

## Student Activities &

### Opportunities

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Art Club
- BARK Program
- Battle of the Books Team
- Blue Ridge Jr. Golf Program
- Bullying Awareness Poster Contest
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Program
- Chorus & SC Honors Chorus
- DAR Essay Contest
- Drug Awareness Poster Contest
- Duke Energy Art Exhibit
- Early Morning Computer Lab
- Early Morning Media Center
- Early Morning PE Program
- Family Literacy Night
- Future Chef Competition
- Good News Club
- Jet Toy Competition
- Jump Into Kindergarten
- Junior Beta Club
- Lego League Team
- Math Madness Team
- MESA Science Competition
- Oconee County Tornado Poster Contest
- 100 Book Challenge Program
- PBIS Celebrations
- Quarterly School-wide STEAM Projects
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Running Club
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- School Store
- STEAM Night
- 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
- Relay for Life
- Service Learning Projects

## Recognitions

- 2009-2015 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2008 Palmetto Silver Award
- 2016 Regional Jet Toy Competition Winner
- 3-time Red Carpet School Award Winner
- 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 2015-16 school year marks Keowee's one hundred and third year as an Oconee public school.

## Our School Today

- Average enrollment for 2015-16 is 400 students.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2014-2015 school year was 96.2%.
- **School Report Card Rating:** Excellent
- **School Board Representative**  
Mr. Jerry Lee
- **PTO Officers**  
Erin Dial—President  
Kim Cagle—Vice-President  
Sara Smith—Secretary  
Sally Clay—Treasurer  
Carla Denny—Volunteer Coordinator  
Stephanie Gansen—Board Member
- **School Improvement Council Members**  
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## School Summary Report

### 2015-2016

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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 2014-2015

### Curriculum

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

### School Environment

- Dedicated funds for capital improvements were utilized to enhance security at the main entrance and add a shade structure on the playground.
- Computer labs were relocated to a central location.
- Dedicated PTO funds were utilized to upgrade technology resources.
- In coordination with the Oconee Sheriff's Department, a part-time School Resource Officer provided safety awareness and served as a mentor.
- Received Safe Kids Safe School Award.
- Technology capabilities were expanded in both labs, and a 3-D printer was purchased for the school.
- 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.
- The school hosted "Dads and Moms for Lunch" days.
- PTO hosted a school-wide Family Learning Night.
- School and classroom web presences were updated and maintained through *School World*.

## School Renewal Plan Goals for 2015-2016

### Curriculum

- Individual student goal-setting conferences will continue to be held with an administrator three times during the year 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 John Collins Writing program, CANVAS, Fountas & Pinnell benchmarking, and NWEA reports will be provided.
- John Collins Thinking and Writing program will be implemented school-wide.
- K-5 reading intervention resources will be enriched with additional Leveled Literacy Intervention kits.
- School-wide STEAM projects will be implemented each quarter.

### School Environment

- Dedicated funds will continue to be utilized to expand technological capabilities including the purchase of a rear projection screen, Spheros, and Bee Bots.
- PBIS will continue to be emphasized.
- Safe Kids Safe School Award application will be submitted.
- Dedicated funds for capital improvements will be utilized to upgrade the kindergarten playground, and to extend the sidewalk for safer arrival and dismissal.
- Dedicated PTO funds will be utilized to increase the number of technology devices in the classroom, and to fund teacher mini-grants.

### Home-School Connection

- School and classroom web presences will continue to be utilized to enhance communication between home and school.
- In conjunction with PTO and SIC, the school will host a Family Game Night, Family Literacy Night, STEAM Night, and Family Movie Night.