

Mission

The mission of Abner Creek Academy is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.

Beliefs

- Children are our most valuable resource.
- Public education is a pillar of our society.
- Integrity is taught by example.
- Excellence is achievable.
- Mutual respect is beneficial.
- Knowledge empowers.
- Diversity strengthens.
- Family is the foundation of society.
- Children need supportive adult role models.
- Attitude makes a difference.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- Personal responsibility serves the common good.
- Stewardship of resources maintains trust.



State Awards for Academic Performance

ACA received the Gold Award for General Performance for 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2011 standardized test scores and the Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap for 2012 student achievement.



MAP Data

2015 MAP data is now available on our electronic version of the Report to the Parents along with other data included in our Strategic Plan and School Report Card on our website.



Abner Creek Academy

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Report to the Parents

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Motto: *Learning with Love and Laughter*

Magnet Focus: Communication and Leadership

2015-2016 Theme:

ACA – Where Children Are Treasured!

School Improvement Council 2015-2016

Elected Members:

Candy Brewington, Parent (Vice-Chair)
Mamye Gardner, Teacher
Elizabeth Grube, Teacher
Dawn Mitchell, Parent (Secretary)
Angie Mullins, Parent (Chairperson)

Appointed Members:

Carolyn Hamby, Community Member
F.E. Hendrix, Community Member
Scott Ogle, Community Member

Ex-officio Members:

Heather Smith, Previous SIC Chairperson
Chad Dowden, Assistant Principal
Tammy Rybak, PTO Representative
Karen McMakin, Principal

Abner Creek Academy (ACA) opened its doors in 2008 and presently serves 564 students in Pre-kindergarten through Fourth Grade.

The School Improvement Council was involved in promoting improvements at ACA this year. Goals included the following:

- Continuing our magnet program,
- Expanding the use of instructional technology,
- Supporting the district and state reading initiatives,
- Expanding communication between school and parents/caregivers, and
- Expanding recycling efforts at ACA to educate students on the impact of recycling on the environment

With the continued support of parents, community members, and our business

partners, we will continue to strive for excellence as we serve the children of Abner Creek Academy.

