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## *Parent & Community*

### *Involvement*

- ✓ Association of Parents & Teachers
- ✓ School Improvement Council
- ✓ Elim Baptist Church Community Partners
- ✓ School Beach Blast
- ✓ Fall Festival
- ✓ Read Across America Events
- ✓ Math Jam
- ✓ Jingle Bell Rock Party
- ✓ McCall Farms Partnership
- ✓ STEM Night
- ✓ 100th Day of School Night
- ✓ Awards Days
- ✓ Teacher and Staff of the Month
- ✓ Help 4 Kids



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### School Improvement Council Members

Chair: H. Gardner

Principal: W. Frazier

Ex-Officio: K. Cullen

Teachers: T. Davis, T. Ruth

Parents: R. Brown, H. Gardner Community: S. Ham, C. Lee

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## Summary Report to Parents

### From the School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council provides an annual report to stakeholders regarding progress being made in achieving school improvements. This report includes achievements and plans for improvement.



**Dewey L. Carter Elementary will be a safe and positive learning community with high expectations for our family of staff and students...**

- ◆ Our students will work together on challenging tasks so that they can become more successful as independent thinkers and learners...
- ◆ Our students will be encouraged to think creatively, be engaged in learning, and believe in themselves...
- ◆ Our students will be respectful and kind towards each other and learn to communicate in a positive manner.

Dewey Carter Elementary has many outstanding features that make it a special place. One of our main priorities is ensuring our students have skills and a love for reading. We have four additional reading support instructors to help make this a reality for our students. We also have a certified Math Coach whose zeal and knowledge of math strategies is spread to students and staff members throughout our school. Quality reading, writing, and math are foundational skills we want to ensure all Dewey Carter students have each day.

At Dewey L. Carter, our students and staff are truly a family and we support one another each day. We believe our students deserve the best education possible and we will do whatever is necessary to ensure ALL of our students succeed.



**Through our many curricular areas and a warm, caring school climate, students are given many opportunities for success. Some activities and incentives offered include:**

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| C.A.R.E. Club              | Dewey Dollar Rewards    | BETA Club        |
| Book Fair                  | Linkit!/PASS Incentives | Chorus           |
| Band & Strings Instruction | 4H Club                 | Jingle Bell Rock |
| Math Jam                   | Jump Rope for Heart     | Art Club         |

## *Strategies for Improving Instruction*

- Weekly staff development to help ensure best practices in the classroom
- Weekly lesson plans aligned to standards and the Curriculum Alignment Document (CAD)
- Quarterly Benchmark tests for standards taught in core subject areas
- Staff development in assessment of students and instruction
- Linkit assessments to measure & track student growth academically for fall, winter and spring
- Formal classroom observations & feedback for implementation of best practices
- Parent / teacher conferences to discuss student growth and progress
- Two reading recovery teachers intervening in students' early years
- Two full-time reading interventionists working with struggling readers.
- Two part-time interventionists focusing on math interventions.

