

Carolina Elementary School Report to Parents 2013-2014

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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: Thirty eight 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. Our "MATH" parent night was held in the fall to introduce our parents to our new math curriculum and to give them a chance to work with new interactive activities. 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. Also we were visited by South Carolina archaeologists who shared with each class ways that these scientist gathered data and explored South Carolina for artifacts of the past. In February, grades 1 and 4 were able to participate in the Star Lab from Clemson Extension in our own cafeteria. They saw stars and experienced how weather works.

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. Grades 4 and 5 have IPADS in their classroom for instructional purposes. Students are able to use them in math and science. 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. Mrs. Chamberlin, our media specialists 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 fund raiser. This program encourages good character traits and fitness. Students got pledges for each lap they would run. We were able to have our Fun Run at HHS gym with the Red Fox mascot. All the students really enjoyed this program.

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
Julie Hanlin, Teacher
Irene Middleton, Teacher

Appointed Members:

Reverend Carroway, Community
Johnna Shirley, Community
Andrea Trader, Community
Rev. Kevin Walters, Community
Jeb Perkins, Community
Graham Segars, Community
Dr. Mary Thomas, Teacher
Rachel Wint, Parent

Ex-officio Members:

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