



# PES 2015-2016 Report to Parents

April 2016

**Pickens Elementary School**  
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Don't forget to check out the School District of Pickens County website at: <http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us>

**Testing**

Students in K-5 took the Spring administration of the MAP test during the month of April. They also took TE21 tests in math, and science. Students in grades 3-5 will take the Aspire test in April in Reading, ELA and Math. Students in grades 4-5 will take the SCPASS test in May in SS and Science.

**Business Partners**

We are currently looking for business partners to help enhance the educational experiences of our students. Please let us know if your company would be interested in partnering with us for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Recent School Accolades**

Palmetto Silver Award (12-13)  
 Red Carpet School  
 Safe Kids Safe Schools

**2015-2016 Report to Parents**

We would like to take this opportunity to present a "Report to Parents" to highlight some of the events and activities from throughout this school year.

**School Mission**

The mission of Pickens Elementary School, supported by the home and the community, is to enable students to achieve their fullest potential and to be positive, contributing citizens by engaging them in valuable learning experiences in a safe child-centered environment.

**Connections with Parents**

- Meet the Teacher
- Open House
- Reading Night
- Math and Science Night
- ParentLink Phone Messaging System
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Weekly Class Newsletters
- Watchdogs
- Monthly School Newsletters
- School Website
- School Facebook page

**In the Classroom**

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Support
- Guided Reading
- Response to Intervention
- MySidewalks / EasyCBM for K-2
- District Literacy Model
- Leveled Literacy Interventions
- Literacy by Design
- Data Analysis
- Flexible Grouping
- Differentiation

**Technology**

- Polyvision Boards in all Classrooms
- Laptops for all Teachers
- Two Computer Labs
- Classworks Software
- Sumdog competitions for math
- School/Teacher Webpages
- Morning computer lab for 3rd-5th
- Use of iPads
- PES Radio Station
- BYOD implementation

**Assessment**

- MAP Testing (K-5th)
- ASPIRE—Reading, ELA and Math
- SCPASS—SS and Science (4th-5th)
- TE21 Math (1st-5th)
- TE21 Science (4th-5th)
- ITBS/CogAT (2nd)
- DRA (K-5th)
- EasyCBM for RTI groups

**Clubs and After School**

- Good News Club
- Chorus
- Fitness Friday's
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- After School Care
- YAMs
- Hope Club
- After School Math Remediation (3rd-5th)

**Special Events on Campus**

- Book Fairs
- Cabin Celebrations
- Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Red Ribbon Week
- Special Olympics
- Movement Parties
- Faculty Team/Community Challenge
- Walk to School Day
- Grade Level Musicals
- American Education Week
- Awards Night (PESPYs)
- Buddy's Safety House
- Quarterly Trailblazer Celebrations
- Honor Roll Banners