

Students help plant native plants for Bus Loop Project.

#### **SIC Goals**

#### Wellness

Exercise trail, Healthy Eating Initiatives, Garden Club, Healthy Food Tasting Program, Promote Healthy Birthday Alternatives, and Walk to School Day

#### Improvement

Outdoor Stage, Cafeteria Compost Pilot Program, Bus Loop Beautification, Rain Barrel, Compost Program

## **Report Card Rating**

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary is a Constituent Magnet school for students living in District 10. The 2011 report card shows an absolute rating of Excellent and Growth Rating of Excellent, meaning the school's performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 South Carolina Performance Vision.

All ARCAE students participate in visual arts, music,physical education, drama, and Spanish classes. Students also have opportunities to attend classes in ballet and Suzuki violin. The school's PTA and the South Carolina Arts Commission have partnered to allow students to work with a resident artist during the school year.

Classroom teachers teach state standards by incorporating the arts. The ARCAE education is truly unique by being both academically-rich and infused with the creative disciplines.

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary **Gold Medal** Elementary and Secondary Education Act score of 100, an A ranking!

ARCAE is an "Engaging Creative Minds" 2012-2013 Pilot School

#### Members of the SIC

#### Parents

Jennifer P. Smith (Chair), Starr Freedman, Stan Halstead, Amy Horwitz, Matt Spath, Dr. Weeks

#### ARCAE Staff

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# School Summary Report 2012-2013

At Ashley River Creative Arts, our goal for all students is to demonstrate mastery of South Carolina Standards in the areas of English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and the Arts. We believe the arts enhance that learning.

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Fourth and Fifth grade members of the ARCAE Garden Club Paint the New Cistern

#### **ARCAE Garden Club**

During the 2012-2013 school year, Ms. Harris' Garden Club (4th and 5th graders) built an above ground garden to support their goal of healthy living through sustainable efforts. A cistern was donated by the Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium with the efforts of Kimberly Counts, Natural Resources Extension Agent.

#### **ARCAE Students Learn to Give Back**

**Kindergarten** - Arts sales provide funds for purchasing food for needy families.

**1st Grade** - Collect change for the Heifer Project in connection with Africa Unit

**2nd Grade** - Souper Bowl project collects canned goods and donations for local food bank

**4th Grade** - Sells Valentines to raise funds for ASPCA and Alzheimer's Support.

**5th Grade** - Hosts a Veteran's Day Luncheon and collects & sends blankets to VA Hospital.

School Wide - Collects donations for the Charleston Animal Society before winter break

## Grants

#### Distinguished Art Grant

Distinguished Art Program (DAP) Grant is used to develop and implement arts initiatives that support quality arts education programs that significantly improve student achievement in the arts. This grant will fund the construction of an outdoor stage.

#### ABC Advancement Grant

This grant supports ARCAE's standards-based arts curricula, which make the arts an integral part of the basic curriculum and daily classroom instruction.

#### \$500 Community Project Grant

The SC Native Plant Society's Lowcountry Chapter awarded ARCAE in the fall of 2011. This award was used to purchase butterfly garden plants added to the bus loop in March 2012.

#### \$1000 Wellness Grant

ARCAE purchased hula hoops from local business, HomeSpun Hoops, walking club t-shirts and pedometers, and instructional signs for the fitness trail.

### **Arts Programs**

News Team Unichorus Young Composers Drama Troupe Drumming Troupe Jazz Troupe Robotics Club Art Guild Clay Club Guitar Club Photography Club Ballet classes Suzuki classes Drama classes Student Council



Third graders plant tulip bulbs as part of Journey North's Global Tulip Project on seasonal change.