



Carolina Elementary School

719 W. Carolina Avenue
Hartsville, South Carolina 29550



"A Community of Learners Dedicated to Student Achievement"

Carolina Elementary School Report to Parents 2014-2015

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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 Good (Improvement). Our ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating was an A. The data is posted on the district website (darlington.k12.sc.us) and the state website (scde.com).

Honors: Forty-one 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 our annual Parent Picnic where all parents were invited to eat a picnic lunch outside with their child. In November, during American Education Week, grandparents joined us in a school tour, and took part in our Book Fair. We partnered with the South Carolina Governor's School of Math and Science to offer 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. Additionally, we started a computer science coding after school club for our fourth graders in January. These students work on computers and learn how to use code to create and design computer games. In March, grades 1 and 4 will be able to participate in the Star Lab from Clemson Extension in our own cafeteria. We also offer the Chess Club, the Good News Club, and MAD Science as after school activities. Grades four and one provide musical performances in March and May.

D.A.R.E: Officer Huggins from the Hartsville Police Department serves as our part-time School Resource Officer (SRO). During the fall of 2014, Officer Huggins taught Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) to the fifth grade students. D.A.R.E. is a ten week program that emphasizes good decision making, making positive choices, resisting peer pressure, managing stress,

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communicating effectively, helping others, being responsible, developing effective listening skills, and preventing bullying. On January 23, 2015, forty-six fifth grade students graduated from the program.

School Climate: Each year, we start with an Open House for parents and students to visit their classrooms and learn all about the upcoming year. Lunch Bunch is a time when parents and grandparents read to our students during lunch. Our Service Learning projects this year included collecting canned goods for Carolina Kids and then our fifth grade students actually walked to Carolina Kids and served by putting food bags together for our community. Other Service Learning projects included Pennies for Patients, Dimes for Junior Diabetes, items for the Humane Society, food for our local food banks and Relay for Life.

Technology: Teachers are using IPAD's as instructional tools. Grades 4 and 5 have IPADS in their classrooms for instructional purposes. Students are able to use them in math and science. Mrs. Chamberlin, our media specialists continues to add more eBooks to our library collection for students and staff. Additional software programs that we used this year were ALEKS , Learning Farm, and Moby Max.

Parent Organizations: This year, our Carolina Elementary School Education Foundation sponsored BOOSTERTHON as their major fund raiser. This program encourages good character traits and fitness. Students get pledges for each lap they would run. The PTO has raised funds for new benches for our playground and provided additional funds for both music and art.

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 (Chair)
Tonda Meadows, Parent
Cissy Alexander, Parent
Lezlie Weaver, Parent
Tina Moses , Parent
Mary Morrison, Teacher
Irene Middleton, Teacher

Appointed Members:

Rev. Carroway, Comm.
Johnna Shirley, Community
Andrea Trader, Community
Rev. Patrick Arbo, Community
Jeb Perkins, Community
Graham Segars, Community
Dr. Mary Thomas, Teacher
Rachel Wint, Parent

Ex-officio Members:

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

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