

### More Facts That Make Us Special?

The arts are integrated into the curriculum at all grade levels

Regular performing arts assemblies

Accredited by AdvanceEd

All of our teachers are Highly Qualified as prescribed by No Child Left Behind

Remediation through Movement (Kinesthetic Learning Lab)

Art gallery graces the front hallway

Grade level Arts Integration presentation

Inquiry-based instruction in science and social studies

Portable laptop computer center with 23 computers

Promethean boards installed in all of our classrooms

Grandparents Day in September

Veteran's Day Program

Field trips in all grade levels

Christmas music and drama performances

4th Grade Coffee House Poetry

3rd Grade South Carolina Day Dramatic Performance

5th Grade "Roaring Twenties" performance

Arts integrated Staff Development

Arts integrated lessons across the curriculum

1st through 5th grade strings program

School-wide thematic units

SC United Methodist Million Books Project

ACCENT Gifted/Talented Program



### Student Clubs

Art  
Drama  
Dance  
Chorus  
Student Council  
Strings

### Artists in Residence

Becky's Box of Puppets  
Petra Brooks-Stain Glass  
Russ Petty- Muralist  
Gail Faust-Steel Drums  
Jeff Lamdin-Mime  
Pork Chop Productions  
National Children's Theater



### School Improvement Council

Kristen Fairfax—Elected President  
Bobby Bass—Elected Parent  
Christie Wilburn—Appointed, Community Member  
Rachel Owens—Appointed Community Member  
Amy Dorsey—Elected Teacher  
Rebecca Hinson—Elected Teacher  
Anne Stone—Principal, Ex-Officio  
Ruth Anne Pitt—Asst. Principal, Ex-Officio

*We are  
Artistically  
Diverse*



*Student  
Performances*



## Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts



### 2015-2016 Annual Report to Parents

This report is to provide parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993 and waiver 2012. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2014-2015 school year and our goals.

## Got Smarts?

Strategically

Mixing

Arts and Academics to

Reach educational goals as we

Teach

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## Chester Park School of the Arts

### What Makes Us Special?

10 years - Arts in Basic Curriculum Site

10 years - Distinguished Arts Program Grant recipient

Over \$550,000.00 in grant funding in the last 10 years

"Stepping to A Healthy School Grant" (Chester Healthcare Foundation)

Springs Close Foundation Grant

Mr. Holland's Opus Instrument Grant

Donor's Choose Grants

Snack Sack Grant

Pets in the Classroom Grants

iPads in the Music Classroom

Monthly "Cool Cats"

SMARTS Cash

Make a Difference Day

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tabs

Pennies for Patients

Jump Roope for Heart

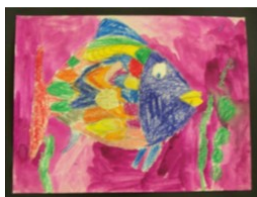
Relay for Life team

Parent Workshops

Student Painted Murals

Ident-a-kid identification program for visitors and students

Box Tops for Education



### Projects

### 3rd-5th grade Mime Club

### 5th Grade Mural



### Mission Statement

The mission of Chester Park Elementary School of the Arts is to engage every child in active individual and collaborative team learning experiences in the context of a comprehensive standards-based arts integrated curriculum.

### Beliefs

#### Arts Education.....

Builds character, cooperation, responsibility, self-esteem, and respect

Enriches and integrates subject areas

Identifies and nurtures each individual student's talents and creativity

Unites students, parents, faculty, and community members

Provides an exciting, caring, and inviting environment for learning

### Research-based Student Outcomes

#### Integrated arts education increases:

Reading, verbal, and mathematical skills

Creative thinking

Self-confidence, risk-taking, and perseverance

Attention span

Leadership ability

Collaboration and problem-solving skills

Higher-order thinking skills

Career aspirations



### 2014-2015 ACT Aspire Assessment

49.4% Exceeding and Ready-English-3rd-5th

19.9% Exceeding and Ready-Reading-3rd-5th

36.3% Exceeding and Ready-Math-3rd-5th

6.3% Exceeding and Ready-Writing-3rd-5th

### 2014-2015 SCPASS

% Met and Above-Science-54.1%

White: 46%

% Met and Above- Social Studies-68%

Black: 45%

(4th and 5th Grades)

Other: 10%

Subsidized Meals: 82.9%

