

Whittaker Elementary School

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Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2017-18

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Mission Statement: The mission of Whittaker Elementary School— WES exists to provide effective teaching and learning through equitable, high expectations and digital learning environments to ensure academic success for all students through collaborative partnerships.

Purpose of the Report: School Improvement Councils (SICs) are to publish and distribute a Report to the Parents each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the five-year School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goals. This Report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC with input of the principal to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

Whittaker Elementary School operates in a tradition of excellence that stems from dedicated, hardworking faculty and staff members that join hearts and hands with the Whittaker Heights Community to obtain academic success for all students. Whittaker is a Title I School with a poverty index of 97%. Each year, Whittaker strives to improve upon the tradition of academic achievement that has been established by providing our students with real world experiences that will positively impact their futures and secure the best academic foundation can be offered to a millennial student.

The Whittaker School Faculty plans and collaborates regularly in order to provide a challenging and stimulating curriculum, in a one-to-one digital environment on a daily basis. All students from Pre-K to 5th grade received a digital device that is used to provide personal learning experiences. We believe that an academically focused and a technologically blended environment is the key to preparing our students for a successful future. Academic achievement is our primary focus and using data to monitor, assess, and adjust instruction based on the needs of our students, is our ultimate goal.

During the 2017-2018 school year, WES' Title I Program supported 184 total students during specified Title I/Tier II instructional times. The Title I Program also supported 238 students for Tier II instruction during Leveled Literacy Intervention time. Because of the outstanding resources afforded through Title I classroom teachers and students experienced significant MAP growth in reading and math.

Whittaker's parents are a vital part of our school environment and our WES parents work diligently with the school to create a school-to-home relationship that is positive and productive. This year we have been able to provide 6 parent learning engagement nights that supported the instructional learning environment. Students and parents received information pertaining to MAPs, Read to Succeed Law, SCREADY and SCPASAS data, and school wide initiatives that support the ongoing achievement of students.

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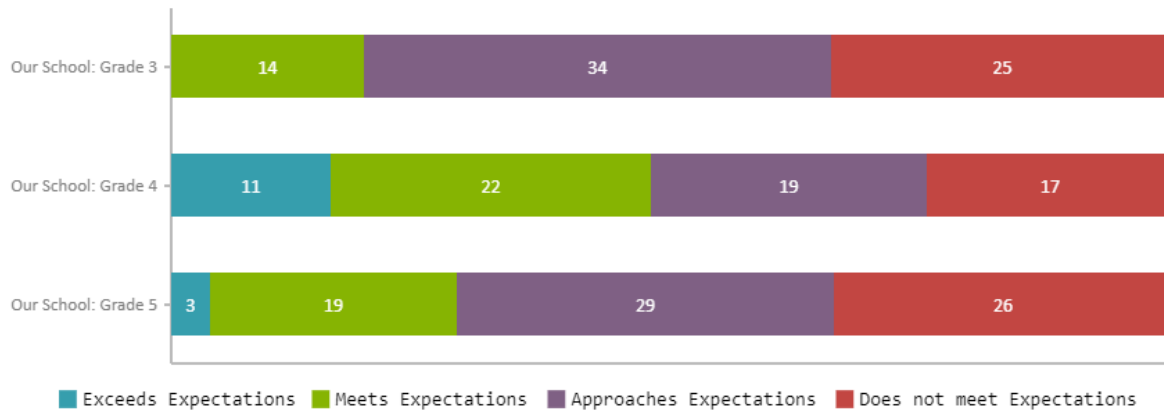
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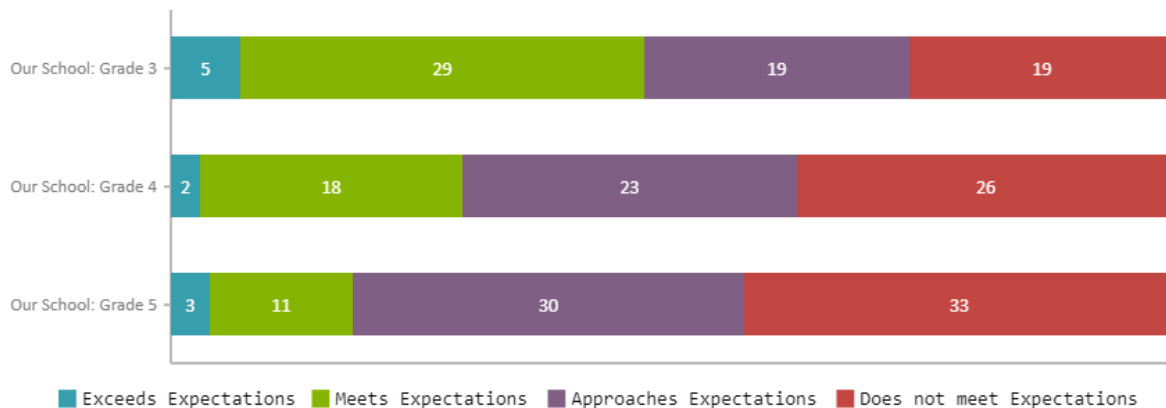
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Throughout the year, teachers regularly planned collaboratively, developed assessments, and analyzed data by grade levels to compare student progress, plan instruction, and integrate practices shared by colleagues. Differentiating instruction to meet the individual learning needs for all children continues to provide a challenge. Below is a brief snippet of our assessment data from the pass school year.

