

Devon Forest Elementary's Core Values

Berkeley County's Core Values

Student and Learning Emphasis

- Focusing on quality teaching and learning, with the priority on the student, our CENTERPOINT.

Valuing Quality Faculty and Staff

- Respecting the value of quality team members who make a difference in our school district.

Teamwork and Partnership

- Developing and refining a team concept throughout the district that values the role of our community partnerships in meeting the needs of our CENTERPOINT.

Continuous Improvement

- Focusing on becoming a great school system with a constant dissatisfaction with just being good.

Management by Fact and Focus on Results

- Using reliable data to make decisions that address the needs and expectations of our community.

Social Responsibility

- Promoting and maintaining ethical, professional, fiscal, and personal accountability in all that we do.

Systems Perspective

- Committing to our CENTERPOINT through the alignment and coordination of strategies.



Devon Forest Elementary's Goals

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- ⇒ Positive School Climate: We will provide a safe, orderly and healthy school that insures a positive and caring learning environment.
- ⇒ High Student Performance: We will realize high levels of academic growth and achievement for all students.
- ⇒ Community Engagement: We will build family, community, and business support that will generate advocacy for our schools and our school district.
- ⇒ Strategic Human Resource Management: We will recruit, retain, and develop quality teachers, administrators and staff.
- ⇒ Fiscal Responsibility: We will be responsible stewards of our resources and insure that we provide a quality education for all students.
- ⇒ Effective Communications: We will develop, refine, and implement an effective communications plan for our school system.

Devon Forest Elementary School Annual Report to the Parents and Community



Vision

To challenge and empower our students to be successful in a highly competitive world.

Mission

Building upon our rich Lowcountry traditions, we will ignite, in every student, a passion for life-long learning. Through dynamic instruction, creative partnerships and exceptional support, we will foster opportunities for each student to build a legacy of success.

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Extracurricular Activities at DFE

- DFE Elementary Chorus
- Boosterthon Participants
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports School
- Twenty National Board Certified Teachers
- 2 Computer labs with instructors
- Dragon's Den before and after school daycare program
- Curriculum nights for students and parents
- Kindergarten Crew Reading Program
- Transition activities for preschool children
- Kindergarten-second grade Action Based Learning Lab
- Third-fifth grade Action Based Learning Lab
- Kids Who Care Participants
- Recycling Team

School Improvement Council

Eliza Jourdain, Chairperson
 Cristie Mitchum, Principal
 Melissa Willis, Assistant Principal
 Clarence Hawkins, Assistant Principal
 Jennifer Bowen, Title I Facilitator/ Instructional Coach
 Kelley Sunby, Community Member
 Hannah Bates, Community Member
 Leigh Campbell, Elected Parent
 Valerie Betchel, Elected Parent
 Eliza Jourdain, Teacher

Community Outreach & Involvement

- Angel Tree
- Little Pantry Food Bags by Peace Presbyterian
- Movies at DFE sponsored by Church at Canebay
- MUSC Wellness Initiative Partnership
- Showcase at Charleston STEM Festival
- Rockin Readers at Wingate
- Mobile hotspot distribution for families (Kajeets)

Academic Enrichment Opportunities

- Spelling Bee
- Google Expeditions/Virtual Field Trips
- School wide Dreambox Math Challenge
- Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum
- GEMS Club (Girls Excelling in Math and Science)
- Curriculum Nights
- EAGLES Program grades 3-5
- STEM Enrichment

Family Centered Activities

- PTO Fall Dance and February Friendship Dance
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Movie Night at DFE
- Technology Nights
- Fall Festival of Literacy and Math
- Math Night at BI-LO



Technology

Our school is dedicated to 1:1 technology. Through district, school, and Title I funds, DFE will be 1:1 opening the 2016-2017 school year. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity for all of our students at DFE.



Our Accomplishments

2010 Palmetto Gold Award for Performance

2010 Palmetto Silver Award
for Closing the Achievement Gap

2010 Red Carpet Award
for providing a family-friendly environment and
exhibiting exemplary customer service

2011 Palmetto Silver Award for Performance

2012 Palmetto Silver Award for Performance

2012 Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the
Achievement Gap

2014 and 2016 MUSC Wellness Winners

2017 Common Sense: Digital Citizenship Certified
School

2016-2017 Principal of the Year, Mrs. Mitchum

2017 Top 3 Teacher of the Year, Dr. Matthews

2017 Top 3 Rookie Teacher of the Year, Ms. Verner

