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Northside Elementary

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Our Progress Towards Strategic Plan Goals

Student Achievement

This year, we have continued:

- ☑ The implementation of Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math in grades K-5
- ☑ The district implementation of the enVision math series in grades K-5
- ☑ Staff development on the state-adopted testing program ACT Aspire for grades 3-5 in the areas of Writing, English, Reading, and Math
- ☑ MAP testing and analyzing data to increase student achievement
- ☑ Meeting with students to goal set for MAP and PASS performance
- ☑ On-going evaluation of our curriculum for our students who score Not Met on PASS
- ☑ The use of instructional technology such as iPads, United Streaming, SmartBoards, document cameras
- ☑ The use of our leveled text library for non-fiction instruction
- ☑ To increase our number of teachers in grades K-3 trained in Early Literacy Professional Development strategies through Clemson University to 17 including ESOL
- ☑ Staff development for teachers in small group literacy instruction and running records
- ☑ Increase our classroom sets of leveled texts
- ☑ Increase our technology with additional Chromebooks and hardware

School Climate

This year, we have continued:

- ☑ To foster diversity among students by widening participation in our Los Tigres student club
- ☑ To increase parental and community support through activities such as the Watch DOGS program, our annual 5K/One Mile fun run, Jumping into Kindergarten nights, Science/Math night and Winter Carnival among many other events
- ☑ To update school and teacher websites to facilitate home and school communication
- ☑ Our offerings of extracurricular programs such as Chorus, 26.2 Walking Club, Safety Patrol, and News Show
- ☑ The SDOC initiative of PBIS for behavioral intervention and supports
- ☑ The SC Comprehensive Guidance Program for elementary schools
- ☑ Conduct periodic drills of emergency procedures
- ☑ Continue to expand and update our teacher handbook to mentor teachers new to Northside

Dear Parents,

Over the past several years, Northside has endured many changes. Currently, Northside is the largest elementary school in Oconee County with a student population of approximately 680 students. However, some traditions remain the same. We are a school that continues to challenge each child to be a Learner for Life! To accomplish this task, we form a partnership with the home and our community. It is our team approach to learning that grows and stretches our children while supporting them as well throughout their educational experiences at Northside. Our dedicated staff provide quality instruction that helps ensure our student achievement is consistently higher than state and national averages. It is only through our commitment to each child that Northside will continue to grow and strive for excellence.

Geoff Smith, Principal

Julian Davis, SIC Chairperson

School Statistics

Enrollment: 676 students
 68% White
 16% African-American
 8% Hispanic
 52% on Subsidized Meals
 91% average daily attendance
 Report Card Rating: Excellent
 ESEA Report Card Grade: 89.4 (B)

Accomplishments

The faculty and staff of Northside Elementary are dedicated to growing professionally each year so that we can learn new ways to meet our children's diverse needs. We are proud of our accomplishments and continue to seek new ways to improve instructionally. Recently, we have received the following honors and awards:

- 2015—2012 Southern Wesleyan University Science Fair participants
- 2012 SDOC pilot school for 1:1 iPad instruction
- 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007 Palmetto Silver/Gold Achievement Award Winner
- 2010 PBIS Banner School
- 2008 recipient of Zest Quest Top Honor School
- 2008 Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Science Fair Overall Elementary Division School Winner
- 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2002 Education Oversight Committee recognition for Closing the Achievement Gap on PACT

Instruction and Assessment

Northside Comparative PASS Data—Spring 2014
 % of Students rating Met + Exemplary

	ELA	Math
	% meeting standard	
3rd grade		
Northside	83.5	75.3
District	80.4	74.1
State	78.9	71.6
4th grade		
Northside	80.9	71.6
District	80.5	77.9
State	76.6	75.4
5th grade		
Northside	82.3	76
District	80.5	77
State	80.1	75.5

Our students at Northside are provided a rigorous and challenging curriculum that is supported by the teachers through exceptional instruction. We follow the Common Core and state academic standards as well as the district's core text in math, science, and social studies. We extend children's experiences through the use of FOSS science kits, leveled readers, AIMS science explorations, and instructional technology. These practices are beneficial to student learning as evidenced by the MAP and PASS scores indicated on the charts.

The mission of Northside Elementary is to challenge every child to be a Learner for Life.

Your SIC Members

Julian Davis, Chair
 Kevin Brock
 Elizabeth Sposato
 Crystal Thomason
 Kathryn Whitesel

Faith Dover
 Russell Gray, Faculty Rep.
 Geoff Smith, Ex-Officio
 Jeana Black, Ex-Officio

MAP Comparative Data—Fall 2014

	Northside	National Average
Kindergarten		
Reading	143.3	142.5
Math	142.5	143.7
1st grade		
Reading	164.2	160
Math	166.1	162.5
2nd grade		
Reading	178	175.9
Math	181.7	178.7
Language Usage	178.6	175.4
3rd grade		
Reading	189.2	190.2
Math	191	192.3
Language Usage	190.1	190.9
4th grade		
Reading	200.4	199.6
Math	205.9	203.5
Language Usage	202.2	201
5th grade		
Reading	209.5	207.1
Math	214	212.7
Language Usage	210.5	207.4