

# Family & Community Involvement

**Angel Tree** – Families donate food for Thanksgiving and Christmas presents for students and families in need.

**Backpack Buddies** -- Providing weekly food to families in need.

**Boosterthon** -- Schoolwide fundraiser that focuses on character development. Yielded over \$32,000 this year.

**Business Partners** – Partners donate for the school's leadership initiative.

**Career Fair** – Annual event bringing in 30 business and community members to share their careers with the students.

**Gardening Initiative** – Schoolwide standards-based gardening initiative that focuses on delivering instruction in an engaging manner while giving back to the community.

**HELP of Beaufort** – Food Collection Drive for the community.

**LINKS** – Annual program for military impacted students.

**Military Family Liaison Consultant** – A licensed mental health professional working with military students and families.

**River of Words** – Affiliation with the National River of Words initiative, which teaches students the value of protecting our environment by connecting nature and the arts. Student artwork and poetry are submitted for publication.

**United Way** – Annual participation in the fundraising campaign.

## School Renewal Goals

1. The percentage of students scoring "met" or "exceeds" on the SCREADY ELA in grades 3-5 will increase 2% (from 72.5% to 74.5%) by the end of the 2023-2024 school year. \*Goal revised since goal was met prior to the end of the 5-year plan.

2. The percentage of students in grades 1 and 2 scoring at or above the 50th percentile will increase by 5.0% in the area of math by the end of the 2023-2024 school year (81%; Spring 2019).

3. In the area of self-efficacy, as measured by our Panorama survey, students in grades 3-5 who believe they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes will increase from 63% to 75% by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

4. By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, CES will achieve STEM certification with 100% certified faculty members incorporating STEM within the classroom.

2021-2022 PARENT SURVEY SUMMARY		
Thank you, parents, for your participation. A total of <b>395</b> surveys were received. (90% collected)		
My child feels successful at school.		
Academically	382	97%
Socially/Emotionally	385	
Our family feels welcomed at Coosa.		
- Front office/reception	384 (N/A 4)	
- Administration	378 (N/A 12)	97.5%
- Classroom	N/A (COVID Restriction)	
- School events	N/A (COVID Restriction)	
We are satisfied with learning in all content areas.		
- Reading/Language Arts	387	
- Math	388	98.2%
- Science	390	
- Social Studies	385	
- Related Arts	392	
Technology is adequately integrated.		98%
Safety procedures are adequate.		100%
I receive adequate communication from the school. (Administration, teachers)		
Administration	392	97.5%
Classroom Teachers	380	
<b>Overall Satisfaction at Coosa</b>		<b>98%</b>

# School Improvement Council Report to Parents Coosa Elementary School 2021-2022



**Home of the Bobcats**



The  
**Leader in Me™**

great happens here

**An Update on the  
Progress of Our  
School Renewal Plan**

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## About Our School

Coosa Elementary is honored to be the flagship Leader in Me School in Beaufort County, the 12th elementary school in South Carolina, and one of the Leader in Me Schools internationally to have been honored with Lighthouse status based on Dr. Stephen R. Covey's books, *The Leader in Me* and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

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# The Mission of Coosa Elementary School

*Growing great leaders who dream more, learn more, achieve more, and become more...*



## Innovative Learning & Resources

**Artsonia** — Coosa student artwork is displayed online in a Student Art Gallery at [artsonia.com](http://artsonia.com). Our gallery continues to grow. Currently, there are more than 19,500 works of student art published on our Artsonia gallery. We have had almost 55,000 visitors to the site. For busy families and family members far away, it is a great way to see what our students at Coosa are doing in the art room.

**Brain Boosters** — A 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum resource that encourages critical thinking and problem solving.

**Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)** — Classes designed to challenge qualifying 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Instructional Coach** — Our instructional coach focuses on teacher professional development and teaching “best practices”.

