

## SHARE THAT JUNIOR JACKET PRIDE School Accomplishments

- FMES is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and maintains an "All Clear" status from the State Department of Education.
- FMES earned the Palmetto Gold Award
- FMES won the 2015-15 Junior Achievement School of the Year Award for whole school involvement through JA in a Day and Biztown
- FMES met Federal Standards for Annual Yearly Progress
- 71.2% of our teachers have advanced degrees, and one teacher completed her doctorate
- FMES was selected for a Netscope Professional Development School partnership with Winthrop University
- Mrs. Wendy Matherly is FMSD Support Staff of the Year for 2014-15
- Mrs. Sara Davis is FMES 2015--2016 Teacher of the Year
- Mr. Steve Finch is FMES 2015-2016 Support Staff of the Year
- FMES raised \$6,056 for JumpRope for Heart
- FMES Student Council sponsored the PTO Toy Drive, No Place for Hate initiatives, and the JDRF Walk
- FMES raised over \$3,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research
- Our PTO raised over \$50,000 this year, and contributed to a variety of school endeavors, including reading and math initiatives.



## Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Fort Mill Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



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## School Improvement Council Report to Parents

### 2014 – 2015

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### *Our Mission*

The mission of Fort Mill Elementary and its community is to provide a quality education for our students. This process includes establishing a foundation for life-long learners who are responsible individuals and confident problem solvers in an ever-changing world.

### *Our Vision*

Fort Mill Elementary will be a safe and inviting environment that promotes high expectations for academic success and social responsibility. We will be a school that creates leaders who utilize their knowledge, talents, and problem-solving skills as respectful members of society.

## What are Our Current Goals?

### Increase student achievement

- Use Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessments, Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), Compass Learning/Odyssey, Balanced Literacy, and common grade level assessment data to monitor and guide instruction
- Develop Professional Learning Communities for team lesson planning, student assessment, organizing students for extra support and enrichment, and engaging students in goal setting and monitoring progress.
- Integration of technology into daily instruction: SMARTBoards, document cameras, computers, digital cameras, iPads, laptops, and Chromebooks to enhance 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
- To help raise student achievement in all grade levels and content areas, FMES teachers are utilizing brain based instructional strategies and are learning strategies for student engagement

### Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching, and leadership

- Provide ongoing professional development
  - Utilize Lucy Calkins writing instruction
  - Ongoing training in instructional strategies and integration of SC State Standards
- Focused professional development in utilizing data from Fountas and Pinnell Assessments and differentiation in math

### Increase student attendance rates

2013 average student attendance – 97.3%  
2014 average student attendance: 97.2%

### Build positive home communication and school environment

- Developed School Climate Committee to evaluate data for continuous improvement
- Developed Character Education Committee to create new program, "We Bring the STING" – Service, Teamwork, Integrity, Need to Succeed, Generosity
- Backpack Food Program

### Promote healthy habits and life styles

- Greenway walks to support science and social studies
- Healthy Highway, Safe Routes to School, JDRF Walk, Jump Rope for Heart, visiting nutritionist



### Performance Progress Report FMES Ranking Over 5-Year Period

Year Rating	Absolute Rating	Growth
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

### Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark Assessments

Goals 2013-2014

Grade Goal	% Met Grade Level
K	97.5%
1	88.4%
2	86.8%
3	86.4%
4	87.5%

### PASS Performance by Grade Level

Grade	% Met or Exemplary		
Eng/Lang Arts	2012	2013	2014
3	88.7%	94%	86%
4	87.8%	87.3%	88%
5	84.7%	94.6%	91%
<u>Mathematics</u>			
3	79.1%	81.4%	83%
4	86%	85.6%	87%
5	83.2%	78.3%	85%
<u>Science</u>			
3	80.4%	91.3%	85%
4	83.5%	83.9%	90%
5	92.6%	84.4%	91%
<u>Social Studies</u>			
3	84.7%	94.3%	81%
4	93.9%	90.7%	95%
5	81.2%	93.8%	91%

### Additional Information

The FMES PTO offers school support through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and assisting with school and family-oriented activities that enhance learning. In addition, FMES participates in community endeavors such as Jeans for GI's, JDRF Walk, Jump Rope for Heart, and donations for cancer research.

### Enriched Student Education

- Grade level planning and professional development
- Compass/Odyssey program for each classroom
- Raz-Kids, Educreations, Brain Pop, Learning A to Z, and Fastt Math for classrooms
- Tumblebooks and online reading websites
- William and Mary ELA Units and Mentoring Math Minds curricula
- Backpack Reader (Grade 1), Sunrise Readers, (Grade 2), Bee a Reader Program, Reading Partners (all grade levels)
- Community Assistance (toy donations, field trip scholarships)
- Junior Achievement BizTown and JA in a Day, History in a Backpack, Career Day
- Winthrop Partner School
- Read Across America Week
- Healthy Highway
- Books for classroom libraries
- Math manipulatives and iPad and Google Apps
- Recycling supplies
- Lunch and Learn, Summer Reading Program
- Boosterthon, Fun Run
- Lego Robotics
- Greenway experiences and outdoor classroom
- Designated a No Place for Hate School

### Enhanced Parent Involvement and Communications:

- Fall Festival, Spring Dance, and Love Our School Beautification Events, Movie Night
- Safe Routes to School Initiative
- Curriculum nights, Book Fairs
- Teacher eChalk websites
- Monthly Principal's Coffees
- Weekly Newsletter/School Messenger
- Reading volunteers



### Extra-Curricular Activities

FMES News Crew    Recycling Club  
Girls On the Run    Safety Patrol  
Let Me Run    Lego Robotics    Student Council