

School Improvement  
Council

Report to Parents  
2011-2012

# Jennie Moore Elementary School



## SIC MEMBERS

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### Teachers

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Jennie Moore has over  
400 volunteers  
committed to helping  
achieve our mission!

We truly appreciate the  
dedication and support  
provided to both our staff  
and students.

THANK YOU!!

## The Jennie Moore Difference

Jennie Moore Elementary is an art infused magnet school for the East Cooper District. With our arts infusion program, instruction is based on the South Carolina State Standards and through the arts, learning is integrated across all areas of the curriculum. The arts program provides an opportunity for all children to learn and develop their creativity through Art, Music, PE, Drama, Spanish and Technology.

## Major Accomplishments

### School Report Card (2010-2011)

Absolute Rating=Excellent Improvement Rating=Excellent  
Adequate Yearly Progress- Yes, met all 17 standards  
Palmetto Gold Award

### 2008 South Carolina Healthy School Award

## The Jennie Moore Experience

### Learning For All Students:

In the seventh year of implementation, Jennie Moore has continued to administer the MAP test to all students. Three times a year students are assessed in the areas of Reading, Math and Language. Teachers use this information to plan for and guide their instruction.

### Teacher Collaboration:

Classroom teachers and special area teachers collaborate to provide students with integrated learning experiences. Grade level curriculum standards are infused in the arts program and the arts standards are infused in the classroom. Teachers and specialists work together to develop intervention programs for students needing additional assistance.

### Foreign Language:

Jennie Moore is one of only four elementary schools in Charleston County to offer foreign language. Spanish instruction begins in kindergarten and continues through fifth grade, preparing students for advanced foreign language courses.

## Community

JME teachers, staff and students support over a dozen charities by raising funds and awareness for these programs. One of our largest fundraising charity events was **Jump Rope For Heart**.

Quarterly, **Fridays with Felder and Fitz** offers all parents an opportunity for open discussions with the administration on current topics of interest.

JME's **School Improvement Council** was a finalist for the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence. Our council worked closely with school and district officials as our building plan moves forward.

## Literacy Initiatives

- **The Literacy Team**, sponsored by the PTA, organized and implemented several initiatives to encourage both students and families to read throughout the year.
- **Read Across America** celebrated Dr. Seuss. Students created crazy “Seussical” hats.
- **Accelerated Reader Program** was used in all grades to monitor student achievement.
- **Fountes and Pinnell** was used to assess and monitor reading progress of all students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- **Two Scholastic Book Fairs** were held to raise funds to purchase materials for our Media Center. Students purchased over 2,000 books at the fall and spring book fairs earning the chance to send the principal to the roof.
- **Home Reading Awards** were given to several JME families for their commitment to reading at home.
- **Author**, Sarah Renee visited JME to discuss with students the writing process using her books, Dash, Tiger Princess and Hunted Home.

## Focus on At-Risk Students

- Through a grant from CCSD, the **Jennie Moore Homework Center** continued for fourth and fifth grade students.
- **I-Beam Program** supported students with weekly one-on-one mentoring. Mentors read with students for thirty minutes and then joined them for lunch and special bonding time.
- **First Grade Academy** served selected first and second grade students by providing one-on-one and small group reading assistance.
- **Challenged students** were given extra periods of direct instruction in a small group setting during the school day.
- **Volunteers** provided one-on-one reading assistance to many eager students.
- **Reading Recovery Program** provided first grade students additional help in reading with intense one on one instruction.
- **Universal Screening** for all kindergarten students helps identify those students at-risk and needing additional help as first graders.

## The Arts

- **Chorus**: 4th and 5th grade students
- **Advanced Drama**: 5th grade students
- **Advanced Art**: 4th and 5th grade students
- **Chimes Ensemble**: 4th grade students
- **Strings**: 5th grade students
- **Theatrical Productions**: “Willie Wonka” highlighted the talents of the entire fifth grade.
- **Drama**: every student was provided with an opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience.
- **Perspective**: provided extensive in-school arts programs for all students.
- **The Fifth Annual Jennie Moore Hoedown**: showcased creativity of all children through talents developed in PE, Drama and Music.
- **World Language Week**: enriched the lives of our students through exposure to different cultures and traditions.
- **PTA Reflections** is a national art competition that encourages students to create works of art based on a theme. Over 100 pieces of art were submitted by our students. Students earned 14 awards at the District level and 5 awards at the state level.

## Healthy School Initiatives

- JME is proud of our **Healthy School Initiative** aimed at helping children make conscious choices in fueling their bodies and exercising. Offered this year were programs such as:
- **Taste It Tuesdays** Children were encouraged to try a new fruit/vegetable every Tuesday.
- **Healthy Choice Lunches** offered balanced menu options free of fried foods.
- **Fourth Annual Monarch March** was a family fun walk and run event in conjunction with a health fair.
- **JME Track Team** included 17 students who competed in the local Hershey Track Meet earning many medals and awards.
- In partnership with the local Rotary chapter, JME’s **Nutrition Club** provided at-risk students with nutritious food over the weekends.