

School Accomplishments

- ✓ Fully accredited by Cognia
- ✓ Maintains an "All Clear" status from the S.C. Department of Education
- ✓ Met Federal Standards for Annual Yearly Progress
- ✓ Review of new Strategic Plan for 2022-2027
- ✓ Continuing a partnership with Winthrop University as a Partnership School and hosting interns and Junior Faculty members
- ✓ Hosted Teacher Cadet students from Fort Mill area high schools
- ✓ Ms. Susanne Mercado, Kindergarten Teacher, is the FMES 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year
- ✓ Mr. Jacob Skramstad, Registered Behavior Technician, is the FMES 2023-2024 Support Staff of the Year.
- ✓ Ci3T Implementation Phase continued.
- ✓ Ci3T school store implemented where all students had access to spend tickets that were earned for showing school WINGS behavior expectations
- ✓ Ci3T raffles for students and staff
- ✓ School level Battle of the Books competition and involvement in district Battle of the Books
- ✓ Our PTO raised over \$40,000 this year, and contributed to a variety of school endeavors, including supporting teacher initiatives, professional development opportunities, and more
- ✓ FMES staff and students held a fundraiser in February for National Heart Month and wore red to support childhood heart defects
- ✓ FMES held a 'Pink Out Day' and students and staff wore pink to support the Go Jen Go Foundation for cancer research
- ✓ 2nd Grade students participated in swim evaluations and lessons through the YMCA
- ✓ STEAM Leadership Team participated in STEAM professional development to share with staff
- ✓ Implementation of student ambassadors to take on leadership roles around the school
- ✓ Multiple PTO clubs implemented to provide students opportunities for new learning experiences
- ✓ Hosted a Culture Night along with a school talent show
- ✓ Multiple students from FMES participated in the district Art Show
- ✓ Hosted males guest readers for 'Men Read Too'

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Purpose of This 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.

Fort Mill Elementary School



School Improvement Council Report 2023-2024

Our Mission

Empowering Minds for a Better Tomorrow

Our Vision

Fort Mill Elementary focuses on the whole child every day through rigorous, relevant, and differentiated instruction. Students achieve maximum academic, social, and emotional growth through collaboration of all stakeholders in a safe, diverse, and student-centered learning environment.



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Initiatives and Partnerships

Enriched Student Education

- Grade level collaborative PLC times for planning and data analysis
- Dreambox and Reflex programs for classroom math support
- Raz-Kids, Epic, Brain Pop, Flocabulary, and PebbleGo for classroom reading support
- Partnership and coaching with Kansas University to support Ci3T Implementation phase
- YMCA 2nd Grade Swim Program
- Mystery Readers, including parents, staff, and community members, invited to classrooms to read
- Winthrop Partner School
- Partnership with Local High Schools and Middle Schools
- Reading Buddies with 8th grade students at Fort Mill Middle School
- Camp Invention
- FMES March Madness Tournament of Picture Books
- Books for classroom libraries, supported by the PTO and the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools
- Partnership with the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools to provide students in need with school supplies
- Pink Out to support Go Jen Go
- Blood Drive with One Blood to support Heart Month and children with heart defects
- Partnership with the Rotary Club to promote reading in 1st grade through the Literacy Picnic
- FMSD Summer Space Camp, including Summer Reading Camp, Lunch & Learn, and ESOL Camp
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Discussions and review of procedures with local police and district safety and security staff to enhance safety measures
- Partnership with Fort Mill First Baptist Church to support staff and students
- Partnerships with multiple Eagle Scouts to complete projects for the school – Gaga Ball Pit, Buddy Benches, Garden Beds

Enhanced Parent Involvement and Communications:

- Classroom SeeSaw and Google Classroom accounts
- Parent involvement through volunteering opportunities, chaperoning, PTO, and SIC
- Biweekly and Weekly newsletters from classrooms
- Frequent communication through the use of Blackboard to share information and reminders with families
- Weekly Principal Newsletter
- Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 5th Grade Book Publishing
- Mystery Readers done with parents, staff, and community members
- Fathers and male community members involved in Men Read Too

Demographic Information

Total Enrollment: 772
White: 419
Black or African American: 125
Hispanic/Latino: 110
Asian: 59
Other: 59
Grades Served: PreK – 5
Special Education: 16.06%
Gifted/Talented: 23.9% of grades 3-5
English Language Learners: 10.2%

What Are Our Current Goals?

Increase student achievement

- Use Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessments, Leveled Literacy Interventions (LLI), STAR Assessments, and various other assessment tools to monitor and guide instruction.
- Raise student achievement in all grade levels by utilizing best practices and research proven instructional strategies.
- Develop essential standards across all grade levels and support essential standard collaboration at the district level.
- Utilize common formative assessments and adjust teaching and learning appropriately based on student assessment data.

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

- Develop Professional Learning Communities for team lesson planning, student assessment and data analysis, organizing students for extra support and/or enrichment, engaging students in goal setting, and monitoring progress.
- Hold MTSS and Leadership Intervention Team meetings with grade levels to discuss student data, progress, and interventions.

Build positive home communication and school environment

- Evaluate school survey data for continuous improvement.
- Weekly parent communication from Principal's Newsletter.
- Use of web-based SeeSaw, Google Classroom, and Blackboard messaging for consistent communication highlighting class activities.
- Bi-weekly newsletters or website updates from classroom teachers.

Promote healthy habits and lifestyles

- SRSS-IE Social Emotional Screener
- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Healthy Together 5210