



# Report to Parents 2023-2024

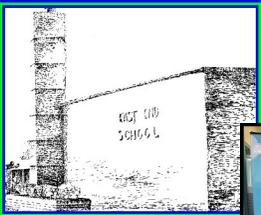


**EAST END  
ELEMENTARY**



### Mission

**At East End Elementary School  
Our Mission**  
Excelling in Academics  
Encouraging Character  
Embracing the Community  
Seeking Success for Each Student

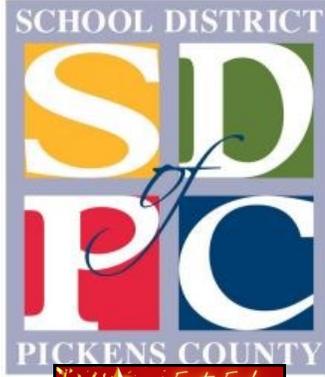


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Each year schools across South Carolina are asked to give a Report to Parents of the school year. This is a snapshot of our year together.

- East End received an "Excellent" rating on the SC School Report Card in Fall 2023.
- East End was recognized by US News and World Report as Best Elementary School.
- East End was recognized with the Growth Award by our SDPC Superintendent, Dr. Danny Merck, for being in the top 3 schools for growth on SC Ready Math and SCPASS Science.
  - East End team members continued work with RTI At Work (Response to Intervention) with the EEE Guided Coalition to lead and guide our instructional program as well as begin the work with RTI At Work with Behavior.
  - School administration participated in training with SC Department of Education in Transformation Tables which follows the work of John Maxwell, South Carolina Association of School Administrators Summer Institute, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children,) and Solution Tree's Response to Behavior Conference during 2023-2024.
  - ILead Program was held 5th graders at East End this year. ILead follows the work of the John Maxwell Foundation supported by the State Department of Education to give students leadership opportunities through transformational tables. 5th Grade Team led this.
  - East End Induction Teacher, Jenny Clark, selected as one of the four Finalists for SDPC Induction Teacher of the Year.
  - Birthday Recognition for EEE Students
- School Wide Christmas Assembly
- EEE Drama Club performed "Frozen Jr." at school for students and also at GMS Auditorium.
- Artist in Residence Opportunity for 5th Graders With YAMS (Young Appalachian Musicians)
- EEE 2nd Graders Participated in Swimming Lessons at Pickens County YMCA
- Thanksgiving Play and Feast By First Grade.
- EEE Students Selected for All County Juried Art Exhibition at Pickens Co. Museum Musum
- Pup Tales Story Time each Month Sponsored by Women United Pickens County
- SDPC Choral Festival participation for EEE Choir
- East End Students Art Displayed at Easley Area Art Show at EHS & Museum
- Guidelines and Life Skill Character Education Program
- East End Choir Each Week for 4th and 5th Graders
- East End Choir Participated in the SDPC Choral Festival
- Guidance Lessons In Classrooms Twice Monthly Focusing on Character
- Character Counts Citizens of the Month
- East End Student Council led efforts for events within the school and outreach outside the school.
- Mandy Spitzmiller elected as "Teacher of the Year."
- Bonnie Barrett elected as "Support Employee of the Year."
- Awards Day for each grade level
- 100th Day of School Celebration
- 1000 Days of School Celebration for 5th Grade.
- Red Ribbon Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Honor Roll Recognition Each 9 Weeks
- Clap out of 5th graders
- Fifth Grade Celebration
- Pups Backpack Program
- Field Day Events
- Numerous Field Trip Opportunities
- Opportunities for students to participate and excel with EEE Student Council. and reach out to the community and school.
- East End Students inducted into National Elementary Honor Society for excellence in achievement.
- Presidential Award for Educational Excellence to East End 5th Graders
- "Twelve Days of Christmas" Spirit Days
- Multiplication Master Award Recognition
- Gem Mining with 3rd Graders
- East End extended our 3-6 Initiatives (After School Clubs and Groups) to include Drama Club, Cheer Team, Fitness Club, Play Station Club (K5 and 1st for After School Play.), Board Games Club, EEE Choir and Student Council
- Fifth Grade Trip to Barrier Island
- Fifth Grade Field Trip to SDPC Career and Technology Center