**Literacy Intervention Teachers** — Two certified teachers provide intensive small group and individual reading instruction for struggling students. This year we had 3 additional interventionists for a portion of the school year.

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Focus** – We are focused on integrating hands-on activities and learning experiences in the classroom across all content areas.

### Technology:

Interactive Boards in all classrooms  
 PreK- 1 students have iPads  
 2-5 students have HP laptops  
 STEM Lab  
 Various applications on all devices

**The Leader in Me and school-wide Positive Based Intervention System (PBIS)** — Coosa promotes building a force of future leaders who possess the core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity.

### Demographics:

441 Students in Grades PreK – 5  
 40 Certified faculty members  
 60% Certified faculty members with advanced degrees  
 11 Classified staff members



## What is the School Improvement Council?

Mandated by law, the School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to the CES principal and faculty. The SIC plays a crucial role in school improvement by bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders who work collectively to establish, monitor and evaluate specific long-range goals (School Renewal Plan) for student achievement. Other duties include producing the annual report to parents which outlines the progress of that plan and advising on the use of school incentive awards.

### Ex-Officio

Melissa Pender, Principal  
 Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

### Community Members

Robert Sabota  
 Judy Winslow

### Parent Members

Genie Brainerd, SIC Chair  
 Madalyn Sandstrom, Vice-Chair  
 Earl Doe, Secretary

### Teacher Members

Stephen Cruikshank  
 Kristin Hibbett

## Our School's Achievements

- Excellent Rating on S.C. School Report Card 2019
- Achieved Lighthouse Academic Distinction 2018-2019, 2019-2020
- Renewed “Lighthouse Status” as a Leader In Me School 2018, 2020
- State Dept. of Ed. Palmetto Gold Award 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2018
- 4 of our teachers are Nationally Board Certified
- 17 of our teachers are Gifted Endorsed Teachers
- 9 of our teachers are Read to Succeed Certified
- Established a National Elementary Honor Society Chapter 2020
- Addition of the outdoor classroom 2018
- Schoolwide SIOP training for the faculty 2020
- Leader in Me Symposium-Showcase School 2020
- Addition of an outdoor garden 2021
- Beautification Project-Addition of outdoor games 2018, 2022



## Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP Testing is used to show a student's academic progress in school. These assessments include Reading and Math. The table below shows the percentage of Coosa students at or above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT. (50<sup>th</sup> percentile)

\*K-2 does MAP testing in May, scores not available at time of printing

MAP Math	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Winter 2022	Spring 2022
Kindergarten	95.20%	69.40%	88.50%	
First Grade	75.90%	65.40%	75.30%	
Second Grade	75.90%	58.30%	63.00%	
Third Grade	73.70%	66.10%	77.60%	80.30%
Fourth Grade	72.10%	72.20%	76.10%	81.20%
Fifth Grade	62.20%	72.70%	70.80%	61.90%

MAP Reading	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Winter 2022	Spring 2022
Kindergarten	93.50%	N/A	N/A	
First Grade	69.60%	N/A	N/A	
Second Grade	79.30%	50.00%	69.90%	
Third Grade	80.30%	77.40%	81.00%	73.80%
Fourth Grade	80.30%	75.00%	80.30%	76.80%
Fifth Grade	67.60%	81.80%	72.30%	68.30%

## SCREADY 2020

The table below shows the percentage of Coosa students who “Met” or “Exceeded” expectations for the 2020-2021 school year. Only 3rd-5th grade students are tested.

SCREADY Math	2018	2019	2020	2021
Third	81.9%	75.3%	N/A	84.3%
Fourth	71.4%	70.1%	N/A	72.9%
Fifth	64.6%	72.0%	N/A	52.1%

SCREADY ELA	2018	2019	2020	2021
Third	70.8%	55.8%	N/A	80.0%
Fourth	72.6%	68.7%	N/A	74.6%
Fifth	43.1%	57.3%	N/A	63.4%