



## Report to the Parents

### Accomplishments

- PE Teacher Laura Dickson and Assistant Principal Shameka Dawkins were the co-recipients of a Mary Black Initiative Fitness Grant totally \$86,000
- Boeing Fitness Grant \$1000.00
- 2012 South Carolina Exemplary Reading School of the Year
- 2011 South Carolina Exemplary Reading Honor School
- Palmetto Gold recipient in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Brittany Harrelson, Alyson Brown, Katy Hardee, and Kelsey Gibson were 2015-2016 recipients of a \$20,000 Mary F. Kessler fund grant through the Polk County Community Foundation, “LAYING A FOUNDATION: DEFINING ARTS INTEGRATION.” This was a grant shared with Landrum Middle School throughout the 2016-2017 school year. The artists will focus on Arts Integration and/or STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design, and Math
- School-wide implementation of the OLWEUS Anti-Bullying program in 2014
- Deana Rollins OPE 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year
- Deana Rollins OPE’s Reading Teacher of the Year and Spartanburg One District Reading Teacher of the Year and the Spartanburg County Reading Teacher of the Year
- Alyson Thornton and Paula Jeter received funding from Junior League to enhance instruction totally \$1600
- Laura Dickson a 2012-2013 SCAPES (South Carolina Association of Physical Education and Sport) Teacher of the Year.
- In 2015-2016 PE teacher, Laura Dickson, was selected to serve on the State Panel for the Review and Revision of the South Carolina Academic Standards for Health Education
- Outstanding Artists in Residence through the Kessler grant included – Sweetgrass Baskets, African Drums, Ballet of Spartanburg, Muse Machine, Kinetic Works, Bubble Maker, Gullah Storyteller, Poetry Alive
- Art program recognized as a Kennedy Center Creative Ticket school
- Website received the Award for Excellence from the South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association in 2011 and 2012
- 2014-2015 Recipient of a \$20,000 Mary F. Kessler fund grant through the Polk County Community Foundation, which supports the school’s academic arts education program.
- Project Fit America School
- Teachers, Amanda Thomas and Catherine Claycamp, were chosen to participate in the 2016 Spartanburg Writing Project
- Recipient of a 21st Century grant for 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that established an after-school program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club
- Extra-curricular activities that include Foothills Running Club, Piano Performers, Honors Chorus and Studio Art
- Several teachers received “Donors Choose” grants to enhance instruction in their classrooms totally almost \$3000.00
- Teachers presented workshops at local and state level conferences
- Funds from the Laurel Lake Music Foundation help to support the music program



- Terrific Kids Program sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg
- Awarded First-Tee Program grant for 2014-2015
- Allyson Allen was chosen as a lead arts teacher by the SCMEA (South Carolina Music Educators Association) for a 2014 professional development training workshop through the ABC Project (Arts in Basic Curriculum Project)
- Deana Rollins, was selected to present at the 2015 South Carolina International Reading Association Conference.



## Major Priorities

OPE teachers and administrators will:

- practice, implement and reflect on strategies to ensure the academic success of each child
- continue implementation of OLWEUS anti-bullying program
- continue school-wide infusion of the arts throughout all content areas
- continue to focus on instructional best practices
- use data from informal and formal assessments to inform instruction
- continue to integrate S.T.E.A.M lessons schoolwide
- continue to seek community organizations to display children's art work
- develop community outreach programs through various clubs on campus
- provide differentiated exemplary staff development opportunities through Momentum Mondays, Grade Level meetings and The Spartanburg Writing Project
- 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 and Writers workshop as a Title 1 Federal Focus school
- continue to integrate technology in all grade levels and every student in grades 3rd-5th will receive a Chromebook and 2nd graders will receive Acer tablets, while 5K and 1st will have access to Acer tablets at a 2:1 ratio.

