

Townville Elementary School
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SIC Report to the People
2011-2012

- Townville is a Title I School. Funds from Title I assist in providing additional instructional staff, instructional resources, technology enhancement, and educational opportunities.
- For the third consecutive year, Townville earned designation as a finalist for National Distinguished Title I School for student academic achievement.
- In November 2011, Townville earned designation as a National Blue Ribbon School for student achievement. Townville was one of only three schools in South Carolina to earn this award.
- 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 Primary MAP testing to 5K and 1st 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 third 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.
- 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 selected 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. This year has been a year of exploration with research and site visits to other established STEM schools.

- **PASS data from the 2010-2011:**

- Third Grade**

- 93.9% meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
 - 83.8% meeting or exceeding standard for Math
 - 88.2% meeting or exceeding standard for Science
 - 87.5% meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies

- Fourth Grade**

- 93.5% meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
 - 96.8% meeting or exceeding standard for Math
 - 93.5% meeting or exceeding standard for Science
 - 87.5% meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies

- Fifth Grade**

- 94.4% meeting or exceeding standard for Writing
 - 100% meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
 - 97.1% meeting or exceeding standard for Math
 - 94.4% meeting or exceeding standard for Science
 - 100% meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies

- Sixth Grade**

- 82.1% meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
 - 75% meeting or exceeding standard for Math
 - 76.9% meeting or exceeding standard for Science
 - 93.3% meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies