

"Report to the Parents" 2010-11

Mission Statement

The mission of SFES, in partnership with family and community, is to provide a safe, friendly, productive learning environment for students, while creating a desire for life long learning.

2010-2011 Highlights

Springfield Elementary made AYP meeting 13 out 13 objectives.

SFES received a Palmetto Gold Award, and received an "Excellent" rating.

Patty Granger and Tracy Hazelwood (fourth grade teachers) were the recipients of the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools Grant. Their grant was entitled *Listen to Read*.

Teri Schwartz, school counselor, received a sensitivity training grant from the State Department of Education. This grant helped students better understand those who may have physical handicaps, hearing or vision problems, or learning disabilities.

Heather Wolf, reading specialist, received a grant for e-books from Sylvan Dell. These e-books helped provide additional reading materials for our students.

Springfield Elementary participated in the Breathe Better (B2) anti-idling clean air campaign again this year.

SFES Chorus performed at "ART ON MAIN" in October. Twenty-three students had art displayed, and six were recognized for "Excellent Creative Expression."

SFES participated in TEAM NUTRITION. The goal is to improve children's lifelong eating and physical activity habits.

SFES Colts raised \$1,935.00 during Jump Rope for Heart. The money helps fund on-going research to find ways to prevent and cure heart disease.

Brenda Woodcock, kindergarten teacher, was voted our 2011 Teacher of the Year. Jeannine Bruce, kindergarten assistant, was selected as our 2011 Staff Employee of the Year.

Ashlynn Hinson was the school winner for the State Superintendent's Writing Award.

SFES hosted a Curriculum Night in April.

Chorus and Drama presented two programs; one in December and one in March. Students in second through fifth grades performed with their classes in the programs.

Thirty students from Springfield Elementary had their art work displayed at the District Office.

The SFES Archery Team attended the State competition.

Springfield Elementary was part of the District's accreditation process.

First and third grades are working with the District nutritionist who received a grant. They will be working together to plant a pumpkin patch.

SFES sponsored the following extra-curricular opportunities: Environmental Club, Press Club (morning news), Knitting Club, Chorus and Drama, Second Grade Book Club, Safety Patrol, Student Council, Book Buddies, Archery Team, Disk Golf, Cup Stacking, and Fifth Grade Fitness Challenge

Springfield's PTA sponsored the Boosterthon-fun-run in August. Students received pledges from 46 states and 11 foreign countries. They made just over 100% of their goal.

In August, the PTA hosted a "Back to School" family picnic.

The PTA sponsored a Family Game Night in September.

A "Get Fit" night was hosted in November. Representatives from SFES, the school district, and the community collaborated to highlight healthy choices.

The PTA sponsored two book fairs. Each one raised over \$10,000. They also hosted restaurant nights and family fun nights.

The faculty and staff participated in numerous professional development activities on literacy, technology, etc. Many teachers also were enrolled in graduate level courses.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten and first grade students will have a musical performance on May 5.

SFES will have a student art show on May 26 at the PTA spring picnic.

SFES will have a school wide interdisciplinary environmental week May 23-May 27.

Additional information can be viewed at the school website at <u>http://sfes.fort-mill.k12.sc.us</u> More information may also be viewed online at "S.C. School Report Card" at <u>www.ed.sc.gov</u>.