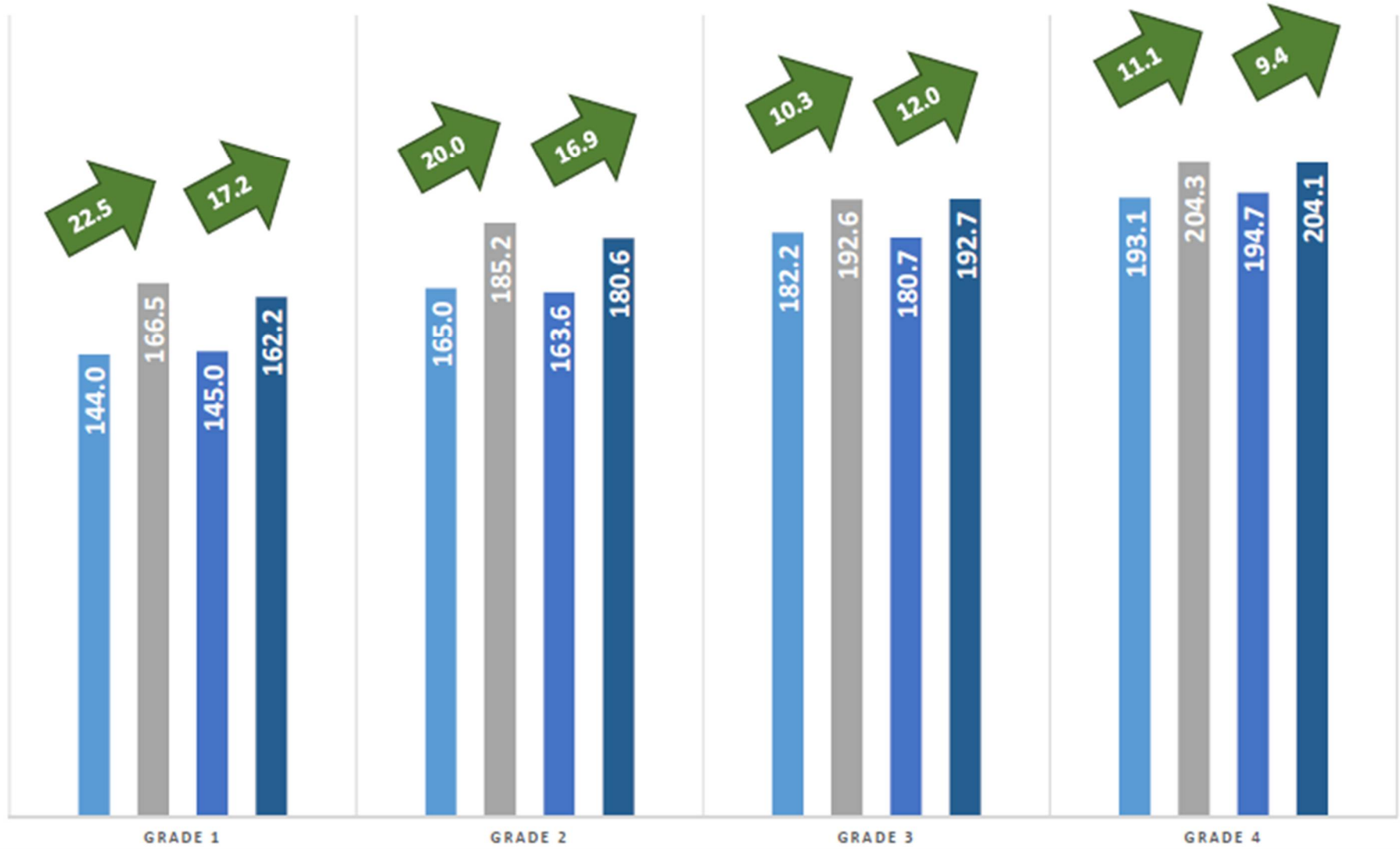


Progress and Highlights

- Promethean boards were added to eight additional classrooms and iPads/laptops were purchased to equip each homeroom with six or more devices. Three classrooms served as model classrooms with 1-to-1 devices this year.
- Students enjoyed guest performances by the Greenville Little Theatre, Ballet of Spartanburg, Charles Pettee, Eric Litwin, and the Columbia Marionette Theatre.
- Fourth-grade students participated in a Google Computer Science First Club focused on storytelling as part of our magnet implementation. This club promotes a love and understanding of computer science and strives to reach out to students from all backgrounds.
- All students in K5 and First Grade participated in holiday performances for parents and peers.
- An 89-member cast of students from Grades 2 - 4 performed in an original production at the Fine Arts Center in March.
- All students in K5 – Grade 4 participated in the ACA Science Fair. Teachers provided a challenging experience with scaffolded support as students in Grades 1 – 4 presented their results to peers and/or parents.
- Our third Cultural Fair was held with all second-grade students presenting to parents and guests.
- Physical fitness was promoted as our First Tee program was expanded to include participation in the county event. This program teaches golf skills while promoting good character and fitness.
- Students participated in service learning projects that supported the Spartanburg Humane Society, the Cancer Society, March of Dimes, the American Heart Association, the Middle Tyger Community Center, and local veterans and soldiers.
- Our traveling Honors Chorus performed at a Wofford basketball game, a Swamp Rabbits' hockey game, Barnes and Noble, in the Duncan, Lyman, Wellford Christmas parade and the Carowinds Festival of Music. One of our fourth-grade students was selected to participate in the SC Honor Choir in Columbia.
- Students with special needs enjoyed a weekly class provided by COLORS, an art program sponsored by the Chapman Cultural Center.
- The addition of math and reading coaches provided expanded professional development and support for teachers.
- Training in reading strategies was provided to adult volunteers through the joint efforts of our PTO and staff.
- Our mayor joined us for our first pinning ceremony for Student Council members as part of our focus on leadership.

ACA MAP GROWTH BY GRADE LEVEL

Fall 14 Reading Spring 15 Reading Fall 14 Math Spring 15 Math



Data for K5 not available from NWEA