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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Anderson Mill has had a fantastic year! We have many accomplishments to celebrate as the 2010-2011 school year comes to a close. I am so proud to announce that our school has earned, for the first time in the history of the school, an "Excellent" rating on our state report card. In addition, we have been awarded the Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Awards for gains in our standardized test scores. The Palmetto Gold Award is granted to schools who receive a performance rating of "Excellent" and an overall improvement rating of "Good" or above on the state report card. The Palmetto Silver Award is granted to schools who receive an absolute performance rating of "Good" and an overall improvement rating of "Good" on the state report card, in accordance to the guidelines set forth by the Education Accountability Act of 1998. These ratings are calculated based on the number of children who score "Met" or "Exemplary" on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) in each subcategory. Anderson Mill received the Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Awards for student scores during the 2009-2010 school year.

Next year, we will implement a school-wide focus on reading and language arts instruction. We will continue to offer intervention programs such as My Sidewalks in kindergarten and first grade, leveled reading groups, PRIDE in kindergarten and first grade, READ in second and third grade, and Corrective Reading in grades four and five. We will also continue our partnership with the Spartanburg Writing Project and implement Writers' Workshop in grades K-3. Our teachers will engage in professional development throughout the year, as they continue to implement research-based instructional strategies in the classroom.

I am very proud to announce that our Anderson Mill Elementary Relay for Life team has raised approximately \$10,000 this year! What a fantastic job! I would like to extend a very special thank you to all of our parents and business partners who donated money to this very worthy cause. Our team captain, Mrs. Jayna Lehrer, spearheaded a committee that worked throughout the year to collect donations and locate business partners. We

also extend a very special thank you to all the teachers who served alongside Mrs. Lehrer to ensure that we exceeded our goal this year: Mrs. Nicole Brown, Ms. Lyndsey Adams, Mrs. Karen Rosenberger, Mrs. Nicole Ashley, Mrs. Leslie Evatt, Mrs. Anna Doyle, and Mrs. Tami Broomall. Our team shirts will be printed in honor of Mrs. Sarah Whitt, PE teacher, and Mrs. Sheryl Elliott, fifth grade teacher, who have fought a strong fight against cancer this year.

In addition to our school accomplishments, we have had many student accomplishments, as well. During the 2010-2011 Honors Day ceremonies, we will recognize approximately **190 students for making the Principal's Honor Roll (All A's), 230 students for Honor Roll (All A's & B's) and 85 students for perfect attendance.** Fifty-nine of our fifth grade students were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club this spring, which represents approximately 60% of our fifth grade enrollment! What an outstanding accomplishment!

The following teachers have been recognized for various accomplishments:

Jayna Lehrer – Anderson Mill Elementary Teacher of the Year

Sheryl Elliott – National Board Certification

Nicole Brown – National Board Certification

Deborah Irvin – Donors Choose Grant

Christan Williams – Donors Choose Grant

Nicole Brown, Christan Williams, Kerri Jetton, Karen Rosenberger – Junior League Grant

Erin Docherty – Pets in the Classroom Grant

Congratulations to all of these teachers! We are so proud of your accomplishments. Parents, thank you for your continued support of our efforts here at Anderson Mill. We sincerely appreciate all that you do for our school.

Committed to Excellence,

Elizabeth D. Haun
Principal