## Carolina Springs Elementary School Annual Report to Parents

April 30, 2011



This annual report is a supplement to the School Report Card to provide you additional information about your school, its goals, successes, and challenges. Please feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions, comments, ideas or questions. For additional information, visit us on the web at: http://www.lexington1.net/cses

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School Wide Theme

Our school-wide theme this year has been "Around the World Island Style". The students have visited over 32 islands, one each week, through virtual experiences on Husky TV daily. We have had guests from the various islands interviewed, learned about the culture of the country and have logged our experiences in individual student passports. The students have truly had a global experience that will prepare them as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. For a complete update on all the activities and instructional objectives related to our theme, please visit our website.



#### **Student Performance**

Students at Carolina Springs Elementary School have made tremendous progress in their performance in Reading and Math as measured by the MAP testing program. Final MAP testing is underway for the 2010-2011 school year,

but results from last year's administration are listed below in terms of the percent of students who met their growth targets:

#### MAP 2009-2010 Percent Meeting Target

Grade Level	% Met Reading	% Met Math
Grade 2	60.6	81.6
Grade 3	70.6	79.0
Grade 4	69.8	78.3
Grade 5	76.8	65.0

**Report Card Ratings for School** Year 2009-2010

Absolute Rating: Average

Growth Rating: Excellent

AYP Not Met (19/21 objectives met)

# Accomplishments CSES Chorus selected for inclusion in the World's Largest Concert DVD (third year in a row). CSES raised over \$3,000.00 for Juvenile Diabetes Research CSES received two awards from the SC State Department of Education: Palmetto Gold Award for Improvement Palmetto Silver Award for "Closing the Achievement Gap"

### Progress on Goals for 2010-2011

- Response to Intervention Program was fully operational in meeting needs of our struggling learners in reading and in math. A large number of students have been served and progress is impressive. We feel this helped us achieve the Palmetto Silver Award.
- "Situation Room" model afforded us the opportunity to monitor student progress effectively and make instructional decisions to achieve higher levels of success for these students.
- Math scores showed tremendous improvement as we fully implemented the new math series and enjoyed our first Family Math Night with the support of Food Lion on South Lake Drive.
- Grants were written and received bringing in more than \$5,000.00 in additional funds to support our instructional program.
- Strong partnerships to support our Around the World Island Style theme were established particularly with community members and with the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business (thanks to parent Tina Poindexter).
- Results of the "school safety survey" show that a higher percentage of students are feeling safe on our campus.
- Students were recognized regularly for character and good citizenship through the "blaze bucks" program, PAWS ("Pawsitively Awesome Well –behaved Students") Café, Passport Party, Bus Challenge Winners and other special recognitions.
- Through strong support from the CSES PTO our school climate has been enhanced. Over 450 plants and shrubs were added to our campus through the hard work of parent volunteers and strong leadership by committee chair Crystal Trimnal. Michelin Corporation provided a SC

Fence Garden for our student enjoyment. NOTE: A full report on the progress of all goals in the **School Improvement Plan** will be posted on the website by July 15, 2011.

> School Pledge/Mission I pledge To take pride in our school and to be **respectful** of each person who enters our doors; To unlock our minds and learn from our experiences every day, especially the ones that challenge us; To develop a character that will make our families proud and allow us to become **caring, responsible,** and **trustworthy** members of our home and school communities.

CSES School Improvement Council 2010-2011 Dr. Bruce Anneaux, Parent (Chair) Jenny Bullard, Parent (Vice-Chair) Amy Eberflus, Parent Mike Wilson, Parent Jonathan Hucks, Parent Tamela Jett, Teacher James Jett, PTO President Pastor David Moore, Community Member Stephanie Taylor, Teacher Barbara Burns, Teacher of the Year 2009-2010 Administrators (ex officio members)

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