

High Hills Elementary School

2013-2014

HIGH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

High Hills Elementary School, a Palmetto Silver Award Recipient, strives to develop lifelong learners while helping them grow socially and emotionally. High Hills Elementary, a Title I school, provides students grades four and five a great place to learn. The culmination of data for High Hills Elementary School is gained while the learner is engaged in active class experiences and test experiences. This allows for self-evaluation, peer evaluation, teacher and administrative evaluations, and is ongoing and continuous. Information is used as a basis for decisions regarding future learning and to focus on the accomplishments of students. The information from the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS), Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), Common Formative Assessments, and parent, teacher, and student surveys allows us to assess our instructional program and make programmatic changes as needed. Teachers continue to use unit plans, which address standards and provide students with critical thinking skills and problem solving activities. Our dedicated teachers meet weekly to plan instructional activities that correlate to our state standards. Our teachers used on going student data to address areas weakness as well as areas of strengths.

Students are unique and come from very diverse backgrounds; therefore, our staff continuously strives to meet the needs of all students. High Hills made AYP for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-09. We missed in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 by a sliver but out of 21. In 2009-2010 our school received the Palmetto Silver Award for overall performance. Again in 2010-2011 we received the Palmetto Silver for overall Performance and Gold for Closing the Achievement Gap. Once again, in 2011-2012 we received the awards for General Performance and Closing the Achievement Gap. Also in 2011-2012 our ESFA report Card Grade was an A. In 2012-2013 our ESFA Report Card Grade a B and was recognized as a award School. Because of our student success we will continue implementation of RTI groups and response to Intervention (RTI). RTI groups are based on MAP testing scores and have three sessions. Session one utilizes two Math Workbooks, "Math Essentials and Workout Mathematics".

Session two is Language Arts and the teachers are going to work on editing and revision. We have an enrichment teacher who is working with lower achieving students. These students are forming below grade level. TAG classes are now conducted during RTI time. This ensures that no students are missing valuable classroom time. In addition to these programs, we are continuing other successful programs already in place.

Artha King, School Improvement Council

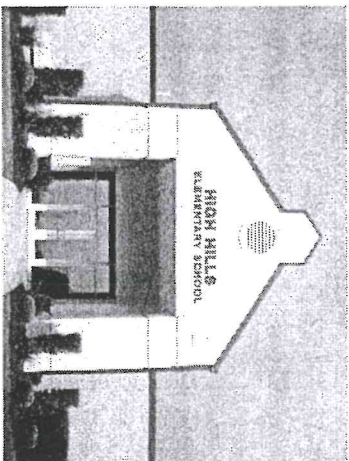
*Artha King*  
Magie J. Wright, Principal

Performance Goals

As part of our ongoing process of improvement, our school renewal committee developed three performance goals to guide future growth. Goal one establishes that the average score for students will increase by 5 percentage points on the PASS each year. Goal two states that the number of discipline referrals will decrease by 5% by 2012. The third goal addresses teacher quality and affirms that 100% of the teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals will be highly qualified by 2012.

The third goal of teacher quality has been met by High Hills Elementary, all teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals are highly qualified.

- Principal..... Dr. Magie J. Wright
- Assistant Principal..... Robert Thompson
- Guidance Counselor .....Golden Talps
- Curriculum Coach .....Angela Edwards
- Media Specialist .....Karen Bennett-Waterfield
- PTA President .....Yvonne Sanders
- 2002-2003 Sumter School District II Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence In Composition
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- 2005-2006 Achievement Award for Closing South Carolina's Gap Through exemplary PACT performance
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- 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Met Adequate Year Progress
- 2007-2008 SC Young Writers Award Winner
- 2007-2008 Sumter School District II Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence In Composition
- 2008 Governor's Citizenship Award
- 2009-2010 Recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award
- 2010-2011 Recipient of the Palmetto Silver and Gold Awards
- 2011-2012 Recipient of the Palmetto Silver and Gold Awards
- 2012-2013 Awarded DoDEA Patriot Project Grant
- 2013-2014 South Carolina Reward School



Annual Report to Parents

Mission Statement

The mission of High Hills Elementary School is to provide each student with a quality education by developing academic and social skills in a safe environment.

Vision Statement

The vision of High Hills Elementary School is to create a community to academic excellence.

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# School Improvement Council

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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- Dr. Maggie Wright.....Principal
- Bertha King.....Speech Therapist
- Todd Dillon.....Parent
- Desiree McMillan.....Parent
- Elizabeth Huggins.....Parent
- Jeanetta Good.....Parent
- Yvonne Sanders.....PTA Representative
- Rev. John Kennedy.....Community Member
- Dr. Melissa Morris.....Community Member
- Robert Thompson.....Assistant Principal
- Karen Bennett-Waterfield.....Media Specialist
- Golden Talps.....Guidance Counselor

### Student Achievement:

The emphasis at this level is the implementation of strategies that address academic expectations, assessment procedures, and literacy skills.

### School Climate:

Review of perception data, discipline and attendance records indicates a need for connecting with students and the community. Again, professional development is shown to be a major need along with the establishment of more communication routes to the home.

### Teacher Quality:

In order to ensure that teachers are highly qualified, ongoing professional development is provided. Therefore, a major area of focus for the Teacher Quality Performance is the emphasis on training and retention.

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## SCHOOL BELIEFS

- Each student is a valued individual.
- We believe all children can learn.
- Students learn in different ways.
- Students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process.
- Each student has unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
- Teachers, parents, students and community are responsible for the support of the school's mission.
- Challenging expectations increase student performances.
- Student self-esteem is enhanced by mutual respect among and between staff and students.
- A safe and inviting environment promotes student learning.
- A curriculum that includes cultural diversity education increases a student's understanding and respect of different people.

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