

Rosewood Elementary International School 2014-2015 School Report

Rosewood Elementary International school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by offering the only authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP) in the Olde English Consortium area. This area includes York, Chester, Lancaster, Chesterfield, Cherokee and Union counties. The IBPYP prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. The teachers at Rosewood focus on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom. By choosing to implement the PYP, we are seeking to develop students' academic, social and emotional wellbeing, focusing on international-mindedness and strong personal values. The PYP nurtures independent learning skills, encouraging every student to take responsibility for their learning. The program incorporates local and global issues into the curriculum, asking students to look at six related, transdisciplinary themes and to consider the links between them. Students must use each of the world class skills from the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate each year in their IBPYP portfolio and in the culminating Exhibition. Rosewood is also the only school in our area to offer French Immersion; this program is highly popular and students are showing great success.

This year the theme of our Exhibition was "Innovation is Limitless". Students presented research findings through artistic impressions as well as taking action in our community. Individually, students were able to explore areas of interest and then worked collaboratively to demonstrate the Life and Career Characteristics from the South Carolina Profile as well as the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile. Grade 5 students honed their communication skills and presented their final IBPYP portfolios to grade 6 teachers at Sullivan Middle School as a bridge to connect the Middle Years Program to the Primary Years Program.

We are proud of the many accomplishments our students and teachers made this year and are thankful to our community for their enthusiastic support. Thanks to our community partnerships Rosewood reached Silver status level with SC Safe Routes to School. Over 300 students participated in International Walk to School Day. The Walking Wednesday program is highly popular with students and the inaugural Fun Run held in March helped to raise funds to create a walking path for the first phase of the Healthy Living and Outdoor Learning master plan. In addition to our after school academic program, Rosewood started a golf program through First Tee. We have also secured coaches for Girls on the Run and hope to add Let Me Run for boys. Teachers applied for and received 7 grants to enhance instructional practices within the school in the 2014-2015 school year. The school Science Bowl team placed 3rd in the district competition and the Battle of the Books competition remains popular among students in grades 3, 4 and 5. Student artwork was displayed in multiple community galleries this year, including the Main Street Banner Project and the Arts Council of York County. Two students were

chosen in their respective age groups as county winners for an essay contest about fire prevention. Rosewood students took the lead from their study of natural resources and focused on improving our Green Apple rating for energy conservation. We are pleased to report the school increased our rate of compliance from 35% to 85%. Rosewood is now federally recognized as an Energy Star school. Students and parents also helped the school investigate technology tools and chose an option to allow live streaming of school events. This has allowed family members from other cities, states and countries to participate in our school life. Rosewood also implemented the Parenting Partners program to further develop home/school relations, one of the cohort groups was offered in Spanish to ease communication and increase participation. Rosewood French Immersion students in grades 1 and 2 have been invited by the City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council to open the International/Race Equality Program at the Boyd Hill Recreation Center. The event is entitled, "World Tour: Passport to Learning". Students will be demonstrating their language communication skills in both French and English.

We are thankful to the entire community for helping Rosewood remain focused on our vision: **to become the most EXTRAORDINARY public IBPYP school in the country!**

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