

PRIDE reigns high at Saluda Elementary School. SES's highly qualified staff participated in professional development through professional learning communities (PLCs) where they developed common classroom assessments, nine weeks assessments and analyzed the results of each to improve not only their teaching skills but ultimately student achievement. Teachers and administration utilized MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) and PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) scores to improve instructional efforts and target areas of needed professional development. A forty-five minute Power Period was set aside each day to deliver small group instruction to address any achievement gaps at SES.

Students continued to learn and grow through balanced literacy and inquiry math. Students had a chance to showcase their math talent in a regional Math Bowl. Saluda Elementary sponsored this event in which students from five surrounding elementary schools competed in math problem solving. In addition, the Sunshine Math, Math Olympiad, and the National Elementary Honor Society are well represented by third through fifth graders looking to excel in academics. The SES Gifted and Talented program continued to grow this year as new students are identified. This year these GT students conducted an in-depth study of the human body, researched a famous person and explored robotics through the Clemson University Extension office. Field trips to SC State House, South Carolina Farmers Market, Lexington Museum, and Charleston provided students with real world learning experiences.

Parental and community support continued to be an asset to Saluda Elementary School. Attendance for parent/teacher conferences in the fall was outstanding. SES sponsored a popcorn and movie night, an Academic 'Soup'er Bowl, Miss SES Pageant, Math Bowl competition and a PASS information night. Additionally, The Pride Of SES Honors Choir presented two musicals: *I Need a Christmas Vacation* and *Sleeping Beauty*. The SES Relay for Life team along with SES parents and community collected just over \$10,000 for Cancer research.

Sarah Deloach was named the Teacher of The Year.

Marcie Enlow, Principal

Kristi Collins, SIC Chair