

# 2022-2023 O.P. Earle Elementary

*“Our mission is to inspire and educate young minds.”*

## Report to the Parents

### Accomplishments

- In 22-23, Fire Pit Ranch began sponsoring with community volunteers, The Next Level Leadership Club for selected 5th-grade boys.
- In 2019 we began implementing a positive behavior intervention system through a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS).
- Since 2018, we have been awarded funding through the State Department of Education as an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) site.
- Angie Hatchette, a special education teacher, was OPE’s 2022 Teacher of the Year.
- Amanda Thomas was OPE’s 2022-2023 Exemplary Reading Teacher of the Year.
- The following artists in residence have partnered with OPE- Sweetgrass Baskets, African Drums, Ballet of Spartanburg, Muse Machine, Kinetic Works, Bubble Maker, Metal Sculptor, Gullah Storyteller, Poetry Alive, and Clarinetist.
- OPE is recognized as a Kennedy Center Creative Ticket school.
- OPE is recognized as a Project Fit America school.
- After-school programming is offered on-site through the YMCA.
- The chorus is offered as an extracurricular activity before school
- Several teachers have received “Donors Choose” grants to enhance instruction in their classrooms, totaling nearly \$1,000.00.
- Dance teacher, Kelliane Floyd, was the 2020 recipient of the Ray Doughty Arts Integration Award.
- Funds from the Laurel Lake Music Foundation help to support OPE’s music program.
- Students are recognized through the Terrific Kids Program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg.
- During the 2021-2022 school year, OPE has partnered with Cliffs Residence Outreach to provide funding for many academic projects. Since 2020 OPE has received close to \$50,000 from CRO.
- Allyson Allen, Lori Lonon, Laura Dickson, and Amanda Thomas were the 2018-2019 recipients of a \$20,000 Mary F. Kessler grant through the Polk County Community Foundation- “Focus on the Arts: A Multicultural Experience” (shared with Landrum Middle). School will bring artists in residence throughout the school year culminating in “Kessler Cultural Evenings.”



## Major Priorities

OPE teachers and administrators will:

- Practice, implement, and reflect on strategies to ensure the academic success of each child.
- Become Read to Succeed certified.
- Continue implementation of MTSS, which is a multi-tiered system of support for academic and behavioral concerns. At O.P. Earle cardinals are responsible, respectful, and safe.
- Implement school-wide infusion of the arts throughout all content areas, funded by ABC.
- Continue to focus on instructional best practices.
- Use data from informal and formal assessments to inform instruction.
- Offer dance classes for twelve weeks during the school year.
- Provide differentiated exemplary staff development opportunities through Momentum Mondays and Grade Level Meetings.
- Encourage bookmaking in 4k-2nd grades.
- Students in 3rd-5th grade will become proficient in multiplication and division facts.
- Implement a motivating reading incentive program that will encourage all students to increase their reading and text complexity volume.
- Continue to implement math incentives using Reflex Math for 1st-5th grade students.
- Encourage parents and community members to volunteer through participation in the PTO.
- Work closely with the School Improvement Council.
- Continue to differentiate instruction through Readers, Writers, and Math Workshops.
- Utilize 1:1 technology to enhance students' learning experiences.

