

Pendleton Elementary School
“College Bound!”
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SIC Report to the People
2011-2012

- **Gold and Silver Awards-** awarded by SC Department of Education for significant achievement in both “closing the gap” and improvement.
- **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program:** A pro-active district-wide approach to eliminate the threat of bullying activity. It includes weekly morning meetings, anti-bullying cheers, an anti-bullying song and our very own “bully buster”.
- **Clemson Greek Mentoring Program** – members of Clemson University sororities and fraternities were matched with Pendleton Elementary Students for weekly visits that included tutoring, friendship and encouragement. An ice cream party for mentors and mentees was held in the PES Memory Garden as the culminating event.
- **Montessori Implementation-** In preparation for implementing the Montessori Instructional Model in 4-5K for the 2012-2013 year, all staff trained for familiarity with the model in grades 4K-6. Three staff members fully trained for certification in 4-5K.
- **Intervention Services** – In an effort to accelerate the progress of struggling students, interventionists provide additional instruction in reading and math for grades 5K-6.
- **Enrichment Time** - In order to increase uninterrupted class time, all students including those needing special services receive enrichment during a 45 minute block of time each day. These blocks of time are staggered among grade levels.
- **Primary Assessments** - Administered DRA and Primary MAP testing to 5K and 1st grade students to better assess and assist them through remediation and enrichment

of their reading and math instruction. Second graders reading below grade level were also assessed with DRA.

- **MAP testing** - Second through 6th grade students took MAP tests along with other assessments which gave our teachers an indication of where these students need enrichment or assistance.
- **Student of the Month-** PES continued our Student of the Month program to honor students who exhibit or greatly improve citizenship skills. One child from each homeroom in grades K-6 is honored by having their picture hang along with other nominees on the recognition wall. They also attend a luncheon provided by Subway and hosted by the principal.
- **Written Expression-** PES continues its school-wide writing assessment program aligned to the state PASS writing schedule. Students in grades 1-6 are given a prompt and scored with the SC PASS writing rubric every six weeks through February. K-5 students also participate beginning at mid-year.
- **PES Writer's Wall of Fame-** The writer's wall of fame was continued at the front entrance of the school. One author from each grade level is chosen to be displayed on the Wall of Fame each month. An invitation for viewing is provided to the parent.
- **Book Character Parade:** For celebrating "Read Across America" a character parade was added to the winter awards day festivities.
- **The Accelerated Reader Program and Celebrations** - The Accelerated Reader Program at Pendleton Elementary is a supplemental reading program which encourages students to read a variety of books. Students read books and then take online tests about the books they read. Points are earned according to the amount of questions answered correctly. Each grade level has a point goal to meet by the end of every 9 week period. If students reach their goals, they are able to participate in the AR celebration.
- **Goal Post** – Through a grant funded by Clemson University, we are able to offer our third through six grade students an after- school program to help with homework and

goal setting skills. As part of the grant, we plan Goal Post Family Nights to help parents realize how to help their students with academic goal setting and life skills.

- **Academic Celebrations** – One night in each semester is reserved to allow parents to see firsthand what their children are learning at school. These celebrations include grade level performances as well as explanation and teaching demonstrations of innovative instruction.
- **Memory Garden-** Our memory garden continues to grow in beauty and purpose. It provides teaching and public service opportunities. With the addition of picnic tables and umbrellas it is a delightful location for class celebrations.
- **College Bound Campaign-** The faculty and staff continued to look to the future as they set expectations high for going to college. The student body celebrates this concept each Friday by chanting the “College Bound” cheer. They have all received “College Bound” t-shirts to wear on Friday for school spirit.

