

Curriculum Cornerstones

- Benchmark assessments/Pacing guides in all subject areas
- Literacy/Math model
- Waterford for kindergarten & 1st grade
- Reading Counts and AR programs to encourage students to meet individual reading goals
- S.T.E.P.S.(Sequential Teaching of Explicit Phonics & Spelling) program all grades
- Literacy teachers (K-2nd)
- Fine Arts Academic Assistance for 3rd grade (ELA)
- Math assistance teachers for K-5th
- Read 180 Program for 4th and 5th graders
- System 44 Program for 3rd graders
- Compass Learning/Fastt Math/First in Math/Study Island
- Apple I-pads sets for all grades
- Math and science manipulative kits
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System)
- Four computer labs
- Technology Infusion Class (4th-5th)

Service Learning Opportunities

- Lost and Found maintained by PMD class
- Relay for Life
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Clean City Sweep
- Grade Level Service Projects (Shoebboxes/Clothing Drive/ Water Drive for Camp Happy Days/Book Drive)
- Angel Tree
- School Garden (assisted by HENS Project)
- United Way/ A Day of Caring
- Can Food Drive

School Improvement Council

Parents

Arleen Kinard, Sameka Jenkins, Tracy McLaughlin , Annette Gorrell, Robert Grant, Martha Grant, Glynis Hill-Morrison, Rachael Ward, Renee Gosnell, Yakisha Simmons

School Administrators

Harolyn Hess, Dan Farmer

Teachers

Susan Kephart , Jessica Nealiou, Lisa Kelien

Community Members

Nathalina Tolbert, Andrea Bryson, Dr. Halaba

Opportunities for Families

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| Meet the Teacher Night | Read Across America |
| Musicals | Talent Show |
| Parent Information Night | Safety Programs |
| Drama Performance | Kids Art Fair |
| Blood Drive | Career Vehicle Day |
| Math & Science Night | Veterans' Day Parade |
| Book Fairs | Volunteer Opportunities |
| PTA Family Events | Darkness to Light training |
| Literacy Night | Wendys/Chick-fil-A Nights |
| Choral Performances | Palmetto's Finest Announcement |
| School Improvement Council | Booster-Thon Fun Run |
| PTA Organization | Backpack Buddies |
| Career Speakers | McDonald's Night |
| Fall Carnival /Trunk or Treat | Walk to School Days |
| Technology Night | SIC Beautification Day |

Opportunities for Students

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| Drama Club | Green Gator Club |
| Terrific Kids | Quiz Bowl |
| PTA Reflections | Math Is Cool |
| Chorus | First Grade Book Club |
| Student Council | Special Olympics |
| Gator Techs | PASS Testing |
| Gator Greeters | Grade Level Clubs (ERD) |
| WGGN | Peer Tutor Program |
| Extended Day | Trebuchet Club |
| Gifted Programs | Student Advisory Board |
| Robotics Club | Spelling Bee |
| Great Gator of the Day | Fifth Grade Dance |
| Peddling for Attendance | MUSC Young Scientist Club |
| Reading Goal Celebrations | Benchmark Assessments |
| Quarterly/Yearly Awards | Afterschool Science Club |
| Mad Science | JumpStart the Day |
| SNAP Squad | Field Trips |
| Gator Patrol | PASS Question of the Day |
| Gator Gardeners | Gator-Up Club |
| Field Day | Kickball Club |
| Book Buddies | N. Chas. Cultural Art Fair |
| Flag Attendants | Peer Tutors |
| Recycle Club | Running Club |

Points of Pride

- Palmetto Gold for Overall Achievement
- Palmetto Gold for Closing the Gap
- Palmetto's Finest Winner
- Red Carpet School
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- #1 in SC for Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser
- #1 in district for Relay for Life Fundraiser
- PBIS Banner School (Positive Behavior Intervention System)
- Art Curriculum Grant Awarded to Art /Music Department
- Adopt a Teacher Program

Fort Dorchester Elementary

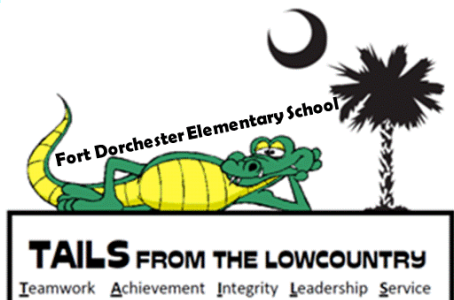
Eleventh Annual School Summary Report

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Mission Statement

Fort Dorchester Elementary School is committed to guiding and challenging each student to succeed in life.

Vision Statement

All students will be engaged in the learning process and challenged to meet their highest potential.

Dear FDES Parents,

The Fort Dorchester Elementary School Improvement Council and the administrators have prepared this School Summary Report for you. We are very pleased with the progress that students have made! Thank you for working together with your child and your child's teachers to ensure his/her success.

This annual report includes our mission and vision statement, evidence to support the goals for the current school year. We received the Palmetto Gold Award for excellent results in closing the achievement gap and for outstanding student academic performance for the third year in a row.

We are proud of students, faculty, staff and families, but realize that the path towards school improvement is a constant journey. We always will strive to keep the momentum of improvement moving forward. We depend on your partnership with Fort Dorchester Elementary School as we prepare our children to successfully travel through life.

Thank you for taking time to study this report.

Tracy McLaughlin
SIC Chairperson

Harolyn Hess
Principal

T.A.I.L.S from the Lowcountry
Teamwork Achievement Integrity
Leadership Service

2013-2014 Strategic Plan Goals

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- Increase student achievement scores in core academic subjects on standardized achievement tests.
- Implementation of **NEW** Common Core State Standards(K-5)
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- Continue implementation of a comprehensive Pyramid of Intervention.

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Evidence

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- Fastt Math was implemented to help students master basic math facts.
- READ 180 (4th and 5th grade) and System 44 (3rd grade) students who read below grade level by two or more grades.
- Math Assistance for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students struggling in math.
- Compass Learning was used in grades 2-5 for 40 minutes daily to provide differentiated instruction in small groups.
- A data wall was maintained to monitor student progress.
- Fine Arts Academic Assistance Program fostered individual students academically as well as socially.
- ELA and Math Benchmark Assessments are administered according to District schedule.
- Continued use of the SST (Student Support Team) to assist and provide interventions for struggling students
- Palmetto Gold Award for Overall Academic Achievement
- Palmetto Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap
- On-going staff development for Common Core State Standards
- Palmetto's Finest winner 2013

Teacher Quality

- All teachers were highly qualified, in that they met or exceeded the requirements reflected under No Child Left Behind.
- Data conferences were held at regular intervals to discuss areas of strengths and weaknesses.
- Weekly PLC team planning meetings were held to discuss student needs and plans for the week.
- Quarterly math and ELA debriefings are held to discuss and analyze benchmark data.
- Staff developments were held to strengthen the use of data to guide instruction.

School Climate

- Adopt a Teacher Program
- Business Partnerships
- PTA/SIC Programs
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Grade Level Service Learning Projects
- Classroom web pages are being updated on a continual basis.

