

Outdoor Classroom Dedicated 2008

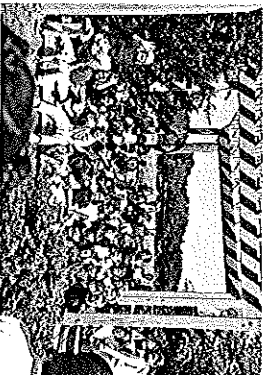
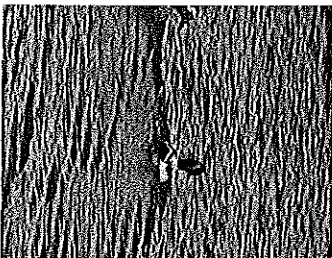
MISSION: Promote powerful learning experiences in a natural setting

PURPOSE: Environmental and conservation awareness
 2.5 acre pond with cantilevered deck and teaching decks with pergola roofing
 Promotes indigenous plants and animal life
 Provides safe harbor for migratory birds and endangered species

2010 Outdoor Classroom Revitalization Workgroup (OCREW) formed to enhance educational programs supporting SC Standards and CCSD Coherent Curriculum and expansion of the classroom.

MEMBERS:

Jerry Poore -Landscape Designer, Major Donor, Parent, and Recipient of the Jefferson Award for his dedication in the construction of the Outdoor Classroom
 Joe Cockrell—USFWS
 JTES faculty and staff, CCSD, CoFC scientists, professors, and graduate students, SCDNR, SCE&E, LEAP, Ducks Unlimited, Grice Lab, CQPR, Soil and Water Conservation, Audubon Society, PTA, Parents and community members



State of South Carolina 2010 Annual School Report Card			
Ratings over 5-year period			
Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rate	
2010	Average	Average	
2009	Average	Below average	
2008	Average	Ak-Risk	
2007	Average	Ak-Risk	
2006	Average	Ak-Risk	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS

Teacher of the Year, Debra Bender
 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED
 Debra Bender, Beth Hale, Brooke Maguire, Christen Patterson, Edna Ann Schwerteger
 Paisley Stewart, 1st place in NCDA poster contest; Kia Davis, 3rd place in CCSD Spelling Bee

School Improvement Council

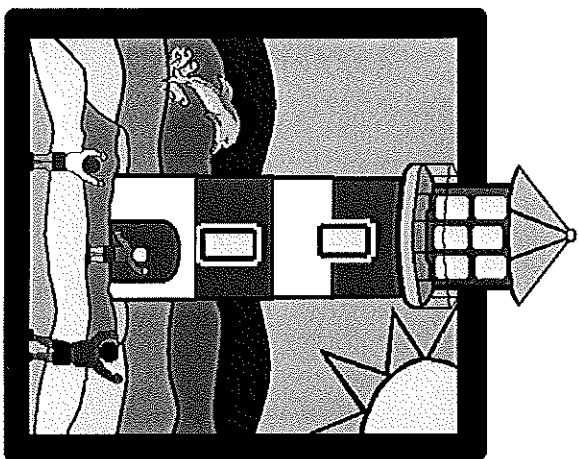
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2010-2011

James Island Elementary

A Beacon to the Future

Annual Report to the Parents



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School Renewal Goals for 2011

James Island Elementary is a beautiful campus with gardens and a large pond providing instructors a wealth of resources to make learning engaging.

Families return to James Island Elementary each year because of the unique, innovative, and collaborative teaching environment enhanced by parent, teacher and administrative support. Notable is the fact that the majority of our staff choose to have their own children enrolled at our school. Equally important is that the percentage of teachers returning has increased from 86.4% to 90.8%.

The percent of students meeting state standards in English Language Arts is greater than "Other Schools like Ours" across South Carolina. We attribute this to our commitment to the Project Read Program. This researched-based program is implemented by a dedicated staff that constantly monitors and adjusts instruction to fit student needs. It is noted that 82.7 % of students across all grade levels met state standards in Math. In addition, 78 % of free and reduced price meal students met Math standards. It is our expectation that student achievement will continue to rise as children become adept in the Everyday Math program.

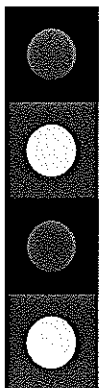
We are proud of the fact that students across all grade levels achieved a Met or Exemplary ratings and exceed the district and state performance in Social Studies. Our success can be attributed to evaluating non-fiction text, applying Project Read strategies across the curriculum, as well as hands-on authentic learning strategies. Our school is fortunate in that it currently has two outdoor classrooms. These resources enhance the activity-based learning of the science curriculum. These initiatives and our staff's commitment to use of resources will ensure the improvement of our Science PASS performance and enable our school to close the Achievement Gap across all content areas.

While over 50% of this staff has advanced degrees, five teachers currently possess National Board Certificates and one teacher completed her PhD program. All members of this staff maintain up to date certificates through the use of staff development opportunities that strengthen their core knowledge and skills.

It is important to note that 100% of the staff are satisfied with the social and physical environment of the school, and we have the highest percentage satisfied with the learning environment as

reported on the 2010 State Report Card. We are extremely proud of our many achievements, in particular our receipt of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Systems (PBIS) Exemplar Award from the State Department of Education. It is evident that JIES is moving toward excellence through the commitment of staff, students, families and community partners.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



First Grade Academy, Morning News Program, SAIL, Town Hall Meetings, Kaleidoscope, Fall Festival, Reading Prize Patrol, Living Literature Day, African American Read-In, National Career Development Award, PIK, Math/Science Night, CD, Jump Rope for Heart, Tennis Team, Dr. Seuss Week, Birthday Book Club, Children's Book Week, Musicals, Fall Family Reading Night, Career Day, Strings, 5th Grade Chorus, Local and National Art Competitions, Homework Hotshots, Foster Grandparents, Go Green, Science Fair, Recycling

