

## Celebrate with us!

### Palmetto Silver Award

Delmae was a recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award, awarded by the General Assembly to recognize schools that attained high levels of absolute performance, high rates of growth and substantial progress in closing achievement gaps between groups of students.

### SCETV Teacher of Year

Lisa Holiman was chosen by a team of judges composed of staff from ETV's Education department and the Department of Education to receive the inaugural SCETV Teacher of Year award for exemplary integration of technology in lesson plans.

### Delmae Daredevils Lego Team

The Delmae Daredevils, comprised of 3rd and 4th graders, won the regional Lego Robotics competition, despite competing against teams that included 5th and 6th graders. As a result of the win, the Delmae team advanced on to the state competition.

### Energy Cents Grant

Ginger Baggette, our Curriculum Coordinator, and Lisa Young, one of our 4th grade teachers, wrote a grant to promote energy education in schools that was awarded by The School Foundation.

### Math Masters Grant

Ginger Baggette and 4th grade teachers Lisa Young and Danielle Scandrol wrote a grant to promote math education and collaboration among teachers and students in 3rd grade at all elementary schools that was awarded by The School Foundation.

### Published Staff

The book *60 Must Have Graphic Organizers* was written by Ginger Baggette, and published by Carson Dellosa Educational Publications.

### NNPS Promising Practice

The Delmae "Sip and Sob" activity, developed by the Delmae Writing Vertical Team and intended to ease the transition to kindergarten for both students and their parents on the first day of school, was published in the National Network of Partnership Schools' annual collection of Promising Partnership Practices.

## 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*

### GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAMS

*Horizons*  
*Reach*

### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

*Accelerated Math*  
*Accelerated Reader*  
*Calendar Math*  
*Compass*  
*Every Day Counts*  
*Good Habits, Great Readers*  
*Literacy Lab*  
*Math Masters*  
*Math Out of the Box*  
*Paws for Reading*  
*Reading is Fundamental – Kiwanas Club Reading*

*Recovery*  
*YATES Spelling Bee*

### INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

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

### CHARACTER PROGRAMS

*All Pro Dads*  
*Faith-Based Mentoring*  
*Grace Baptist Church*  
*Mentoring*  
*Page Points*  
*St. John's Episcopal*  
*Terrific Kids – Kiwanas Club*  
*Thoughtful Thursday*

### PARENT/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

*APT*  
*NNPS*  
*School Improvement Council*

### BUSINESS PARTNERS

Corona  
Fatz Cafe  
First Reliance  
McDonalds  
Old Delmae  
Sonic

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barry Townsend, *Parent (Chair)*  
Roy Ann Jolley, *Principal*  
Ann Adams, *Community Member*  
Ginger Baggette, *Other*  
Mary Neal Fowler, *Parent*  
Nancy Granath, *Assistant Principal*  
Tara Matthews, *Teacher*  
James McElveen, *Community Member*  
Lisa Young, *Teacher*

## Delmae Heights Elementary School



## 2011-2012 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 2011-2012

At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, the Delmae Heights Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) identified and prioritized a number of issues that needed attention and started a dialog with the Florence School District 1 (FSD1) Board and administration to address these issues. Many of the issues directly or indirectly are a result of the age and size of the facility itself. They include:

### Student Overcrowding

Delmae Elementary has a capacity (including the 13 mobiles on site) of 700 students; however, at the beginning of the school year the school's enrollment was 813. This provides numerous educational and safety challenges for the students, teachers and staff. The Lucy T. Davis Elementary School opening Fall 2012 will provide relief for overcrowding at Carver Elementary, which will in turn allow 169 Delmae students to be rezoned for Carver Elementary; however, continued growth in the community and subsequent enrollment gains will continue to be a challenge for the school. In fact, of the three elementary schools mentioned above, Delmae is the oldest, the smallest, and even after the "relief" school opens Delmae will continue to have the largest enrollment. The SIC is working with the school district to develop additional strategies to address overcrowding until a new Delmae can be built on the property previously purchased by the FSD1 south of the existing school.

### Traffic Safety

Any Delmae parent will certainly attest to the fact that our car line and bus drop-off areas are insufficient for the number of students and vehicles they must service, resulting in long wait times and car line traffic that overflows onto Parker Drive. This past Fall, we lost the use of the shopping center across Cashua Drive for

student drop-off and pick-up, adding to the congestion. Also, in 2011 the SC Department of Transportation announced the planned widening of Cashua Drive which will result in additional school property loss. The SIC is concerned not only with the inconvenience that the traffic situation causes parents as they try to drop off their children on their way to work, but also the potential safety issues that it poses, therefore the SIC has proposed that the district make use of the school-owned property south of the school to re-route the car line, which will alleviate many of the traffic related issues. The district is currently evaluating this proposal.

### Electrical Upgrades

Marrying twenty-first century classroom technology with Delmae's 1950s construction has proven to be a challenge and the Fire Marshal has identified several upgrades that need to happen to our electrical systems in order to keep our school safe. The SIC is asking for funds to be allocated to correct these deficiencies in the 2012-2013 budget year.

### Plumbing Improvements

Our enrollment has pushed the school's original septic system beyond its capacity, causing issues over the past several years. During the 2011-2012 school year, the SIC and the FSD1 administration worked together to develop a solution to this issue and as a result the school will be connected to the county septic system this spring.

## Student Achievement

The Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) 2011 Annual Report Card Absolute and Growth Ratings for Delmae were both *Average*. The charts below illustrate Delmae's PASS performance in the three core areas tested.

