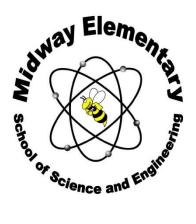
School Overview 2013 - 2014

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Grades: K-5 School Colors: Blue and Yellow School Mascot: Midway Mighty Stingers School Motto: *Investing in Today and Inventing Tomorrow!*



Midway Elementary School of Science and Engineering continues to experience success! Our community has built a tradition of educational excellence in the Anderson area. At Midway, children are held accountable to high standards of achievement, parents and other visitors are always welcome, teachers and staff truly care about the children, and students "always do their best" and know how to help others by doing "the right thing."

This school year Midway received an absolute rating of "Excellent" and growth rating of "Good" for outstanding student achievement on the annual school report card issued by the state and received a Palmetto Gold Incentive Award from the South Carolina Department of Education. In addition to receiving the Palmetto Gold Incentive Award, the South Carolina Department of Education awarded us the Silver Award for closing the achievement gap and recognized us for substantially exceeding expectations. Midway Elementary School of Science and Engineering has earned an "Excellent" rating each year since opening its doors to the community in 2003.

Midway Elementary School of Science and Engineering continues to carry on its tradition of academic excellence and innovative programs as a magnet school dedicated to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. As the first STEM school in Anderson School District Five, Midway provides a seamless transition to the district's middle and high school engineering programs. Partnerships with Clemson University and Tri-County Technical College afford authentic STEM learning opportunities for our students. Representatives from these partnerships are an integral part of our school community and School Improvement Council. Together we are creating a learning community of problem solvers and critical thinkers.

Opportunities for inventiveness, imagination and innovation abound in our school. Midway teachers participate in professional development to increase their knowledge of STEM teaching practices. A LEGO Robotics team and a summer camp introduce students to computer programming and robot design. In addition to these opportunities a summer technology camp allows students to enhance their knowledge of technology applications. Coffee with the Principal Sessions focus on literacy based engineering activities and team students with their parents and community partners in problem solving situations. Fourth and fifth grade students participate in the regional Invention Convention sponsored by Duke Energy. This year one student was recognized as a third place winner. Engineering programs such as "Engineering by Design", "Children's Engineering", and "Engineering is Elementary" are integrated into the Kindergarten through fifth grade core curriculum to teach students the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century.

Midway Elementary School of Science and Engineering was selected as one of two schools in South Carolina and one of only forty-two schools in the nation to pilot the second phase of the Project Lead the Way Elementary curriculum. All students receive instruction from this nationally recognized program. In addition to exposing our students to the engineering design process, this opportunity ignites interest and confidence, fosters collaboration, and builds critical thinking skills. At Midway, we are "Investing in Today and Inventing Tomorrow!"

Brenda S. Kelley, Principal Robin Mackie, School Improvement Council Chair