

Student Activities & Opportunities

(Average student enrollment: 490)

- Accelerated Reading Program
- Battle of the Books Team
- Cardinal Honors Club
- Chick-fil-A Core Essentials Program
- Chorus/May Fest
- Early AM PE Program
- Faith 100 – Reading Challenge
- Future Chefs
- Good News Club
- Hour of Code
- International Read Aloud Day
- International Literacy Day
- Jump into Kindergarten
- Jump Rope for Heart
- KOBA
- Math Madness Team
- Mr. Bills Bird House Building Project
- 100 Book Challenge Program
- PBIS Celebrations
- Recycling Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Safe Kids Upstate Initiatives
- Safety Patrol
- School Garden
- SC Honors Chorus
- Special Ed. Arts and Craft Store
- Special Olympics
- Student Council
- Student of the Month
- Student News Broadcast Program
- Walk to School Day
- Week-end Backpack Program

Community Outreach

- Apple Festival Participation
- Book Drive
- Career Day
- Chap Stick Drive for Firemen
- Community Food Drive
- Dot's Kitchen Service
- Grandparent Appreciation Breakfast
- Health Day
- Make-A-Wish Partnership
- Literacy Night
- Math and Science Night
- Mayberry Day
- PTO: Movie Night
- PTO: Princess Party
- PTO: Spring Carnival
- Traveling Lemonade Stand
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Westminster Christmas Parade

School Improvement Members

Principal: Sherrie McAllister
Assistant Principal: Paige Lowe
Sean Towe
Michael Ticknor
Tracy Stancil
Jenni Clay
Christin King
Lezlie McAllister
Sandra Powell
Jason Duncan
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Parent Teacher Organization Officers

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WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Westminster Elementary School



Report to the People
2016-2017

Mission Statement

The mission of Westminster 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

- Education is a life-long process
- Education must be relevant to the needs of the changing technological society in which it operates.
- Education must address the physical, cultural, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of each student.
- Education must provide the opportunity for students to think critically, creatively and effectively problem solve, and act responsibly.
- Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- Students learn best when they are authentically engaged in the learning process.
- Valuing parent and guardian support as part of the student's learning process.
- A safe, nurturing environment where respect and dignity are valued, promotes student learning and confidence.

2016-2017 Accomplished Goals

- Increased technology – Chromebooks 2nd – 5th and iPads pk – 1st
- Daily increase of physical activity time.
- Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark testing for grades k-3.
- Garden to classroom
- Staff development in the Read to Succeed Initiatives.
- Comprehension Academy 3rd – 5th
- Continued increase in growth in MAP testing from Spring to Spring.
- Staff development and introduction of John Collins Thinking and Writing Program.
- Continued emphasis on small group instruction in Math and Reading.
- Established collaborative planning PLCs
- Resource Officer on campus
- RTI focus in Staff Support evaluations
- Use of Google Drive

School Environment

- Dedicated PTO funds utilized for building community in our school through: Community events: Grandparents' Breakfast, Princess Party, Movie Night, Veteran's Day Breakfast, Spring Carnival, & Math/Science Night.
PTO monetary support for:
-Leveled Text Library Enhancement
-Meals for Teacher Appreciation
-\$15k dedicated to iPads and Chromebooks for student use
- Safe Kids Safe School Award
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Monthly celebrations, data meetings, school-wide training, Tier 2 Team (CICO)
- Staff Chorus

Home to School Connection

- Increased social media presence on Facebook and Twitter to communicate and celebrate
- Transitioned to Canvas to streamline home/school connections
- Positive parent contacts increased

2016-2021 Strategic Targets and Action Items

Increased Rigor

- Fully implement John Collins Thinking and Writing Program
- RIT Band instruction in Math
- Project Based Learning/STEM
- Inclusion focus for special education students

Student Engagement

- Authentic experiences in reading and writing
- Inquiry units in Science and Social Studies
- Increased physical activity time
- Garden to classroom

School Climate/Teacher Quality

- Collaborative Planning and establishment of Professional Learning Communities
- Implement 'WarriorStrong' Initiative
- Host and promote community wide events
- Targeted teacher observations linked to professional growth goals
- Use in-house PD model to implement district and school initiatives
- Build out courses, training modules, and resources pages using Canvas interface
- Focus Committee: Read to Succeed
- Teacher Video for Students

