



# 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 2015-2016

Web address: [ces.dcsdschools.org](http://ces.dcsdschools.org)

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). We received the Palmetto Gold Award for achievement from the South Carolina Department of Education. 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:** Forty-seven fifth graders were honored for having all A's all five years on their report card at the All A Banquet in April. Carolina Elementary School is one of 10 schools that were selected from across the state to a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant. The South Carolina SRTS Program is awarding this grant to help selected schools improve the built environment around the school and with developing and enhancing the school's comprehensive Safe Routes to School Plan.

**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 an after school robotics program for interested fifth graders. Eighteen students were engaged in the excitement of making robots and working with the students from the Governor's School. Additionally, we started a pull out program for the GT students in grades 3-5. Small group instruction is offered to all students during this selected time. We also offer the Good News Club, and MAD Science as after school activities. Grades four and one provide musical performances in March and May.

**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. This year our Lunch Bunch small groups has increased to an all time high. 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

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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, Operation Christmas Child, food for our local food banks and Relay for Life.

**Community Partnerships:** Duke Energy partnered with our second grade students by providing books from the Reading is Fundamental program and a cash donation for the students to take eight books home with each student to read over the summer. The Masonic Lodge of Hartsville provided our library with a portrait of George Washington, the first President of the United States. We appreciate the support from these two business partners.

**Technology:** Teachers are using IPAD's as instructional tools. Grades 4 and 5 have IPADS in their classrooms for instructional purposes. Teachers and students have increased their use of technology in preparation for the district digital transformation initiative. Mrs. Chamberlin, our media specialist continues to add more eBooks to our library collection for students and staff.

**Parent Organizations:** This year, our Carolina Elementary School Education Foundation sponsored BOOSTERTHON as their major fundraiser. This program encourages good character traits and fitness. Students get pledges for each lap they run. The PTO has raised funds for classroom supplies and books. Parent volunteers have helped with fundraisers, the book fair, Christmas Shop, field trips, and Field Day.

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  
Meredith Hall, Teacher  
Kourtney Shumate, Teacher

Appointed Members:

Rev. Carroway, Comm.  
Andrea Pulling, 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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