



PES 2013-2014 REPORT TO PARENTS

May 2014

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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.

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, science, and social studies. Students in grades 3-5 will take the SCPASS test May 6-9.

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 2014-2015 school year.

Recent School Accolades

Palmetto Silver Award (12-13)

Red Carpet School

Safe Kids Safe Schools

Value Added 4 with TAP

ESEA Waiver Overall School Average: "A"

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
- 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 Sportscenter videos
- Early stages of BYOD implementation
- Early stages of PES Radio Station implementation

Assessment

- MAP Testing (K-5th)
- SCPASS (3rd-5th)
- TE21 Math (1st-5th)
- TE21 Science, Social Studies (3rd-5th)
- ITBS/CogAT (2nd)
- DRA (K-5th)
- EasyCBM for RTI groups

Clubs and After School

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

Special Events on Campus

- Book Fairs
- Red Ribbon Week
- Boosterthon
- Special Olympics
- Faculty Team/Community Challenge
- Letters to Duck Dynasty
- Walk to School Day
- Grade Level Musicals
- American Education Week
- Awards Night (PESPYs)
- Buddy's Safety House
- March Madness PBIS Class Challenge
- Quarterly MVP Celebrations
- Honor Roll Banners
- Hoops for Heart students vs. teachers basketball game to benefit the American Heart Association