

Celebrate with us!

Delmae earns PALMETTO GOLD award for high levels of absolute performance and growth on the 2014 PASS test!

National Board Certified Teachers

The following teachers are National Board Certified:
*Debbie Chapman *Shawn Hoehn *Lisa Benton

Presentations

- Roy Ann Jolley, Ginger Baggette, Lisa Young, and Jill Russell presented *Building Academic Success in Children: Data Driven Instruction* at the NWEA Conference in Portland, Oregon.
- Roy Ann Jolley and Ginger Baggette presented *Courageous Conversations – talking About the Data* at the NWEA Fusion East Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Carol Pinckney and Debbie Chapman presented *Not Just Another Notebook at the State Science conference in Myrtle Beach, SC*
- Ginger Baggette completed the State Department of Education's Transformational leadership Academy.
- Amy Florio, Blazely Young, Tammy Oswalt and Melissa nettles were recipients of Donors Choose.org grants.
- Lisa Young received a parent involvement grant from FMU's center of Excellence.

.NNPS Promising Practice

Julie Shealy's Community Collaboration with FMU, Skype Sessions for Individualized Reading Instruction, was published as a promising practice in the NNPS' Promising Partnership Practices 2014 publication.



Extra-Curricular

Robotics Techno Kids Chorus/Drama
Good News Club Art Club Science Club
Fitness Club Golf Squad
Taekwondo

What's going on at Delmae?

Data Driven Instruction

Data is the center of instruction at Delmae. The school utilizes pre/post testing, flexible grouping, and timely assessment to ensure the needs of every child are met. MAP testing for grades K-4 assist in targeting specific strengths and weaknesses for each child. Dominie and STAR testing are used regularly to monitor progress and determine growth. Teachers collect, analyze, and use data when planning in all curricular areas.

Instructional Programs:

Accelerated Math
Accelerated Reader (AR)
Calendar Math
Compass
Every Day Counts
Good Habits, Great Readers
Literacy Lab
Math Masters
Thinking Maps
Paws for Reading
Reading Recovery
YATES Spelling Bee

Gifted and Talented:

REACH
Horizons

Character Programs:

Terrific Tuesday
Thoughtful Thursday
Terrific Kids-Kiwanis Club
Page Points
All Pro Dads

Volunteer/Mentoring

St. John's Episcopal
Faith Based Mentoring
Grace Baptist Church
Ridgecrest Church
Staff Mentoring

Service Learning Projects:

Angel Tree
Harvest Hope Food Drive
Jump Rope for Heart
Operation Christmas Child
Pennies for Patients
100th Day of School Projects for Community
Emotionally Disabled Program
Gently Used Book Drive

Parent & Community Involvement:

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



School Improvement Council

2015

Report to Parents & Community

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Carmen Davis, APT President/Parent
Mary Neal Fowler, Community Member
Reverend John Collins, Community Member

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)

Update on the District's Building Plan:

The Florence School District One Board approved the start of Phase 2 of the Building Project at the April 2015 meeting. Delmae will be the first school to be re-built in Phase 2. The projected opening of the new Delmae is fall 2018.

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:

The committee has worked to get safety issues taken care of in our aging building through speaking at FSD1 board meetings and asking the board for help when needed. 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 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. Teachers and staff have badges to scan in and out of the doors for extra safety precautions.



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 to 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. Please contact the school office with any concerns or questions about safety.

Traffic and Car Line Safety:

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. There is a no left turn sign on Parker Drive that is in effect between 7:15-8:00am and 2:00-3:00pm. Parents are reminded that the front circle is for bus and daycare pick-up and drop-off only.

If South Carolina Department of Transportation proceeds with the widening of South Cashua Drive to four lanes in 2015, there will be a direct impact on the school. Delmae will work closely with district administration if/when this occurs.



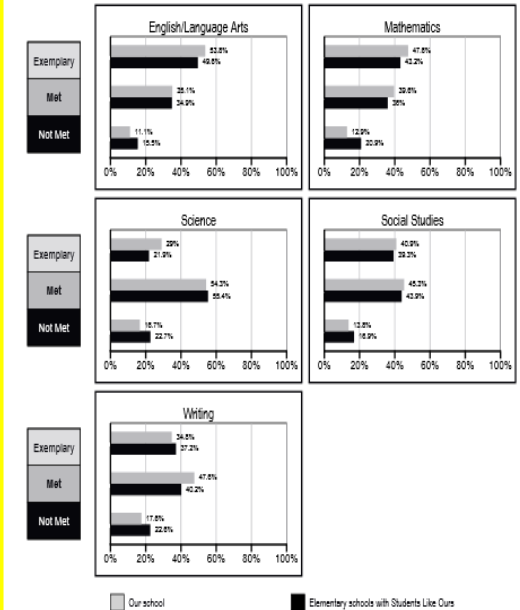
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Firehouse Subs Sonic Orange Leaf Sweet: A Cupcake Co.



Student Achievement

Delmae Heights Elementary School's 99.4 ESEA score is a testimony to the hard work staff puts in each day. This score is based on state testing and is evidence of the school's dedication to closing the achievement gap and providing educational equity to all students. Delmae's Growth Rating of AVERAGE and Absolute Rating of EXCELLENT for 2013, an improvement from the previous year due to increased student achievement on PASS testing, is further evidence of the work that staff, students, and parents put in daily. Rigor and a high level of accountability is part of the daily routine. The charts below illustrate Delmae's PASS performance in the core areas tested.



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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