

VISION, MISSION, AND BELIEFS

The vision of Clemson Elementary School is to provide a caring and stimulating environment where all will recognize and achieve their fullest potential, so they can become independent, responsible citizens who adapt effectively to an ever-changing and inter-dependent world.

Our mission is to provide all students a foundation that inspires life-long learning, fosters positive self-concept, and promotes citizenship by providing meaningful learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment through the combined efforts of the students, parents, staff, and community.

We believe:

...we have an obligation to provide our best efforts to benefit students.

...student and teacher growth is mutually advantageous.

...working as a team makes us better individuals and professionals.

...developing one's full potential must address developing the cognitive, physical, and emotional growth of each individual.

...encouraging respect for others builds personal self-esteem.

...understanding and respect for cultural diversity contribute to an enriched society.

...promoting logical thinking rooted in creativity contributes to an intellectually stimulating and challenging school environment.

...curiosity and enthusiasm are attributes worthy of fostering in students and adults.

2016-2017 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Heather Batt, Parent Member

Bobby Ballentine, Community Member

Terri Bruce, Parent Member

Barry Burnett, Teacher Member

Wendy Cawood, Ex-Officio Member

Michelle Craddock, Ex-Officio Member

Meredith Drake, Teacher Member

Jessica Divergsten, Ex-Officio Member

Karen Ellers, Community Member

Judy Ferguson, Community Member

Steve Figueroa, Community Member

Christy Medeiros, Parent Member

Nathan Missel, Parent Member

Joey Sarkees, Parent Member

Joy VanDaele, Parent Member



More information about Clemson Elementary School can be obtained by visiting the State Department of Education's website at www.ed.sc.gov or the school's website at cle.pickens.k12.sc.us.

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 2014-2015 school year.

2016-2017 REPORT TO PARENTS

CLEMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Where every day is a
great day to learn!*

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Wendy Cawood, Assistant Principal
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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Located on the banks of Lake Hartwell, the town of Clemson enjoys a beauty that combines old southern architecture and modern, sophisticated ambiance producing an interesting and stimulating environment for all who live and work here. Clemson Elementary School is an integral part of this rural, quaint community.

Clemson Elementary is an esteemed, public school serving a diverse population of approximately 880 students in grades Pre-K-5. It boasts a gymnasium that is shared by the community, an amphitheater, a computer lab, a science lab, playgrounds, gardens, nature trails, and other outdoor learning areas.

A tradition of excellence has long been an essential part of Clemson Elementary's school culture. Clemson Elementary is one of very few elementary schools in South Carolina to be awarded the prestigious State Department of Education's Palmetto Gold Award in all years of eligibility since the award's inception. In addition to this accomplishment, Clemson Elementary has also received overall report card ratings of excellent each year since 2001.

Clemson Elementary has a faculty and staff of over 100 highly trained, dedicated professionals who provide a safe and academically challenging environment for the students of the Clemson area. Together with its stakeholders, the school celebrates a learning community that is known for its rich cultural diversity, the individuality of every student, and a commitment to each student's success. Our faculty and staff recognize that every child brings his or her own set of experiences, interests, learning styles, and expectations into the classroom. Our goal is to make our school a place "Where every day is a great day to learn."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2016-2017 MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS
AVERAGE RIT SCORES

	Reading			Math			
	School	District	Nation	School	District	Nation	
K	Fall	147.1	141.9	140.3	146.2	140	139.3
	Spring	*	*	158.1	*	*	159.1
1st	Fall	169.5	164	159.9	171.6	166.6	161.6
	Spring	*	*	177.5	*	*	180.8
2nd	Fall	183.8	177	174	185.1	179.5	176.2
	Spring	*	*	188.7	*	*	192.1
3rd	Fall	198.9	191.9	187.7	199.8	192.8	189.9
	Spring	*	*	198.6	*	*	203.4
4th	Fall	209.3	202.5	197.7	211.9	204.6	201.5
	Spring	*	*	205.9	*	*	213.5
5th	Fall	213.6	208.8	205.4	218	212.4	211.1
	Spring	*	*	211.8	*	*	221.4

* Comprehensive grade-level information not available or testing not completed at time of publication

2016-2017 RECOGNITIONS

- Regional Science Fair at Southern Wesleyan University—3rd place in Chemistry division & 3rd place in 5th grade division
- SC Scholastic Chess Tournament—2nd place
- 7 National Board Certified Teachers
- Safe Kids Upstate Safe School Award
- SC Elementary Honors Choir Student Participant
- National PTA Reflections State Competition
- Odyssey of the Mind SC State Tournament—1st place
- Green Steps School
- National Geography Bee SC Championship Participant - 4th place
- Jet Toy—2nd place in district competition

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATH OPPORTUNITIES

- Project Lead the Way
- Jeff Drummond, Artist in Residence
- Jet Toy Competition
- Sailboat Challenge

EXTRACURRICULAR

- After School Care
- America Reads
- Arts Center
- Call Me Mister
- Chess Team
- Chicks with Kicks
- Chorus
- CLIMB Team
- Drumming
- Etiquette Class
- First Lego League
- Future Engineers
- Garden Club
- Geography Bee
- Golf
- Good News Club
- Guitar Lessons
- Jump Rope Team
- Kuk Sool Won
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Rugby Club
- Safety Patrol
- Spirit of Giving Food Drive
- WCES News Team
- Yoga
- French Class
- Spanish Class