

School Improvement
Council

Report to Parents
2017-2018

Jennie Moore Elementary School



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The Jennie Moore Difference

Jennie Moore Elementary is a creative arts magnet school East of the Cooper. With our arts integrated 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, Dance, and Technology.

Major Accomplishments

Honorable Mention Riley Award for School Improvement Excellence
2007 National Blue Ribbon School **SC Healthy School**

The Jennie Moore Experience

Learning For All Students:

In the thirteenth year of implementation, Jennie Moore has continued to administer the MAP test to all students. Students are assessed in the areas of Reading and Math. 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.

Technology Enhanced:

As a 1:1 iPad school, all students receive an iPad to use during their daily instruction. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive SMARTboard for student use. Additionally, there are four computer labs in the building.

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, **Finding Out With Your Administrators** offers all parents an opportunity for open discussions with the administration on current topics of interest.
- Students collected hundreds of gently used books for the local non-profit, **Book Angels**.
- Our Clemson vs Carolina themed **Food Drive** to benefit the **ECCO** brought in over 800lbs of non-perishable food items.
- Community members volunteered to share their experiences and professions, as a part of our annual **Career Fair** and **Truck Rodeo**.

Literacy Initiatives

- **The Literacy Team**, organized and implemented several initiatives to encourage both students and families to read throughout the year.
- **Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System** was used to assess and monitor reading progress of all students in first through fifth grade.
- **A Scholastic Book Fair** was held to raise funds to purchase materials for our Media Center.
- **The Literacy Team** celebrated summer readers, and awards were given to top readers in grades pre-k through fifth grade.
- Media Center sponsored a **Reading Rivalry** between USC and Clemson fans to support reading for pleasure. The media center also brought author **Patricia Polacco** to JME in Feb.
- **JME's Second Grade** teamed up with the **Riverdogs** to Read Around the Bases and earn a visit to the ballpark.

Healthy School Initiatives

- In conjunction with National Center for Safe Routes to School, JME sponsored a **Bike Safety Rodeo** in November.
- 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 on Taste It Tuesday each month.
- **Fit Kids**– Children participated in organized fitness activities on the monthly basis, during their recess time.
- **Walk to School**– Students and families walked a 1.5 mile course to school in both Fall and Spring.
- **JME students and parents** participated in several fun runs and fitness events, including the **Monarch March** obstacle course.
- Staff at JME have participated in afternoon **Barre, Yoga, and strength training classes** at JME.
- In partnership with the local Rotary chapter, JME's **Nutrition Club** provided at-risk students with nutritious food over the weekends.
- In coordination with the school clinic, students received services from a **Dental Van** two times during the year.

The Arts

- **Chorus:** 2nd grade Mini Monarchs, 4th and 5th grade student choir
- **Advanced Drama:** 5th grade students
- **Advanced Art:** 5th grade students
- **Chimes Ensemble:** 4th grade students
- **Strings:** 5th grade students
- **Theatrical Productions:** “The Aristocats ” highlighted the talents of fifth grade students.
- **Drama:** Students learn all aspects of theatrical production.
- **Dance**– 3rd grade Tap Club
- **PTA Reflections** is a national art competition that encourages students to create works of art based on a theme. Many pieces of art were submitted by our students. Students earned awards at the District and State levels.
- **Engaging Creative Minds** integrates creative experiences with community artists into the curriculum for students in grades K-5.
- JME has partnered with **Charleston Museum** to develop traveling trunks for teachers throughout the Charleston area to use in the classroom.

Enhancing Our 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.
- **Universal Screening** for all kindergarten students helps identify those students at-risk and needing additional help as first graders.
- JME participates in **Core Essentials** rewarding students for positive character development.
- Through the **Kiwanis' Terrific Kid Program**, JME students are recognized for positive behavior.
- The SIC and PTA hosted a **Parent School Security Meeting** with a member of the **Mt. Pleasant Swat Team** and the **Head of Security for CCSD**.
- JME staff members organized a **Math Night**, for students and parents, filled with math games, prizes, and fun.

