

## Awards and Achievements

- ◆ Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- ◆ Recognized as a Title One Reward School for Performance
- ◆ Awarded HealthierUS Challenge Bronze Level Incentive Award
- ◆ Received recognition from The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Program
- ◆ A member of the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University
- ◆ Recognized as an Inside Out Center for Learning
- ◆ Awarded Red Carpet School for providing a family-friendly environment
- ◆ Received 21st Century After-School Program Grant
- ◆ Awarded MCEC Bright Ideas Grant and Lexington One Learning Commons Grant



## School Improvement Council 2012–2013

Johnnie Boatwright, Title I coordinator

Stephanie Lawson, parent and chair

Mark McDermet, assistant principal

Kelly Middleton, assistant principal

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## Forts Pond Elementary School A Title One School School Summary Report 2012–2013

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### Our Mission

Forts Pond Elementary School, in collaboration with families and the community, will  
Fulfill the Potential of Every Student.

This report from the School Improvement Council presents Forts Pond Elementary School's progress toward its goals in the 2012–2013 school year, as required by Act 135 passed by the S.C. General Assembly.

## Palmetto Assessment of State Standards

The Annual School Report Card explaining Spring 2012 PASS data was sent home with every student. FPES received an absolute rating of Average and a growth rating of Average.

PASS measures mastery of grade-level achievement standards.

## Measures of Academic Progress™ Data

MAP tests, administered to second- through fifth-graders three times a year, are used to measure academic growth in reading and mathematics. A summary of spring 2012 scores is shown below.

Subject	Grade	% of students meeting target growth
Reading	2	73%
	3	60%
	4	69%
	5	62%
Math	2	72%
	3	59%
	4	82%
	5	62%

## School Improvement Goals and Strategies to Reach Our Goals

**Goal One:** Increase student achievement by improving instructional practices to include best practices and research based programs

- Implemented 6+1 Traits of Writing to improve writing across all grade levels
- Set specific goals for the use of an instructional strategy to improve student engagement and achievement and collaborated with instructional consultants to determine effectiveness
- Implemented the use of Fast ForWord® and Imagine Learning with struggling students

**Goal Two:** Involve the community and stakeholders in the school.

- Involved PTO officers and the School Improvement Council in school planning
- Invited all parents to a planning meeting where they could share their ideas for the 2013–2014 school year
- Sponsored a parent mathematics and science night where they could participate in a sample of activities that have occurred in class

**Goal Three:** Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment

- Conducted annual Safe School Climate Survey, reviewed the results with SIC and students, and provided time for both groups to give feedback on ways to improve the areas of concern
- Participating in a district pilot program, which gives FPES a police officer on school grounds for two hours each day

## Giving Back to the Community

- Students, families and staff raised funds to sponsor a local veteran on the Honor Flight of South Carolina.
- Two staff members served as guardians on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.
- Students collected canned food items for the local food bank.
- Classes planted raised gardens for our Farm to School Grant.
- Students, families and staff collected food and hygiene items to send to troops in Afghanistan.
- Kindergarten students sorted the items sent to troops and second-graders packed the boxes for shipping overseas.
- Students participated in Jump Rope for Heart as they raised money for the American Heart Association.
- Staff donated toy items for families in need at Christmas to the Pelion Women's Club.
- Volunteers organized and coordinated Nana's Closet, which provides donated clothing and household goods to the community.
- Students participated in a variety of fundraisers to support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.