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Northside Elementary

The Mission of Northside Elementary School, in partnership with home and community, is to challenge every child to be a *Learner for Life*.

Progress towards Strategic Plan Goals

Student Achievement

This year, we have continued:

- ☑ Continued the implementation of the John Collins Thinking and Writing model for grades K-5
- ☑ Expanded RIT band instruction into grades 1-5 for math
- ☑ Expanded RIT band instruction for ELA into student groups for 4th and 5th grades
- ☑ Continued MAP testing and analyzing data to increase student achievement
- ☑ Fully implemented the new South Carolina Academic science standards in grades K-5
- ☑ Continued the district implementation of the enVision math series in grades K-5 in conjunction with the NWEA Learning Continuum
- ☑ Met with students to goal set for MAP and testing performance
- ☑ Continued on-going evaluation of our curriculum for our students to increase their potential
- ☑ Continued the use of instructional technology such as iPads, SmartBoards, and Chromebooks
- ☑ Increased our use of our leveled text library for non-fiction instruction
- ☑ Increased our number of teachers in grades K-4 trained in Early Literacy Professional Development strategies through Clemson University including Special Education
- ☑ Continued staff development for teachers in small group literacy instruction, running records and writing instruction

School Climate

This year, we have:

- ☑ Fostered diversity among students by widening participation in our Los Tigres student club
- ☑ Maintained parental and community support through activities such as the Watch DOGS program, our annual 5K/One Mile fun run, Jumping into Kindergarten nights and other activities
- ☑ Continued our offerings of extracurricular programs such as Chorus, Safety Patrol, and News Show
- ☑ Continued PBIS and School Guidance programs
- ☑ Continued Core Essentials Character Education program
- ☑ Conducted periodic drills of emergency procedures
- ☑ Continued to expand and update our teacher handbook to mentor teachers new to Northside

School Statistics
Enrollment: 660
White: 68%
African-American: 20%
Hispanic: 6%
on subsidized meals: 48%
Average Daily Attendance: 95%
Class Size: Averages 21:1

Accomplishments

Our students rise to the challenge set forth each day by our teachers. The faculty and staff are dedicated to growing professionally so that they may learn best practices and the best ways in which to meet the diverse needs of our students. We are proud of our achievements and continually seek to improve and find the finest educational

- 2016—2012 SWU Science Fair participants
- 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007: Palmetto Silver/Gold Achievement Award Winner from SCDE
- 2010 PBIS Banner School
- Ongoing: student participation and achievement in activities such as Battle of the Books, MayFest Choral program, and Math Madness among others
- Ongoing: school service projects with students, staff and community to assist local food banks, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Jump Rope for Heart, and Safe Harbor



Meet Your School Improvement Council Members

Faith Dover
Amanda Lindsey
David Nations
Megan Osborne
Mandi Nelson
Russell Gray
Geoff Smith, Ex-Officio
Jeana Black, Ex-Officio

If you are interested in joining our School Improvement Council, please contact the school office at 886-4445.

Dear Parents,

At Northside Elementary, a team approach to learning makes our school an outstanding instructional environment for every child. Our campus is warm and inviting while remaining a safe and nurturing place where children take risks each day. Our instructional program not only supports the children as they grow, it stretches them to meet their academic potential. It is this well-rounded approach and quality daily instruction that have made test scores of Northside students consistently high. It is through the tireless commitment and dedication of our staff, parents, and students that Northside Elementary will continue to grow and strive for excellence.

Sincerely
Geoff Smith, Principal
Faith Dover, SIC Chairperson



Instruction and Assessment

Each year, the faculty and staff of Northside strive to provide a rigorous and enriched curriculum that supports every child. Our school follows the South Carolina Academic Standards for ELA, math, science and social studies. In addition, we challenge our students to further meet their potential through the use of FOSS Science Kits, leveled texts, Social Studies Weekly newspapers, and an annual Science Fair among many other offerings.

Within each classroom, instructional technology is incorporated into daily instruction through the use of Discovery Education clips and videos, Smart Boards, iPads, and Chromebooks. This technology is paired with high-quality techniques in order to best meet the needs of the students.



Fall 2016 MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Results

	Northside	National Average
Kindergarten		
Reading	142.8	141
Math	143.1	140
1st grade		
Reading	163.2	160.7
Math	165.1	162.4
2nd grade		
Reading	180.7	174.7
Math	185.1	176.9
3rd grade		
Reading	193.9	188.3
Math	192.2	190.4
4th grade		
Reading	203	198.2
Math	204.4	201.9
5th grade		
Reading	210.4	205.7
Math	212.8	211.4

Northside Comparative SCREADY Data—Spring 2016

	ELA	Math
	% meeting standard	
3rd grade		
Northside	49.4	65.1
District	44.5	53.8
4th grade		
Northside	46.1	41.5
District	46.7	42.7
5th grade		
Northside	57.5	52.1
District	44.5	49.9