

From the desk of :
Mrs. Ketron, Principal

Our commitment at Welcome Elementary School is to provide a safe, positive, caring and learning environment. I believe that every student can and will succeed if provided the right supports and opportunities to be challenged. You should know that while I take my role as principal very seriously, I also believe that learning should be fun! I also know that the best schools are those where every single person feels valued, safe and welcomed. It is my top priority to ensure that everyone who enters the doors of Welcome Elementary feels like part of the Welcome Family!

Our Mission

We will learn in a safe, nurturing environment to achieve academic success and become productive citizens.

Our Vision

The vision of Welcome Elementary is to educate and empower each child to be an independent lifelong learner, and a productive, responsible citizen. We will be interactive, providing opportunities that are developmentally appropriate and will integrate technology across all areas of the curriculum.

Educational Enrichments

During the past year, Welcome Elementary has been able to educate our students, not only through academics, but through the following special programs:

- Authors' Visits
- Computer Lab
- Response to Intervention
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids
- Parent Involvement Events/Trainings
- WETV Morning News Program
- Safety Patrol
- Title I Family Engagement Events
- Terrific Kids Program
- Challenge Program
- Awards Day quarterly
- Honors Chorus, Spring Sing participants
- Extended Day Program— WE CARE
- PBIS
- One:One Technology Initiative School
- CATCH School
- Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Communities In Schools
- Mentors
- Student Council
- Junior Beta Club
- Step Team
- Running Hard
- Alpha Pack Leadership Club
- Karate Club
- Robotics Club
- Battle of the Books
- Reading All Stars
- Science Fair

Welcome Elementary School

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WELCOME ELEMENTARY



Report to the Community 2018-2019

Greenville County School District

Principal
Donna Ketron
Assistant Principal
Lisa Gilliard
SIC Chair
Miriam Rios

A History of Excellence

Welcome Elementary School has a long history of excellence in education, care and concern for students and a strong involvement within the community. By working closely with the school's administration, Greenville County district officials, PTA and community citizens, Welcome Elementary School has been successful in maintaining the standard of excellence of the past, while working to secure that standard for future generations to come.

Building College- and Career-Ready Graduates
Inspired | Supported | Prepared

Strategic Goal Areas

1. Student Success

- ◆ Enhance focus on early literacy and K-8 reading

2. Premier Workforce

- ◆ Recruit, develop, and retain high quality teachers and school leaders

3. Caring Culture and Environment

- ◆ Provide a safe, engaging, learning environment for all students

4. Resource Stewardship

- ◆ Ensure efficient use of resources through effective management

5. Community Engagement and Communications

- ◆ Recruit, retain, and develop community partnerships

SC Ready and SCPASS Data

Listed below are the percentages of our students that met or exceeded the standards on the Stare's standardized tests.



SC Ready ELA		
Spring 2018	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 3	34%	55%
Grade 4	37%	53%
Grade 5	28%	47%



SC Ready Math		
Spring 2018	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 3	55%	65%
Grade 4	44%	60%
Grade 5	40%	56%



PASS- Science		
Spring 2018	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 4	41%	60%



PASS- Social Studies		
Spring 2018	Welcome % Met	District % Met
Grade 5	69%	78%

Awards

- Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance 2012, 2015
- Title I Award School for Performance
- Safe Schools Award
- Energy Conservation Award
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Snack Grant
- Gardening For Good Grant
- National Park Trust's Kids to Parks Grant
- Music Club of Greenville Grant
- Novo Nordisk CATCH School Award
- National RAMP Award



Community Connections

The Welcome community, consisting of both school families and local community partners, have been extremely generous and an integral part of our continued success. Collaborative partnerships include Jacobs Engineering, NewSpring Church, Welcome Baptist Church, Tanglewood Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Simpsonville, Capel Rug, and Stack Dentistry.

2018-19 School Improvement Council

Miriam Rios, Chairperson & Parent Involvement Coordinator
 Anna Keith, Teacher
 Miriam Torres, Parent
 Hope Fearn, Parent
 Kate Richardson, Parent
 Janet Harvey, Community Member
 Sako Zadoian, Community Partner
 A'leah Richardson, Community in Schools
 Mary Kathryn Kuehnert, Community Partner
 Jennifer Carter, Instructional Coach
 Fallon Finley-Swafford, Instructional Coach