



## 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 2017- 2018

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.***

**SC Ready/PASS Goals:** We are delighted to announce that Carolina Elementary students exceeded the state percentages for meeting expectations in ELA and Math for the SC Ready Test and for Science and Social Studies for the SC PASS test. 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:** Thirty-five fifth graders were inducted in the National Junior Beta Club in the fall. Lila Douglas, a first grader, was selected as the district Art in Business Winner for the K-2 category for 2017-2018. Her art selection will hang in the district office for the 2018-2019 school year

**Activities:** In October, we enjoyed our annual Parent Picnic where all parents were invited to eat a picnic lunch outside with their child. We also hosted two former USC players who have co-authored the book, Just A Chicken. They spoke with the students about the importance of literacy and education. 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 chess club for twenty interested fifth graders. We also partnered with Clemson extension to host several after school opportunities: Engineering for Girls in grades 1 & 2, Cooking Classes for 4th graders. Additionally, we continued a Dragon Time program for students in grades 4-5. Small group instruction is offered to all students during this selected time. We celebrated Read Across America week with a book character parade, guest readers and spirit days. We also offered the Good News Club and MAD Science as after school activities. Grades four and one provided musical performances in March and May. Three of our teachers attended the Transform SC conference in Columbia this year that focused on the effective use of data. Four teachers attended the SCIRA conference which focused on improving instruction on comprehension. One teacher attended the Math Conference and learned a variety of new strategies that have been implemented in her classroom.

**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 have increased to an all time high.

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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, Feed the Docs, Operation Christmas Child, food for our local food banks and Relay for Life. Our students raised a total of \$1,516.04 for charities, collected over 1000 items for the food bank, Hartsville Soup Kitchen and the Darlington County Humane Society and packed 12 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**Community Partnerships:** Clemson Extension has partnered with Carolina by providing nutrition classes for every homeroom for 10 weeks, STEM activities including robotics, engineering for girls, and cooking classes. Clemson Extension also worked with Mrs. Anderson’s class in the garden and team building activities for our fifth graders. Our partnership with the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics included a tour of the facilities, interactive lessons and an after-school Chess club. We also have partnerships with Sonoco Products Company, Hartsville Kiwanis, Hartsville Rotary Club and Duke Energy.

**Technology:** We are now a 1-to-1 school where all students have individual IPAD’s to use as tools in their classrooms. We hosted a technology night where parents were invited to come to the classroom and work with their child as they used the IPAD’s.

**Parent Organizations:** This year, our Carolina Elementary School Education Foundation sponsored a “Penny War” to raise money for additional technology needs. The PTO raised funds for classroom supplies and books. Parent volunteers 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  
Michelle Jeffords, Parent (Chair)  
Tonda Meadows, Parent  
Caroline Beasley, Parent  
Stephanie Henderson, Parent  
Tina Moses, Parent  
Elizabeth Hance, Teacher

**Appointed Members:**

Rev. Carroway, Comm.  
Cathy Brown, Community  
Frances Jones, Community  
Elizabeth Hance, Teacher  
Jeb Perkins, Community  
Graham Segars, Community  
Christina Ewing, Teacher

**Ex-officio Members:**

Cissy Alexander, Parent Org.  
Andrea Pulling, Parent  
Donna Barrett, Principal

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Kourtney Grant, Teacher

Rachel Wint, Parent

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