

# Carolina Elementary School

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## Carolina Elementary School Report to Parents 2012-2013

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Mission Statement: *A community of learners dedicated to student achievement.*

Purpose: The purpose of Carolina Elementary School is to promote academic excellence in each student's life and to establish positive relationships with the entire learning community.

*The steps that we take today lead to the successes of tomorrow.*

**PASS Goals:** We are delighted to announce that Carolina Elementary met all the student achievement goals based on Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) results. Our state report score was: Excellent (Absolute) and Excellent (Improvement). Our ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating was an A. The data is posted on the district website ([darlington.k12.sc.us](http://darlington.k12.sc.us)) and the state website ([scde.com](http://scde.com)).

**Honors:** Carolina was honored as District Clean School of the Year for 2011-2012. Forty-four fifth graders were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club this year. These students have an academic average of 90 or above and will be able to join the Beta Club at Hartsville Middle School next year.

**Activities:** In October, we enjoyed two family activities: the Coker 5K run for any student and parent who wanted to participate and our annual Parent Picnic where all parents are invited to eat a picnic lunch outside with their child. We won the trophy for the most participants in the Coker 5K run. In November, during American Education Week, grandparents joined us in a school tour, took part in our Book Fair, heard the fifth graders play the Alma Mater and shared in refreshments. We partnered with the South Carolina Governor's School of Math and Science for an after school robotics program for interested fifth graders. Twelve students participated and loved the excitement of making robots and working with the students from the governor's school. Our "MATH MATTERS" parent night was held in March with interactive activities in math for parents and students.

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**School Climate:** As part of National Network of Partnering Schools (NNPS) we provided “Drive through Breakfast” to our parents twice during the year. Lunch Bunch is a time when parents and grandparents read to our students during lunch. Small groups of students gather outside or on the stage and listen to an adult read his/her favorite books.

**Technology:** Teachers are using IPAD’s as instructional tools. This summer, two of our teachers will be part of the district’s pilot program for one to one computer learning in their classrooms. Teachers are using multi-media resources for large and small group instruction. Mrs. Matthews, our art teacher, in partnership with Dale Johnson, our technology administrator, combined technology and art through computer graphics with the fifth grade classes.

**Parent Organizations:** This year, one of our goals was new furniture for the fifth grade classrooms. Our brick walkway was installed in the front of the school. Bricks were given by parents and alumni. We will continue to take donations until every brick represent a special person from our school. The donations will go for playground upgrades and equipment replacement. PROJECT FIT will provide one more day of training for Coach Fedewa to enhance our program at Carolina.

The purpose of the Report to Parents is to highlight the progress of the school toward its goals and objectives of the school strategic plan.

We would like to thank the following parents, staff and school community that make up our School Improvement Council:

**Elected Members:**

Coretta Bailey, Parent  
Miriam Norwood, Parent  
Tonda Meadows, Parent (CHAIR)  
Lenora Lefew, Parent  
Lezlie Weaver, Parent  
Jamie Morphis, Parent  
LaShanda Tucker, Teacher  
Irene Middleton, Teacher  
Rachel Wint, Parent

**Appointed Members:**

Reverend Carroway, Community  
Johnna Shirley, Community  
Andrea Trader, Community  
Rev. Kevin Walters, Community  
Allison Pederson, Community  
Graham Segars, Community  
Dr. Mary Thomas, Teacher

**Ex-officio Members:**

Meredith Askins, Parent Org. Rep  
Shannon Harless, Parent  
Donna Barrett, Principal