



PROGRAMS

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ACE Student Council
- Mentoring Program
- Hive Hosts
- Safety Patrol
- Student-Led Morning Show
- Rotary Readers
- Student-Led Postal Service
- School-Wide Service Learning Projects
- ACE Magnet Service Learning Projects

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Nelson Cares After-School Program
- LBN Family Nights
- Buzz-In (Back to School Night)
- Arts Day
- Field Day
- African-American Read-In
- Veteran's Day Activities & Celebration
- ACE Magnet Market Days
- Black History Month Programs
- Career Day
- Leading-Up Day
- DARE
- Monthly MVB Breakfast & Celebration
- 4 Bees Celebration
- Book Fairs
- ACE Magnet Garden Days
- Read-Across America Celebration
- ACE Magnet Demonstration Day
- Constitution Day
- and Many More!



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Zoe Anderson, Amanda Babcock, Kendra Hill, Stephanie Workman, Sharon Fleming, Kristen Meservy, Katrina Wright, Kim Krapfel, Brandon Foote, Maranda Hayward

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Kayla Hays, Kim Wright, Stephanie Workman, Melanie Pace-Taylor, Amy Nguyen, Tara Simmons, Dalisha Shingler, Destinee Pearson, Jessica Flemming, Melissa Pollard-Hudson, Maranda Hayward

LONNIE B. NELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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REPORT TO PARENTS 2025-2026

Principal: Dr. Maranda Hayward
Assistant Principal: Dr. Melissa Pollard-Hudson
Assistant Principal: Mr. Brandon Foote
ACE Magnet Lead Teacher: Mrs. Tara Simmons

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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS & AWARDS

Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary is proud of its rich legacy, over 60 years of providing high-quality education to children in our community. Rooted in a tradition of excellence, we believe that every child possesses unique strengths and talents that empower them to lead and thrive. At Lonnie B., we embrace the philosophy that when students believe in themselves, they can achieve anything. Our 25-26 theme, "Bee The Difference," reflects our shared commitment to making a meaningful impact in the lives of our students, our colleagues, and our community.



We are a proud AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) school. Our AVID trained teachers connect critical thinking and organizational skills with core-content to prepare our students for success. Schoolwide, our students are actively engaged in WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) strategies to promote life-long learning and leadership skills.

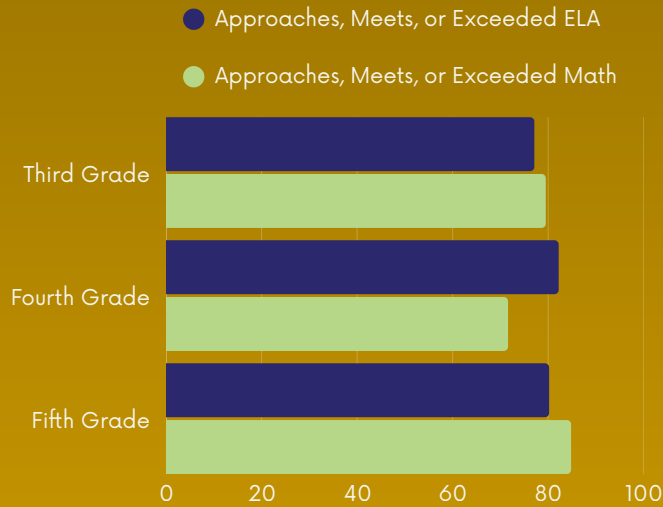
Our ACE (Academy for Civic Engagement) school within a school magnet program has been recognized as a Demonstration School (the highest achievement) from Magnet Schools of America. This year, ACE was proudly named a 2025 School of Excellence.



ACE focuses on civic engagement, service learning, and economics; in addition to the SC College and Career Ready Standards. Our school-wide services and service-learning for our community make a difference in our world.

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24-25 TEST SCORES



TECHNOLOGY

- ITWO1 Chromebooks for all students in kindergarten through fifth grade
- Interactive ClearTouch boards in every classroom
- Document cameras available for every classroom
- Access to technology enhanced learning programs: Reflex, MyPath, Discovery Education, Raz-Kids, Big Ideas Math Curriculum, Open Court ELA Curriculum
- Innovative Projects: Blended Learning, Blogging, Coding, Google Classroom, Flip, Video Editing



GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

As a Student Improvement Council, our primary goals are to strengthen parent engagement through both instructional and non-instructional outreach and to support student achievement by using data and stakeholder feedback to inform and guide meaningful school improvement decisions. Through these efforts, we aim to foster stronger partnerships among families, educators, and the community, ultimately enriching the educational experience for all students.