## B. Community Connections In 2023-2024

- Parent University and Literacy/STEM Nights Held 4 Times Throughout the Year
- \$12,719.00 United Way Grant to Fund Literacy and STEM Efforts.
- Open House
- Meet the Teacher
- Parent Conferences 1st Nine Weeks
  - Tonya Burgess Bovain, East End Parent, SIC and PTO member Donated \$1,600.00 to East End In Memory of Her Mother, Corrine Burgess, Former EEE Faculty Member. She donated \$100.00 for each year of her mothers service to East End for the second consecutive year. These funds supported a variety of student recognition opportunities.
- Partnership with EHS for Athletes to Come for Morning at East End (Football Team Men and Women's Basketball Team, Cheerleaders)
- EHS Band Visits to EEE for Assemblies and Arrivals
- YMCA Mentor Program
- All Pro Dad Breakfast Each Month
- Feed A Hungry Child partnership
- Partnership with Providence Presbyterian Church for food Christmas outreach for EEE students
- Two Retiree Luncheons to honor EEE Retirees.



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## C. Community Outreach In 2023-2024

- Coordination with Gettys Middle School for 5th graders transitioning to 6th grade
- Red Ribbon Week activities
- Meet the Teacher Events
- National Elementary Honor Society Induction
- Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year Day of Recognition at EEE
- EEE Facebook page highlighting events at school
- Teacher Appreciation Week by EEE PTO
- Field Day Events

- Christmas parties, Valentine's Day parties and End-of-Year Parties
- Fifth Grade Celebration
- Clap Out for 5th Grade Including Families
- Publication of Bulldog Bulletin each week for faculty News and information.
- Publication of East End Elementary News weekly to highlight our year and keep parents informed.
- Update of EEE Website

- Expanded field trip opportunities.

## D. 2023-2024 Instructional Program Initiatives

- A focus for the year has remained with MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) to review the progress and success of each students following our return to normal protocols and students returning from years with COVID protocols and virtual instruction to regain losses noted in achievement.
- RTI (Response to Intervention) along with the work with the Guiding Coalition remains a priority.
- Another focus this year remains with the support for our teachers with the time needed during planning to allow them to be able to reflect and prepare for their daily lessons. Unencumbered time for teachers along with their planning has been a priority with the scheduling. We have worked to honor our teachers with the time needed to be able to have adequate planning daily to give them support in the demands each day.

## E. Successes and Accomplishments

- Andrew Taylor named Bettie Stewart Winner for 2023-2024.
- Griffin Gibson named E-16 Matthew Hare Hero Award Winner for 2023-2024
- Lundy Odom and Asher Ison named Jayden Bell Award Winners for 2023-2024 School Year.
- 100% of East End 3rd Graders Met the South Carolina Read to Succeed Standard for Promotion to Third Grade.

## F. SC Ready Successes

Reviewing our SCReady scores for 2023 noted the following successes with our students. We are very appreciative to Brenda Ellenburg, Director of Assessment and Evaluation for her assistance in providing the statistics for us.

Growth was calculated on a scale of 0-6 points. The state average is 3.0 and the district average is noted, as well.

Students at EEES grew more than academically similar students. For example, Math Grade Overall was 5.0 for EEES, while for the district it was 3.0 and the same for the state, so EEES exceeded by 2 whether talking about similar State or District students.

Academic similar is based on students' prior test scores (SC READY) in math or ELA as well as the average test scores of other students in their school. The growth of each student is compared to the growth of other students across the state.

### 2023 Achievement at EEES:

ELA achievement increased to 58.9% (57.5% state) in 2023 (1.4% above state in achievement in 2023)

Math achievement increased to 61.1% (47.2% state – 13.9% above state) in 2023

### 2023 Growth at EEES:

ELA considered "Above Average Growth"

ELA Grade Overall was 4.3 (state was 3.0) (district 3.6)

African Americans was 3.9 (state 3.0 and district 3.4)

Hispanics 4.5 (state 3.0 and district 3.9)

White 4.4 (state 3.0 and district 3.6)

ELA – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 3.5; district 3.6

ELA – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 4.3; district 3.6

Math considered "Above Average Growth"

Highest growth in district

Math – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 5.5; district 2.9; state 3.0

Math – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 3.7; district 3.1; state 3.0

Math Grade Overall – 5.0; district 3.0; state 3.0

For math students with disabilities growth was 0.5 greater (higher) than students without disabilities

For math students without disabilities growth was 4.9; district 3.1; students with disabilities was 5.4; district 2.8

For math – African Americans was 4.9 for EEES; district was 3.0 and state was 3.0

Hispanics – 5.1 at EEES; district 3.1; state 3.0

