

Student Activities &

Opportunities

- Artist in Residence Program
- BARK Program
- Battle of the Books Team
- BEAR Reading Program
- 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 Library, PE, and Technology Programs
- Family Literacy Night
- Good News Club
- Health Fair
- Imagineers Club
- Jet Toy Competition
- Jump Into Kindergarten
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Math Madness Team
- MESA Science Competition
- Oconee Soil & Water Conservation Essay Contest
- Oconee County Tornado Poster Contest
- PBIS Quarterly Celebrations
- Recycling Team
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Safety Patrol
- Science Fair
- School Store
- SDOC Future Chef Competition
- Spelling Bee
- STEAM Night
- Student Service Club
- Student News Program
- Swimming & Water Safety
- Weekend Backpack Program
- YMCA After School Program

Community Outreach

- The Blood Connection
- Annual School-wide Canned Food Drive
- Keep Oconee Beautiful Association
- Keowee Kindness Fund
- 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
- 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, and this year a Preschool Intervention Program was added. The 2018-19 school year marks Keowee's one hundred and sixth year as an Oconee public school.

Our School Today

- Average enrollment for 2018-19 is 415 students.
- **School Report Card Rating:** Average
- **School Board Representative**
Mr. Jerry Lee
- **PTA Board**
Keri Unsworth—President
Amanda Dougherty—Vice-President
Kristie Snyder—Vice-President Alternate
Michele Cromer—Treasurer
Audrey Heltzel—Secretary & Grant Coordinator
Faith Cooper—Membership Chair
Pilar Riddle—Programs Chair
Crystal Gibson—Volunteer Coordinator
- **School Improvement Council Members**
Jeanne Mefleh—Chair
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Keowee Elementary School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



School Summary Report

2018-2019

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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 2017-2018

Curriculum

- K-5 academic assistance was provided.
- 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 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.
- John Collins Thinking & Writing Program was implemented school-wide (Year 3).
- K-5 reading intervention resources were enriched with additional Literacy Footprints, Foundations, and Scholastic Short Reads.
- K-5 reading teachers piloted the Fountas & Pinnell Online Benchmark Assessment.

School 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.
- Dedicated funds for safety improvements were utilized to purchase 5 security cameras and additional 2-way radios.
- Capital improvements were made to convert a teacher workspace into a 4K classroom. The art room and media center were upgraded, new windows were installed in the gym, and sidewalks in the courtyard were improved.

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 Express Night, Used Book Sale, Career Awareness Day, and a free Love & Logic parenting course.

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2018-2019

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, Eleot observation tool, AdvancED strategic planning, and SCTS 4.0 rubric will be provided.
- John Collins Thinking and Writing program will continue to be implemented school-wide (Year 4).
- K-5 educational software will be enhanced through the purchase of online access to Reflex Math and Learning A to Z.
- Fountas and Pinnell Online Benchmark Assessment will be fully implemented K-5.

School Environment

- Technological capabilities will continue to be expanded including the purchase and installation of interactive panels school-wide.
- Dedicated funds for safety improvements will be utilized to purchase "Ignore the Door" signs for all exterior doors, and to install one-way vision perforated window/door wraps.
- Capital improvements will be made to convert a computer lab into a PIP classroom and to convert a hall bathroom into an in-room classroom bathroom. New flooring will be installed in 15 rooms and on the interior ramps, and new accent tiles will be added in the hallways.

Home-School Connection

- In conjunction with PTA and SIC, the school will host quarterly family events to include Family Literacy Night, STEAM Night, Health Fair, and Around the World Night.
- 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.