

School Report Card Rating

Report Card Grade A—93.3%

Absolute Rating. Good

Growth Rating At-Risk

Current Enrollment

Currently, we have 375 students enrolled in Kindergarten (K4 and K5) through grade 5. Personnel includes 2 administrators, 34 certified staff members, and 21 support staff members.

Recognitions

- Palmetto Pride Grant Winner
- Environmental Education Association Grant Winner
- B2 Grant Winner
- SC Art Commission Grant Winner
- National Board Certified Teachers: Amanda Crum, Kelli Erickson, Heather Reeves, Trina Stephens
- Teacher of the Year - Tami Fields
- Support Person of the Year - Bonnie Forbes

Family Events

- Awards Night
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Bingo Night
- Chick-Fil-A Family Spirit Night
- ESL English Classes for Parents
- Grandparents Lunch
- Kindergarten 101
- *Leader in Me* Family Night
- Parenting Workshops—6 sessions
- Parenting Center open every Thursday
- Pancakes with Santa
- *Readers are Leaders* Family Night
- Spring Fling

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our School Improvement Council, we present to you our 2013-14 Annual Report to parents. This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2013-14 school year.

We have had a fantastic school year filled with many accomplishments. One of the greatest accomplishments is becoming a “Leader in Me” school. We have embraced the 7 Habits of Happy Kids and you have hopefully seen the impact of these habits at home.

We have had many gains this year. We have worked very diligently to close our achievement gaps. Many programs have been implemented to help all children achieve and demonstrate growth. We love teaching your child at CES.

Children first,

Jamie Spinks & Samantha Gilbert

School Improvement Council Members

Samantha Gilbert, Chairman, Parent

Andrea Pilgrim, Parent

Dr. Sandra McLeod, Community Member

Jennifer Barbour, Community Member

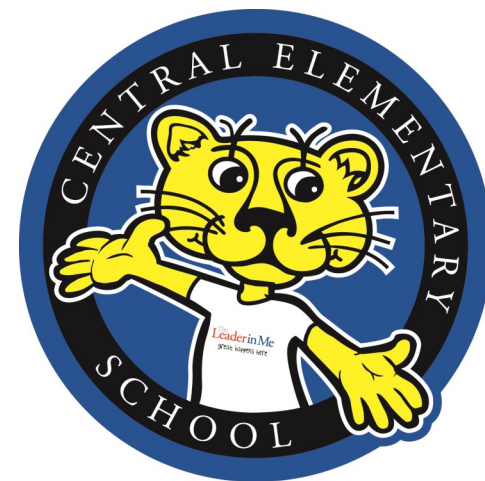
Lisa Cheek, Teacher

Jill Keeran, Teacher

Jamie Spinks, Amanda Crum, Amy Turner—Ex-Officio Members

2013-14 Annual Report to Parents

 *Empowering through Learning and Leading!*



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**Jamie Spinks, Principal
Amanda Crum, Assistant Principal
Amy Turner, Title I
Instructional Coach**

Vision Statement

Our vision for Central Elementary is to be a nurturing place for students to become respectful leaders prepared for a successful future.

We want our students to be challenged, engaged, critical thinkers, contributors, and life-long learners.

Our Mission

Central Elementary—Empowering through learning and leading.

We Believe....

- In the pursuit of excellence.
- Learning and education are life-long processes.
- All students must have equitable educational opportunities.
- All people are unique and valuable.
- All people can learn and contribute to society.
- Education is a shared responsibility.
- Students are our first priority.
- Education is the key to success.
- In a safe, caring learning environment for all students and staff.
- Cultural diversity promotes full development of the individual and society.
- The "parent" is a child's first teacher.
- Today's schools shape tomorrow's workforce.
- In a teaching environment that meets the learning needs of the individual child.

Specialized Programs

- Leader in Me school—implementing Covey's 7 *Habits to Happy Kids*
- Lower Elementary Montessori Classroom (Grades 1-3)
- STEM Lab (Science Technology Engineering and Math—Grades 4K—5th)
- The Crews @ 5th Grade

Technology

- Polyvision boards in all classrooms
- Laptops in all classrooms
- Chromebooks in all classrooms
- Two mobile labs utilized across all grade levels
- Classworks, IXL Math, and Tumblebooks utilized across all grades
- Nooks
- iPads
- iPad minis
- Computer Lab
- Brain Pop and ETV Streamline

Assessments

- MAP Testing (K5-5th grade)
- SCPASS (3rd—5th grade)
- ITBS & CogAT (2nd grade)
- DRA 2
- Easy CBM
- Observation Survey (K-2)
- Curriculum Benchmark Assessments (1st— 5th grade)

Special Events @ CES

- Artists in Residence Week
- Book Fairs
- CNN Morning Broadcast Team
- Clemson Engineering Expo
- Clemson Riding Group—RBHS
- Colonial Day—4th Grade
- Cougar Reading Garden
- District Honors Chorus
- Field Studies—Brooks Center, Roper Mtn Science Center, Camp Greenville, Children's Museum, Duke Energy, Youth Learning Institute, Columbia
- 5th Grade Fun Day
- Geography Bee
- Good News Club
- *How Does Your Garden Grow* fall program
- Jet Toy Challenge—5th grade
- Keep it Movin' Run Club & 5K Race
- Leadership Celebrations—Quarterly
- Leadership Rock Inauguration
- Red Ribbon Week
- Relay for Life
- Sailboat Challenge—2nd grade
- Safety Patrol
- Safety Fair
- Science Fair
- Shooting Stars Tutoring
- Student Leadership Council
- St. Jude's Math-a-thon
- Student Track Team
- Traveling Trash Bash