

Edith L. Frierson is a Title One Community School located on Wadmalaw Island. This year's theme was "Game On! We're Racing to the Top!" Our school's vision of Excellence + Learning + Values Equals Success helped our students and staff stay focused on high academic goals.

At Frierson, we are committed to helping students achieve in all areas. We have academic and social interventions for students to help them meet their goal of being successful. Our Gifted and Talented Program continues to grow with students being added each year. Qualified students in second thru fifth grades participate in Enrichment or Gifted and Talented instruction through our Gifted and Talented Program.

Frierson is one of nineteen schools that's part of the Race to the Top/Personal Mastery Grant. For our first year, each class developed a Shared Vision, Code of Cooperation and Standard Operating Procedures. These processes helped to give students ownership of their learning environment, along with ownership of their academic expectations.

This year staff development focused on Personal Mastery/Learning and Writer's Workshop. Teachers met weekly with a Personal Mastery Coach to discuss engaging strategies and how to give students Voice and Choice within the classroom. Beginning next year, Frierson will have a focus on technology. Our School Community Task Force surveyed the community, parents, and staff, and technology was the overwhelming interest. Through our focus on technology, we will incorporate technology into the curriculum while giving students the skills they need to compete in the 21st Century. We will also branch into the academic areas of **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering** and **Mathematics**.

As a community school, Frierson collaborates with our PTA, PTA Ad-hoc, and SIC to organize family events such as our Back to School Block Party, Open House, Grits and Gravy for Grandparents, Family Fair, Book Fair Night, Reading for the Gold Olympic Challenge, Grandparents Book Club, Winter Celebration, Spring Gala, Awards Banquet and other celebrations throughout the school year. Our parents and community truly participates in taking part with helping to educate the students of Edith L. Frierson.

Nancy Ross, Principal

Tiffany Maxwell, School Improvement Council Chair