

## Celebrate with us!

### National Board Certified Teachers

The following teachers were awarded National Board Certification status:

\*Jill Baltzell      \*Debbie Chapman      \*Shawn Hoehn

### Title III/ESOL Advisory Board

Richard McCabe was elected to the South Carolina Department of Education's Title III/ESOL (English as a Second Language) Advisory Board.

### Pee Dee International Reading Association

Tara Matthews was awarded the Distinguished Reading Teacher Award from PDIRA, Pee Dee International Reading Association.

### Funded Grants

Ginger Baggette and Lisa Young wrote **No Family Left Behind: ESOL Translation Station**, a grant aimed at supporting English Language Learners at Delmae using technology. The grant was awarded by NNPS & FMU's Center for Excellence for \$1000.

**Go 'Appy' with HOTS!** is a project designed to improve student test scores by differentiating instruction and developing higher-order thinking skills(HOTS) in the classroom using iPads. This grant was written by Genevieve Boston and funded by The School Foundation.

The **I See ME** grant motivates students to engage in oral reading activities that will help them improve reading fluency. This project is implemented in grades one and two for students scoring a fluency rate of one or two on the Dominie Fluency benchmark test. It was written by Genevieve Boston and funded by Horace Mann/Lee Wilson.

Delmae continues to take a leadership role in **Math Masters**, an annual event occurring for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders around the district as a result of a previous School Foundation Grant.

### Staff Publications

Ginger Baggette, Curriculum Coach, authored a book entitled *60 Must Have Graphic Organizers* published by Caron Dellosa.

### NNPS Promising Practice

Delmae's program, No Family Left Behind: Healthsize Night, written by Ginger Baggette and Lisa Young, was published in NNPS's 2012 publication, *Promising Partnership Practices*.

### First LEGO League Robotics Team

The Delmae Daredevils Robotics Team, comprised of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, brought home the First Place Judges' Award at the regional competition at Florence Darlington Technical College. This year's students include: Benjamin Harris, Andrew Benjamin, Taylor Howard, Morgan Johnson, Collin Butler, Payton Knight, Reagan Jackson, Cade Shea, David Lee, and Jaxson Kroshus.

Coaching staff for the 2012 - 2013 year: Debbie Chapman, Matthew Cote', and Shawn Hoehn

Team mentors: Paula Werner, Michael Thow, and Morgan Chapman.



## What's going on at Delmae?

### Service Learning Projects:

Angel Tree  
Harvest Hope Food Drive  
Jump Rope For Heart  
Operation Christmas Child  
Relay For Life  
Socks for Soldiers  
100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Projects for Community

### Instructional Practices:

Differentiated Instruction  
Flexible Grouping  
Pre/Post Unit Testing  
Data Tracking  
Notebooking

### Instructional Programs:

Accelerated Math  
Accelerated Reader (AR)  
Calendar Math  
Compass  
Every Day Counts  
Good Habits, Great Readers  
Literacy Lab  
Math Masters  
Math Out Of The Box  
Paws For Reading  
Reading Recovery  
YATES Spelling Bee  
Thinking Maps  
Emotionally Disabled Program

### Gifted and Talented:

REACH  
Horizons

### Character Programs:

Terrific Tuesday  
Thoughtful Thursday  
Terrific Kids-Kiwanis Club  
St. John's Episcopal  
All Pro Dads  
Faith-Based Mentoring  
Grace Baptist Mentoring  
Page Points

### Parent & Community Involvement:

Association of Parents & Teachers (APT)  
School Improvement Council (SIC)  
National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS)  
Francis Marion University Education Department  
Golden K Kiwanis Reading Program

### Business Partners

Corona	Fatz	First Reliance	McDonald's
First Reliance	Old Delmae	Sonic	

### School Improvement Council Members

**Anne Adams**, Parent/SIC Chairman  
**Roy Ann Jolley**, Principal  
**Nancy Granath**, Assistant Principal  
**Ginger Baggette**, Curriculum Coach/Parent  
**Lisa Young**, Teacher/Parent/SIC Secretary  
**Tara Matthews**, Teacher/Parent  
**Adrian Benjamin**, Parent  
**Master James McElveen**, Community Member  
**Reverend John Collins**, Community Member

# Delmae Heights Elementary School



2012-2013

School Improvement Council

# Report to Parents & Community

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## PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT:

