

Where We Stand

Fork Shoals Elementary continued its legacy of excellence this year and was recognized for it with accolades which included our second State Silver Award, an elevated overall school rating in our *School Report Card* and recent notification that Mr. Critell, K5 teacher, has been selected as a finalist for Greenville County "Teacher of the Year." Looking forward to Fork Shoals' IB recertification next year, Mrs. Giles, our IB coordinator, was successful in obtaining a valuable grant from the IB organization that enabled six of our teachers to



attend IB trainings across the nation. The School Improvement Council renewed its focus on the incorporation of community in our school with the initiation of "Community Hero Day" and the continuance of community clothing swaps. Our students also benefited from their community as they gained new experience in many fascinating skills due to the generous support of school family and local businesses such as **Suzi's Jewelry, Paisleys, The Home Depot,** and the **United States Tennis Association** with their participation in our volunteer driven "short term clubs." Destination

Imagination, a start up program for us this year that fosters creativity, became a tremendous hit in our third and fourth grade classrooms. Finally, we are very excited to announce that, due to the diligent efforts of Mrs. Ashley Trantham of Happy Cow Creamery, next summer our school will be the grateful recipient of a left hand turning lane into the school off of McKelvey Road!

Major Update

Fork Shoals Community turns the page to a new chapter in our school's story with the announcement from our principal, Mr. Christopher Ross, that he will be leaving at the end of this school year to accept another position in the school district. With gratitude for the dedicated leadership Principal Ross has provided, we look forward to the leadership and ideas that will be provided by our new principal. The process is underway to find the best candidate to fulfill this role.

Significant Features

- ◆ 135 Years of Quality Education
- ◆ International Baccalaureate School
- ◆ Spanish Instruction (K5-5th)
- ◆ Distance Education Lab
- ◆ Challenge Program (Gifted and Talented)
- ◆ Excellent Volunteer Program
- ◆ Consistent Business and Community Support
- ◆ Effective School Improvement Council (SIC)
- ◆ Active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- ◆ Extended Day Program



Special Events

- Antique Tractor and Talent Show
- Book Fairs
- Artist-In-Residence
- Career Day
- Family Math and Science Night
- Fall Frenzy Festival
- Boosterthon
- Art Show
- Community Hero Day
- Author visits
- Holiday Performance
- Red Ribbon Week
- Spring Concert

Extra Curricular Clubs

- Honors Chorus
- Environmental Club
- Fork Shoals TV Show (Daily News)
- Student Council
- Good News Club
- Jr. Beta Club
- Robotics Club
- Lego Club
- Piano Performers
- Fitness Club
- Safety Patrol
- Short term clubs

Advanced Technology

- Networked Computer Labs
- Promethean Boards
- Tanberg Distance Ed.
- Rolling Networked Laptop Labs
- Two computers per classroom
- Compass Reading and Math
- Accelerated Reader
- STAR Reading

Fork Shoals School Goals

PERFORMANCE GOAL 1

Improve student performance on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards to 79% of all students and subgroups will meet standard on English Language Arts and Mathematics.

♦Update: in 2011, 85% met standard in ELA and 80% met standard in Math

PERFORMANCE GOAL 2

All personnel highly qualified and specialized by 2005-2006 and maintain 100% Achievement until 2014.

♦Update: In 2011, all teachers are Highly Qualified

PERFORMANCE GOAL 3

Fork Shoals School will achieve an 85% overall approval rating on the state report card by parents annually until 2014.

♦Update: In 2011, 92% of parents rated the school as good or better

Achievements and Awards

State Teacher of the Year (2010) ♦ Silver Award Recipient (2010 & 2011) ♦ Greenville County Teacher of the Year (2009) ♦ National School Public Relations Reward of Excellence for PTA Newsletter (2009) ♦ Authorized International Baccalaureate School ♦ Red Carpet Award Winner (2001 & 2008) ♦ Both Robotics Teams State Finalists (2012) ♦ School Incentive Award Winner ♦ PTA Volunteer Silver Award Winner for SC ♦ Certified Schoolyard Habitat ♦ Golden Apple Teacher Recipients

School Profile

Number of teachers 46

Total Staff 70

Student/Teacher ratio 23:1

Percentage of Teachers with a Masters Degree: 62%

Number Nationally Board Certified Teachers: 6

Christopher Ross, Principal

Kim Reid, Assistant Principal

Chantal Masterson, SIC Chairperson

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Fork Shoals School

International Baccalaureate
Primary Years Programme



Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a world-class culture of inquiry and to nurture each student's desire to be a continuous learner and a responsible citizen.

Report to the Community

2011-2012