

## 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
- ✓ Development 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 NaFo
- ✓ Ms. Anna Marks, Reading Recovery Teacher, is the FMES 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year
- ✓ Mrs. Cindy Caldwell, School Nurse, is the FMES 2021-2022 Support Staff of the Year.
- ✓ Ci3T Manual Building Phase completed with implementation planned for 2022-2023
- ✓ School level Battle of the Books competition
- ✓ Our PTO raised over \$40,000 this year, and contributed to a variety of school endeavors, including supporting teacher initiatives, school branding, intervention supports for math, and more
- ✓ 40 Book Project to provide students in need with books to read at home
- ✓ Implementation of new DESSA Social Emotional Learning screener
- ✓ FMES staff and students wore blue for Autism Awareness Day
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Full implementation of new Chrome tablets in K/1 classrooms
- ✓ Interior hallway and rotunda floors completely replaced and interior hallway walls repainted
- ✓ Full furniture replacement for all teacher and student desks, tables, and chairs

### 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.

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# Fort Mill Elementary School



## School Improvement Council Report 2021-2022

### 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 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 with Kansas University to support Ci3T Manual Building and Implementation phases
- YMCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Swim Program
- William and Mary ELA Units, Junior Great Books, Lucy Calkins Reading, Writing, and Phonics Units of Study
- Mystery Readers, including parents, staff, and community members, invited to classrooms to read virtually
- Winthrop Partner School
- Partnership with Local High Schools and Middle Schools
- Reading Buddies with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Fort Mill Middle School
- Camp Invention
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 Foundation – providing books and reading opportunities for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students
- World Read Aloud Day
- Read Across America Week
- FMES March Madness Tournament of Picture Books
- Books for classroom libraries
- Partnership with the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools to provide students in need with school supplies
- Chrome Tablet implementation
- Pink Out to support Go Jen Go
- Blood Drive with One Blood to support Heart Month and children with heart defects
- March Book Madness Tournament of Books
- Partnership with the Rotary Club to promote reading in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through the Literacy Picnic
- FMSD Summer Space Camp, including Summer Reading Camp, Lunch & Learn, ESOL Camp, and camps to support 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Local Police Stations to enhance safety measures
- Partnership with Fort Mill First Baptist Church
- Continued FMSD Partnership with Discovery Education
- Positive Office Referrals recognizing students showing positive behaviors listed in the FMES Behavior Matrix

### Enhanced Parent Involvement and Communications:

- Classroom SeeSaw and Google Classroom accounts
- Biweekly and Weekly newsletters from classrooms
- Weekly Principal Newsletter
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Book Publishing
- Mystery Readers Virtual Read Alouds done with parents, staff, and community members

### Demographic Information

Total Enrollment: 765  
White: 489  
African American: 101  
Hispanic: 80  
Asian: 54  
Other: 41  
Grades Served: PreK – 5  
Special Education: 16.8%  
Gifted/Talented: 29.9% of grades 3-5  
English Language Learners: 3.9%

## 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.
- 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

- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Healthy Together 5210