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**SIC Report to the People**  
**2013-2014**

- Townville is a Title I School. Funds from Title I assist in providing additional instructional staff, instructional resources, technology enhancement, and educational opportunities.
- Townville is immersed in technology with support from our district administrative staff. Our students and staff have the use of digital cameras, mobile labs with laptops, smartboards in all classrooms, a fixed computer lab, and iPads.
- Townville is a National Blue Ribbon School for student achievement.
- Enrichment Time - All students receive enrichment during a 50-minute block of time each day. These blocks of time are staggered among grade levels and are designed to enhance academic acceleration, academic intervention, and fine art opportunities.
- Administered MAP testing to 5K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students to better assess current levels and inform their reading and math instruction.
- Second through sixth grade students took MAP tests, along with other assessments, to demonstrate current achievement levels and inform instruction in reading, ELA, and math.
- SC Therapy Dogs and their trainers work with reluctant readers to allow time to practice reading skills and increase reading fluency and comprehension.
- *Michelin Challenge Education* program continued its fifth year at Townville Elementary School. Through

this partnership 30 + employees volunteer time at our school each week. Michelin mentors meet with mentees each week to foster relationships which encourage students to share their goals, plans, and ways to improve achievement and behavior. Tutors work, at the direction of the teacher, to increase specific skills in content areas. Culminating activity is planned for mentors and mentees at year's end. Plans for next year include the addition of a reading support program in which Michelin donates time and books to students.

- The Accelerated Reader Program and Celebrations- Each grade level has a point goal, along with a percentage, to meet by the end of every 9 week period. When they reach their goals, qualifying students participate in an AR celebration.
- Our PTO sponsors motivating nine week celebrations are held for students who meet the achievement and school work habits eligibility.
- GoalPOST Before and After School Activities - In a partnership with Clemson University, students in grades 3-6 are provided extra assistance with homework, math, reading instruction and recreation activity. Students are eligible based on needs.
- Community groups request use of facilities during the school year including Good News Club and Townville Recreation Department.
- During the Christmas season our school partners with local churches to provide needed clothing, food items, and donated toys to underserved families. These same churches provide backpacks and school supplies at the beginning of the school year to those in need.
- One church's women's group provides backpacks each Friday to provide food for the weekend to those with need.
- Character Education Program - Each month a different character trait is introduced through classroom guidance and reinforced by all staff. At a ceremony each month, classroom teachers select a student who exhibits that trait in an exemplary manner. The teacher writes a summary of why that student was chosen and it is read in front of student body.

- **Olweus Bully Prevention Program** - This is a comprehensive, school-wide approach that addresses bullying and creates a safer, more positive place to learn. Olweus focuses on improving relationships among all of our students. Components include identifying bullying behavior, proper response and reporting of bullying behavior, and class meetings. Anti-bullying rules are posted throughout the school.
- **Archery in PE and Afterschool** - Students continued to perfect their skills with the bow and arrow and had the opportunity to once again compete with other students across the state.
- **Family Nights** - Offered by each grade level so that parents can share in what is happening at school and discover ways to assist their children at home with reading, math, science, and social studies.
- **STEM activities** - Our teachers are focusing on ways to integrate activities and projects that require cross-curricular knowledge and collaboration.
- **Training for staff** given based on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Effective Leaders. "Leader in Me" program implementation initiated and look forward to continued growth in the area of leadership.
- **Field trips** are supported to some degree with Title I funds for transportation and admission costs so that all students have the field experience. We have started participating in virtual field trips this year.

- **PASS data from the 2012-2013:**

- Third Grade**

- 89.7 % meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
    - 74.4 % meeting or exceeding standard for Math
    - 77.8 % meeting or exceeding standard for Science
    - 95.2 % meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies

- Fourth Grade**

- 91.4 % meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
    - 85.7 % meeting or exceeding standard for Math
    - 76.5 % meeting or exceeding standard for Science
    - 94.3 % meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies

- Fifth Grade**

- 81.2 % meeting or exceeding standard for Writing
    - 87.5% meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
    - 91.2 % meeting or exceeding standard for Math
    - 76.5 % meeting or exceeding standard for Science

- Sixth Grade**

- 83.3 % meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
    - 80 % meeting or exceeding standard for Math
    - 86.9 % meeting or exceeding standard for Science
    - 93.3% meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies