

POCALLA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Grades: Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5
School Colors: Red and White
School Mascot: Braves
School Motto: “Braves Aim for Success”
School Theme: “Making the World a Better Place”
Enrollment: 859
Average Class Size: 21

Brief Summary of Instructional Program _____

Pocalla Springs aims for success by being a school where students are prepared to learn and ready to meet the challenges of each day. We aim to have a school where parents are actively involved and participate in their child’s education by attending workshops and special events, and by encouraging school attendance, good homework habits, and excellent behavior. We aim for a safe and supportive environment across the entire day—whether it is on the playground, on the bus, in the hallways, or in the cafeteria.

Pocalla Springs aims for success by utilizing the services of a school-wide curriculum coach to assist the principal in developing professional learning opportunities based on our population and needs. Opportunities include Standards-Based Curriculum Delivery, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Test Analysis, Book Studies, Understanding Poverty, and

Technology-based Learning. Our Reading Coach facilitates activities to improve instruction and to create a rich, literacy-based learning environment for students.

Pocalla Springs aims for success by contributing to and caring for the community. Service Learning initiatives include Shower Shaw with Cookies, Career Fair, and other projects to beautify the environment and raise awareness. Our philanthropic effort has been mainly geared toward the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life, but we have also made significant donations to other organizations such as March of Dimes and St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital.

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Academics

- AVID
- Leader In Me
- One-to-Global Chromebooks
- Balanced Literacy
- Computer Lab Math Interventions
- Exxon Science Grant Winner
- Hands-On Science
- Hess Stem Grant Winner
- Letter Land Phonics (K-1)
- MAP Goal-Setting Conferences
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) School
- Pilot Program for Special Education
- Voyager Special Education Program
- Reading Interventionists for Tier III (Leveled Literacy Intervention Program)
- Self-Contained General Education Classes
- Standards-based Report Card in Grades K and 1
- Technology Coach
- Typing Quest (K - 5)
- Reader's Workshop
- Writer's Workshop
- Prodigy Online Math Program (K-5)

Character

- Behavior Interventionists and School Counselors
- Brave Gators Mentor Program
- Kindness Certified School award winner
- Pocalla Springs Into Action Running Club
- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

- Staff Feather Award for Kindness
- USC Sumter Baseball Buddies

Health

- Action for Healthy Kids Grant
- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Pocalla Springs into ACTION
- Drug Awareness and Red Ribbon Week
- Full-time Nurse
- Hot Evening Meal for AfterCARES Program

Community

- AfterCARES after-school program
- My Community and Me
- Partner and Satellite Campus for Alice Drive Baptist Church
- Philanthropy for Relay for Life, Heart Walk, March of Dimes, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- Volunteer Program
- Wee Braves Licensed Daycare for Infants through age 5

Fun and Appreciation

- Attendance Rewards
- Behavior Rewards
- Book Fairs
- Fall Festival
- Military Kids Month and Reception
- Pocallapalooza Annual Celebration
- Santa Pictures
- Santa Shop
- Star Wars Day

Field Trips

- Camp Leopold
- Columbia Fireflies MAP Reward Trip

- Patriot Hall Performances
- Pumpkin Patch
- Riverbanks Zoo
- SafeKids
- Shaw Air Force Base
- Sumter County Museum
- Washington, DC (Fifth Grade)

Assemblies

- Animal Ambassadors
- Atlantic Coast Theatre
- Chicken Man Artist in Residence
- Chicken Men Authors Thorne and Moore
- National Theatre Group Assembly and Energy Kit Challenge

Family Nights

- Annual Art Walk
- Choral Performances (winter and spring)
- Chuck E Cheese Nights
- Family Movie Nights
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Grandparents Night
- Health Fair
- Literacy Night at Sumter County Library
- Math Night at Piggly Wiggly
- Mother/Son Game Night

Professional Development

- Best Practices
- Book Studies
- Crisis Management and Planning
- Data Analysis Meetings
- PD 360/Edivate
- Read to Succeed