

2014-2015 Report To The Parents

Liberty Elementary School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging learning environment. We provide such an environment through the implementation of our school vision. **Our vision is to be a school that is “Learning and Growing Together”.** We demonstrate this vision by challenging our students with best practices to reach their full potential and by the continuous professional development of our teachers.

Our teachers are always seeking to learn new and effective strategies to use in the classroom such as: **Thinking Maps, Literacy By Design, Café, manipulatives, Every Day Math, IXL, Classworks, science kits, small group guided reading, Accelerated Reader, Project Read, Write From The Beginning, STEM, Math Interventionist, Reading Interventionist, and Reading Recovery.** We are proud of our strong history of academic success

At Liberty Elementary we also have various programs outside the academic world to focus on the development of the whole child. School-wide we have focused on embedding the *7 Habits of an Effective Leader* in all that we do. We believe it is imperative that our students learn what it means to be a leader and that these skills will help to ensure success in life. This year we continued to use the **Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)** program here at LES. This program rewards our students for displaying positive behaviors. We celebrate these behaviors with our student *Leaders of the Pack* in our monthly **Bravo Breakfast**. We also continued our partnership with the **Young Appalachian Musicians (YAMs)** program. This program had numerous students staying after school to learn to play the banjo, guitar, and fiddle. Our guidance counselor taught the **7 Habits of Leadership** in monthly classroom guidance lessons. She also has a helper named **Dolly Mae, our very own school therapy dog**, who is always there to make any student feel better. We continued the **BARK** program that brings other therapy dogs into the school to work with students who struggle with reading. LES also partnered with the **Feed A Hungry Child Program** to provide food over the weekend for numerous needy students. Finally, we continued to offer **Breakfast In The Classroom** for our students. This program ensures all have a healthy breakfast and are ready to begin their day.

At Liberty Elementary we believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our young. Thank you for all of your support in helping in the development of our future South Carolina graduates and world leaders!

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