# **School Activities and Student Opportunities**

- Accelerated Reader
- After School Running Clubs
- All-Aboard Program
- Art Squad
- Battle of the Books Competition
- Career Day
- Core Essentials Program
- Chorus/Musical Productions
- Family Fun Run
- Family Night Activities
- Food Drives for Local Food Banks
- Good Citizen Award Program
- Good News Club
- Jump into Kindergarten
- Junior Golf Program
- Math Madness Competition
- Morning Walking Club
- PBIS
- Principal's Council
- PTST Spring Carnival
- Recycling Program
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Season's Readings
- School Presentations/Programs
- Star Student Monthly Recognitions
- Student Council/Service Club
- Summer Reading Program
- White Christmas Program
- YMCA After-School Program

## Recognitions

- 2011 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2011 Closing the Gap Award
- 2015 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2015 \$500 ExxonMobil Grant
- 2016 \$500 ExxonMobil Grant
- 2016 Safe School Award



### **School Facts/Information**

- ◆ 4K 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 601 students enrolled
- 72 Faculty and staff members
- The average daily student attendance for the 2015 2016 school year was 96.1%.
- School Improvement Council Members:
  Shanon Lusk, Christi Hartsock, Jeff
  McCall (Chair), Jennifer Crawford, Tim
  Hunnicutt, Lana McCall, Danielle
  Pankuch, Sajel Patel, Chievon Roach, and
  Brandi Shepherd. Members can be
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# Walhalla Elementary School

Where Everyone is a STAR! N



# **Report to the Parents**

2016 - 2017

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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Walhalla Elementary School, in cooperation with the home and community, is to develop confident, responsible, productive lifelong learners, by providing a comprehensive educational experience in a positive environment.

#### Our Beliefs

- Students should be prepared to be lifelong learners.
- All students should learn, given a supportive and challenging learning environment.
- Students should have an equal opportunity to learn in a physically and emotionally safe environment.
- Students should be the center of an educational process that is committed to continuous improvement and valued by the home, school, and community.
- Education should address differences of students, while meeting their physical, cultural, social, emotional, and cognitive needs.
- Students should have the opportunity to be actively involved in the learning process and to take responsibility to produce quality work.
- Parents and guardians should have the opportunity and accept the responsibility to actively support the learning process.
- Assessments of student learning should provide students with a variety of opportunities to demonstrate their achievement of the expectations for their learning.
- Education should be relevant to the needs of the changing technological society in which it operates.

### **Evaluation of Goals for 2015 - 2016**

- We continued to emphasize self-control, thinking, achieving, respect and responsibility.
- Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 were offered weekly math and ELA instruction in our school computer labs.
- Family night activities were offered to allow additional time for stakeholder involvement.
- Families were invited into classrooms to be involved in math and ELA games, reader's theaters, science experiments, social studies presentations, etc. to increase stakeholder involvement.
- Purchased instructional technology for classroom use.
- We provided staff development in the area of writing and technology.
- Academic assistance provided for identified students.
- Emergency procedures reviewed and updated.
- Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) testing conducted 3 times a year for students in grades K - 5.
- Maintained No Child Left Behind "Highly Qualified" status for 100% of our faculty and staff.



### School Renewal Plan Goals for 2016 - 2017

- We will continue to increase our instructional technology by purchasing iPads and Chrome Books for students.
- Our students will continue to participate in enrichment and remediation programs in the computer labs twice a week. Students in grades 3-5 can attend the lab before school.
- We will provide staff development in the John Collins Writing Program and the Canvas Website.
- We continue to analyze available assessment data to find areas of weakness and locate patterns and trends among classes and/or grade levels.
- We continue to use PBIS to promote a positive environment and recognize our students for exhibiting STAR behavior.
- MAP testing 3 times a year in  $K 5^{th}$  grades.
- We continue to have 100% of our staff meet the requirements for "Highly Qualified" status as defined by NCLB.
- We will continue to use a comprehensive guidance program.
- Our SIC and PTST continue to sponsor many family activities.
- We will continue to review our emergency procedures to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- We will continue to use MAP data to group students for math and ELA instruction within the classroom.