

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Our Mission

The mission of Deerfield Elementary School is to create a caring community that develops life-long, successful leaders and learners.



2023-2024 School Year

Deerfield Elementary continues to lead by example with celebrating student growth in many areas. The growth for our Special Education population has helped us to no longer be identified as an ATSI school after this year. We embrace the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by staying true to our mission of *creating a caring community that develops lifelong, successful leaders and learners.*

We are proud to share that Deerfield Elementary has become a Project UNIFIED school. Our school team continues to participate in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge to raise money and awareness for Special Education. Some of our students also competed in the local Special Olympics this year. In addition, DES raised funds for Relay for Life and hosted two Run Hard teams. Deerfield hosted several family engagement events this year, including: outdoor family movie night, Trick or Treat, bingo night, astronomy night, family literacy night, family game night, and a Glow Dance. DES also celebrates our future students through the Tiny Trailblazers program for 3 and 4 year olds. We also added a 3K preschool program at DES this year.

Our Deerfield Family grew this year in more ways than we could have ever expected. Staff works to design



individualized instruction for students to increase knowledge by targeting instruction using multiple data points. Students at DES are assessed through formative and summative assessments, running records, and iReady to guide our instruction.

German & Spanish Immersion

Deerfield's German Immersion students have continued to grow and learn mathematics and science in German and ELA and social studies in English. This year we added Spanish Immersion to 5K (as German begins to phase out). We held an Immersion family picnic recently to increase family engagement. Our Immersion program continues to send Immersion students to middle school each year to continue their studies in the program there.

School Profile

Student Enrollment: 802
 Administrators: 3
 Certified Staff: 67
 Support Staff: 36



TRACK

Each day, students at DES work to stay on TRACK. Our Deer TRACKS are:

- T - Take Responsibility
- R - Respect
- A - Appreciate
- C - Collaborate
- K - Knowledge
- S - Safety

Grade levels meet weekly for their Team Huddle meetings. Each class celebrates a student "TRACK Star" who has stayed on TRACK for the week and displayed the TRACK characteristic focused on for the week.

We also have opportunities for students to participate in chorus (3rd-5th grade) and a musical performance (2nd grade). They come in two days a week and work with a team of adults to prepare for their big debut in April. We are thankful to be able to provide a fine arts outreach for our students.



