



**Orchard Park
Elementary School
Improvement
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Eagle Activities and Achievements

- ◆ Fully accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and Advanc-Ed
- ◆ Organized OPES WATCHD.O.G.s program for Dads
- ◆ Recognition as a “No Place for Hate” school
- ◆ Winthrop University NetSCOPE Partner School
- ◆ “Paint the Rock” contributions of \$3,400 to Fort Mill Care Center, Jump Rope for Heart contributions of \$14,150, Cystic Fibrosis Hat Day \$ 811
- ◆ SC Palmetto Gold recognition
- ◆ Continued *Second Wednesday Coffees* for parent questions, concerns and comments
- ◆ 16 National Board Certified teachers
- ◆ Implementation of Lucy Calkins Writing Program
- ◆ Cafeteria DHEC ratings average 100%
- ◆ 6 Teachers won and implemented grants from the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools; 3 Recipients of Donors Choose grants
- ◆ Awarded \$5000 Harris Teeter Grant for Wellness activities and DHEC Champions of the Environment Grant for \$2000
- ◆ Seeking status as a Green School Silver partner for SC Safe Routes to School; conducted Safety Assessment, bike and walker safety assemblies
- ◆ Successful “Talons to the Turf” walk to school day with 70% of students participating
- ◆ Partner with Fort Mill YMCA for summer program; host and staff OPES Lunch and Learn Summer program
- ◆ Additional teachers applied for host and mentor status with Winthrop University Internship programs.
- ◆ Participated in Acts of Random Kindness Week, Career Day, Friendship Day, Senior Citizens Partnership, Veterans Day Parade, Earth Day at OPES and District Hunger Drive
- ◆ Continuation of Chess Clubs, School Patrol, Chorus, Environmental Club, OPES Broadcasting Teams, Girls on the Run, Let Me Run, STOP (Students Thinking of People), Wee Deliver, JA Biztown, Book Buddies, Lego Robotics. Partnership with Simply Language Academy for Spanish Club
- ◆ Continued Math Maniacs recognition and implemented before school Math Lab intervention steps.
- ◆ Participated in Ice Bucket Challenge and Booster-Thon Fun Run
- ◆ Faculty Book Study: *The Energy Bus*
- ◆ SIC sponsored program for parents on *Cyber Dangers*

**Orchard Park Elementary
School Improvement Council
Report to Parents 2014-2015**



Vision Statement

Orchard Park Elementary School will provide a positive, safe, and innovative learning environment that inspires all students to reach their greatest potential. Students will be challenged to do their personal best. In collaboration with parents, the community and faculty, students at Orchard Park will grow into responsible citizens and enthusiastic life-long learners.

Mission

The **mission** of Orchard Park Elementary School is to put children first by providing quality instruction in a caring environment where all students are recognized as individuals and are educated to their potential. Through collaboration with school, home, and community, our children will become independent learners and responsible citizens.

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Orchard Park Eagles Soar High With PRIDE

P= Personal Best R= Respect I=Integrity

D=Dependability E= Encouragement

Progress for OPES Eagles

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

(Absolute rating is based on the average of state test scores. Growth rating refers to the improvement measured by state test scores over the previous year.)

PASS TEST PERFORMANCE

Subject	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met + Exemplary	Met Goal ?
ELA	6.2	16.9	76.8	93.7	Yes
Math	6.2	21.7	72.1	93.8	Yes
Science	8.0	44.1	47.9	92.0	Yes
Soc. Studies	5.2	20.1	74.7	94.8	Yes
Writing	5.3	18.4	76.3	94.7	Yes

(Writing tested for 5th grade only)

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Student Attendance	97.2%
Teacher Attendance	96.2%



SURVEY RESULTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys	51	124	92
% Satisfied with Learning Environment	88.2 %	92.0 %	90.2%
% Satisfied with Social and Physical Environment	94.1 %	92.0 %	90.2 %
% Satisfied with School-Home Relationship	100 %	95.1 %	71.8 %

Orchard Park School Song

Lyrics by Ms. Cutler and the Soarin' Sounds Music Clubs

(To the tune OF You're a Grand Old Flag)

Here at Orchard Park Elementary School

Eagles soar high with pride every day! (OPES)

We do our best, We show respect

In all of our work and our play. (Orchard Park)

We love our school, where teachers and kids are cool,

And that's why you hear us say:

"Orchard Park is great And we cannot wait

To learn lots of new things each day!"

(Go Eagles!)



Thank You to Our Support Teams!

Orchard Park's 800+ students and 60 staff members are grateful for the many learning opportunities made possible through the efforts of our local School Board, our District Office personnel, the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools, our community businesses and our supportive Parent Teacher Organization.

OPES teachers and students have enjoyed the benefits of:

- ◆ professional development for teachers through classes and workshops provided by the Fort Mill School District the Foundation, and PTO grants
- ◆ Supplies purchased by the PTO: laminating film, student agendas, poster maker supplies, and books for the classroom
- ◆ Technology: an additional charging cart and 44 chrome books, funding for computer programs/apps from PTO, additional security cameras from the district, grants for programs through the Foundation
- ◆ PTO financial and physical assistance with classroom garden materials, landscaping and grounds beautification
- ◆ PTO sponsorship of annual BoosterThon, Family Fun Nights, safety programs, and teacher appreciation week, volunteer supervision of student lunch periods during monthly lunch or desserts for teachers

Our Current Goals

- ◆ Steadily increase student achievement in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Teachers used response to intervention, Fountas and Pinnell Assessments, Grade Level Assessments, and Technology programs. They utilized Measures of Academic Progress, state tests, curriculum based measures; increased student support through Reading Recovery, Reading Specialist, Math Specialist, Math Lab, high school tutors and Student Support Meetings.
- ◆ Provide additional Teacher Leadership Opportunities: teachers visited Guided Math classes in action, one monthly faculty meeting devoted to staff development and presented by teachers, team building activities, **Read to Succeed** Training, technology classes, and Student Learning Objectives workshops. Several staff members attended Winthrop's NetSCOPE conference.
- ◆ School Climate Goals: maintain/improve high attendance for students and teachers, reduction of sweet snacks brought into classrooms, maintain satisfaction of parents about the learning environment, social environment and home-school relationships. State guidelines and district policy have supported closer examination of foods and snacks available to students.