

REPORT TO PARENTS

SPRING 2012



***“Busy Growing the Future One Mind
at a Time”***

Florence School District Three

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Katherine Tisdale, Principal

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Reading Counts
- Flag Patrol
- WBEE-TV Morning News
- High Flyers Chorus
- Busy Bee Extended Day Program
- Talented and Gifted Program
- JCL Pageant
- “Snow Queen” Artist in Residency program
- School-wide Science Expo
- Healthy Kids Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Question of the Day
- Mad Minute Masters

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Red Carpet School 2007-2010
- Palmetto Silver Award 2008-2009, 2011-2012
- Met AYP for 7 consecutive years 2002-2009
- State Superintendent’s Writing Award District Winner 2008-2009
- FCSD3 School of Choice
- SC Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant
- Distinguished Arts Program Grant
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Amanda Jones, Parent

Angelina Myers, Parent

Stacie Moore, Parent

Gayle Williams, Staff

Angel Miles, Staff

Amy Richardson, Staff

Kevin Miller, Community

Angie Cooper, Community

Michael Spears, Community

Kristy Hudson, Ex-Officio

Pamela Sims, Ex-Officio

Katherine Tisdale., Ex-Officio

OUR MISSION

The mission of JCLES is to grow the future one mind at a time.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to create a school culture that exhibits:

- High academic achievement
- Safe, orderly, and inviting learning environment
- Relevant and engaging curriculum
- Opportunities for exploration

OUR BELIEFS

We are a community of learners who:

Believe in our students

Understand the needs of our students

Show good character

Yearn for knowledge

Build partnerships

Excel in teaching and learning

Establish a secure learning environment

Strive for Success!

DISTRICT INITIATIVES

- This year the JCL leadership team added Mrs. Tisdale as principal and Mrs. Sims as assistant principal and Renee Driggers as a master teacher.
- JCL was designated a School of Choice resulting in the enrollment of 21 additional students.
- Florence School District Three implemented a Smoke-Free Campus throughout the district on March 1, 2012.



A REVIEW OF OUR YEAR

CURRICULUM

- PASS, MAP, Dominie reading, and benchmark test data were analyzed to identify student strengths and to target weaknesses in reading and math,
- MAP goal setting sessions were held with students to establish performance goals for the next testing session.
- Classworks (computer assisted instruction) was used to supplement classroom instruction
- Fast ForWord (brain-based learning program) was implemented for selected students.
- TAG instruction was provided at Main St. Elementary School due to the limited space at JCL.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

- All teachers received a laptop.
- A full-time ESL paraprofessional was hired.
- Students meeting one or two of their MAP goals were recognized for their achievement.
- Three additional teachers were hired to accommodate student needs.
- The school was a recipient of the SC Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant that allowed students to sample typical and unusual fruits and vegetables on a daily basis.

HOME SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

- Our character education program included a monthly character trait focus presented in the newsletter.
- Communication to parents included newsletters, school website, automated phone calls, and newsletters in English and Spanish.
- Parents participated in various activities including Grandparents Day Breakfast, Danish for Dads, Moms 'Morning Tea, parent meetings and conferences, Open House, Healthy Kids Fair, choral concerts, book fair, JCL Pageant, district Parent/Community Mini-Conference, Fall Festival and Birthday Book Lunch Celebrations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Jump Rope for Heart
- Canned food drive