SCREADY Reading



SCREADY Math



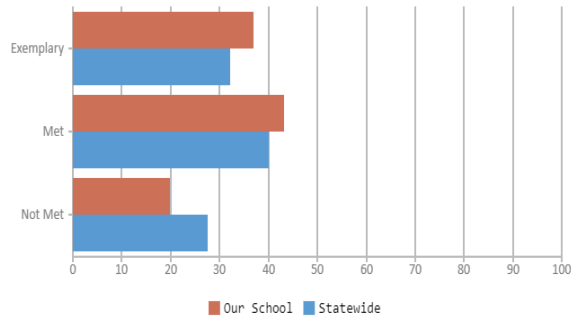
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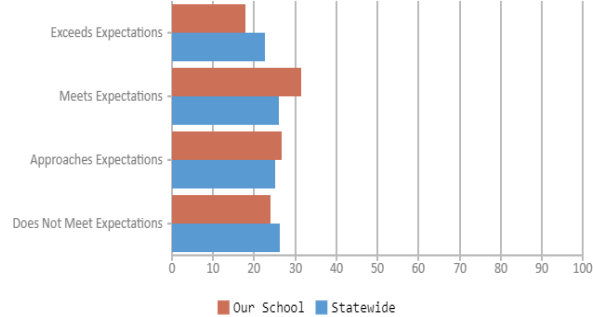
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SCPASS Science



SCPASS Social Studies



In a continuing effort to promote school wide positive student behavior, we continued our use of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) through our school's Respect Order Attitude and Responsibility (ROAR) Program. Through our daily announcements, children are reminded to show their Wildcat Pride in all they say and do. This year we implemented ROAR Bucks to provide moments to "Catch Students ROARING" to allow students to earn tickets for prizes and other incentives to promote a positive school climate and decrease behavioral infractions. Our hope is that as we continue to implement ROAR Bucks, students will build an innate desire to want to behave and work in a positive learning environment.

WES BETA Club students and staff participated in a variety of community service projects this school year. Our BETA students were afforded the opportunity to travel overnight to Moorehouse and Spelman colleges as a part of our school's "Get Ready for College Tour. We were fortunate this year to build a partnership with Arbor Trust Investment Group, who provided gifts and tokens of gratitude to our BETA students as well as to those students receiving the HERO of the Month Award. These partners participated in some of our school-wide events and volunteered during Read Across America Week. Our other business partners, Paragon Builders, continued to provide a positive support to students through donations for monthly and quarterly celebration events.

As we move forward, WES will continue to prepare students with **World Class Knowledge**, **World Class Skills** and **Life and Career Characteristics** that will enable them to compete globally.

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Hartford Wright, SIC Chairperson

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Whittaker Elementary School Member Roster

Elected Parent Members				
Member	Address	Phone Number	Email	Type of Member
Mr. Hartford Wright	249 Corner Lane Branchville, SC 29432	803-378-9446		Parent
Mrs. Taisha Jefferson Brown			Taisha.jefferson@ocsd5.net	Parent
Mrs. Trina Jeter	2430 Russell Street Orangeburg, SC	803-614-0610		Parent
Mrs. Tameka Johnson	202 Estate Court Orangeburg, SC	803-536-6044		Parent/Chair
Mrs. Faith Arthur	1750 Taylor Drive Orangeburg, SC	803-539-9509	Faith.arthur@ocsd5.net	Parent
Principal Appointed representatives and business partner(s)				
Arbor Trust Investment Group	Box 328 1195 St. Matthews Road Orangeburg, SC	803-536-9626	N/A	Business Partner
Mrs. Charlene Frye				Community Member
Dr. Alfreda Jamison	28 Estate Court Orangeburg, SC		Alfreda.jamison@ocsd5.net	Community Member
Mr. Sean Jones				Community Member
Teresa C. Jennings, Ed. D	790 Whittaker Parkway Orangeburg, SC	803-534-6559	teresa.jennings@ocsd5.net	Ex-officio member

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