

# 2019-2020 O.P. Earle Elementary

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

## Report to the Parents

### Accomplishments

- Began in 2019 implementation of a positive behavior intervention system through a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS)
- 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”-this grant was shared with Landrum Middle School and will bring artists in residence throughout the school year culminating in “Kessler Cultural Evenings”
- Emily Glass, Alyson Thornton, and Amanda Thomas were 2017-2018 recipients of a \$20,000 Mary F. Kessler fund grant through the Polk County Community Foundation - Children experienced Artists in Residence along with “Kessler Cultural Evenings”
- PE Teacher Laura Dickson and former Assistant Principal Shameka Dawkins were the co-recipients of a Mary Black Initiative Fitness Grant totally \$86,000
- Boeing Fitness Grant was awarded in the amount of \$1000
- In 2018 we were awarded funding through the State Department of Education as an Arts in Basic Curriculum site
- Paula Jeter was OPE’s 2019 Teacher of the Year
- Emery White was OPE’s 2018-2019 Reading Teacher of the Year
- Alyson Thornton and Paula Jeter received funding from Junior League to enhance instruction totally \$1600 in 2018
- Outstanding Artists in Residence- Sweetgrass Baskets, African Drums, Ballet of Spartanburg, Muse Machine, Kinetic Works, Bubble Maker, Metal Sculptor, Gullah Storyteller, Poetry Alive, Clarinetist
- Art program is recognized as a Kennedy Center Creative Ticket school
- OPE received the PSAE 2017 South Carolina School of Excellence in Arts Education Award
- Emily Glass received the Promising Young Professional Award from South Carolina Art Education Association (SCAEA) 2017
- Project Fit America School
- After school programming is offered on site through the YMCA
- Extra-curricular activities that include Foothills Running Club, Honors Chorus, Drama and Studio Art
- Several teachers received “Donors Choose” grants to enhance instruction in their classrooms totaling nearly \$3,500.00
- Funds from the Laurel Lake Music Foundation help to support the music program
- Terrific Kids Program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg



## 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
- integration of coding, circuitry, and engineering practices within the media lab class
- continue implementation of MTSS, which is a multi tiered system of support for academic and behavioral concerns
- school-wide infusion of the arts throughout all content areas funded by ABC
- a media lab class will be offered for 2nd-5th grade students focusing on the engineering process
- continue to focus on instructional best practices
- use data from informal and formal assessments to inform instruction
- offer dance class twelve weeks during the school year
- provide differentiated exemplary staff development opportunities through Momentum Mondays and Grade Level Meetings
- encourage book making in 4k-2nd grade
- implement a motivating reading incentive program that will encourage all students to increase their volume of reading and text complexity
- continue to implement math incentives for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students memorizing multiplication tables and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students memorizing addition facts
- encourage parent and community volunteers through the PTO
- work closely with School Improvement Council
- continue to differentiate instruction through Readers, Writers and Math Workshops
- continue to integrate technology with a goal of being 1:1 in all grade levels

