the Oconee Sheriff's Department, a part-time School Resource Officer will provide safety awareness and serve as a mentor.

Home-School Connection

- School and classroom web presences will continue to be utilized to enhance communication between home and school.
- PTO will coordinate and host a school-wide Family Learning Night.
- The school will host "Dads for Lunch" and "Moms for Lunch" days.