This report is issued by the Delmae Heights Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

## School Improvement Council (SIC) 2012-2013

### Update on Overcrowding:

Delmae Elementary has a capacity (including 16 mobiles on site) of 700 students. This year, with new district rezoning, our student population has decreased to just over 625. Delmae will be the first school to be re-built in Phase 2 of the Florence School District One building plan, following the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase which includes these new schools: John W. Moore Middle School, North Vista Elementary School, and Royall Elementary School. Until a new Delmae can be built on the property previously purchased by the FSD1 located south of the existing school, the SIC will continue to work closely with the school district to address overcrowding issues that still exist. To stay up-to-date with the newest information regarding the building plan, visit the district website and/or attend any of the monthly district school board meetings.

### SIC Focus on Safety:

Delmae SIC's past chairman, Barry Townsend, recently became a member of the Florence School District One School Board, and a new chairman, Anne Adams, was elected in January. The SIC has met to discuss continued and future goals. Recent national events surrounding school safety were discussed and continue to guide the committee with a steadfast commitment and focus on safety improvements at Delmae.

A new buzzer system has been installed at the front entrance. With this improvement the doors remain locked at all times during the day, and office staff now buzzes visitors in using a camera system. Outer doors of the building are kept locked with the exception of doors for students and staff to go from the mobile units and primary building into the main building.

The school is equipped with video surveillance that is linked to the police department, and uniformed officers visit the school regularly to help with safety.

The district continues put the safety of children first. Our staff, along with all others in the district, has completed school safety intruder drills on what to do in case of such an emergency.

Members of our SIC committee met with some of our school board members to share concerns and to talk about additional ways to make our current school building as safe as we can until a new Delmae is built.

### Traffic and Car Line Safety:

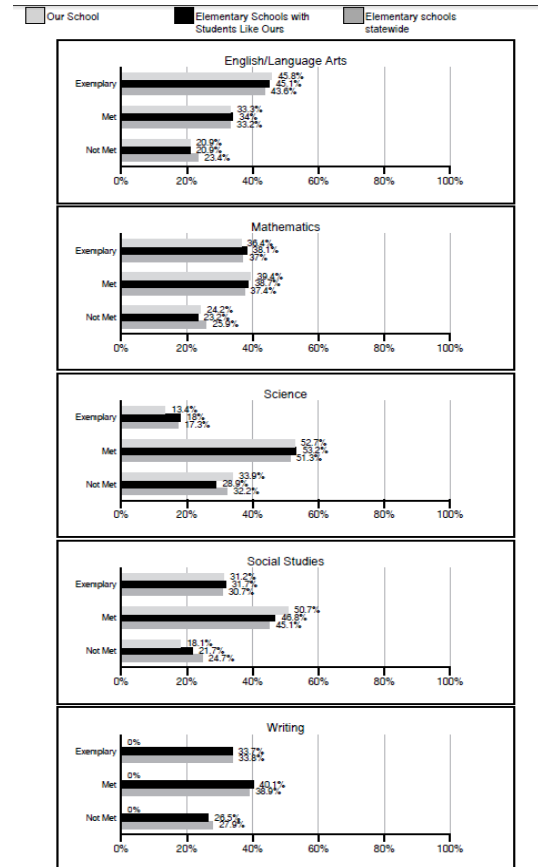
The car line this school year has run much more smoothly, and it seems to go much faster than in the past. The major concern of the staff is the safety of the children when cars are coming in and out of the parking lot. Drivers are encouraged to follow all traffic and carline procedures including entering and exiting according to posted signs, parking only in designated places, dropping off students only in the carline, and watching out for students and parents who may be walking. Parents are reminded that the front circle is for bus and daycare pick-up and drop-off only.

In 2014, the South Carolina Dept. of Transportation will begin the process of widening South Cashua Drive which will impact the front of the school. We will continue to work with the school district on how to best utilize our property during this process.



## Student Achievement

Delmae Heights Elementary School had a Growth Rating of AVERAGE and an Absolute Rating of GOOD for 2012, an improvement from the previous year due to increased student achievement on PASS testing. The charts below illustrate Delmae's PASS performance in the core areas tested.



For more information on our school report card, visit our website at: <https://www.fsd1.org/Pages/Schools/Delmae.aspx>