

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mrs. Barbara Tiller** Chairperson

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Karla Ramos

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Ms. Britney Briggs

### ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The school Improvement council of Arden Elementary School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2013-2014, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Peggie Grant, Principal, or Mrs. Barbara Tiller, SIC Chair at (803) 733-3400.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Ladies of Distinction

Boys to Men

Dance/Step Clubs

Interest Clubs

Homework Heroes Activity

PBIS Incentive Activities

MAP Champions Activities

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Science Fair

Family Learning Night

Bullying Prevention Family Night

Grade Level Family Nights

### MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



## Arden Elementary



### 2013 – 2014 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

1300 Ashley Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203  
Office (803) 735-3400  
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School Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**“We believe that it is all about the children,**

**and that all children will learn...”**

## School Highlights & Awards

Arden has received many accolades for sustaining academic success. The school has earned an A rating on the ESEA waiver and is the recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award for high student performance and exceptional improvement. Arden's strength is its diversity which hinges on a more conscientious and flexible learning environment. Our students are supported by parents and community, i.e. United Way, Union United Methodist Church and Columbia College volunteers who tutor and or serve as mentors. All students in grades 2-5 have and Adult advocate/mentor. Students meet weekly with their mentor to discuss classwork, homework, grades, behavior and Accelerated Reader progress, etc.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

SC Palmetto Silver Awards

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment- 272

.5% White- 4

72% African American- 191

27% Hispanic -73

.5% Other- 4

17 Homeroom Teachers

(5 National Board Certified)

## Test Information

### ELA MAP Results

Percentage of students who made Proficient Growth

Grade	2013	2014	Increases/Decreases
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	74.2%	79.5%	+5.3
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	77.5%	82.3%	+4.8
4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	73.4%	69.0%	-4.4

### Math MAP Results

Students who made Proficient Growth

Grade	2013	2014	Increases/Decreases
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	80.0%	84.0%	+4.0
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	72.5%	82.3	+9.8
4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	79.5%	83.3%	+3.8

### TECHNOLOGY

All rooms are equipped with Smartboards, projectors, and computers. iPads are available for checkout and use in the classrooms. Neo 2 Lab is available for classroom use. Digital Cameras are assigned to each grade level and Kodak Flip Video Cameras are available for checkout, along with Scanners and Document Cameras. Smart Response System class sets are available for check out.

### MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

#### 2 WAL-MART FOUNDATION GRANTS

- **Academics: ELA and Math**
- **Mentoring and improved academics**

#### FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES GRANT

#### USC NATURE-BASED INQUIRY GRANT

- **Allowed teachers to develop outdoor learning spaces**

Richland One School district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, sex age, lineage or national origin in its programs or activities.

## Goals for Next Year

**Goal One:** To promote parental involvement

**Goal Two:** By 2014 improve academic performance on ELA and Math MAP scores by 4%

**Goal Three:** To secure and increase the use of technology in the classroom with tools such as iPads.

### Honors/Achievements

- Our Homework Heroes program was extended to include our Kindergarten, First and Second grades
- USDA Healthier US School Silver Award Winner 2013-14
- Fourth year of implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program
- Held Video Conferencing sessions at all grade levels
- Held our first Miss Arden Pageant
- We had several District Visual Literacy winners