



# Lake Forest Elementary

*Taking Pride in Learning!*

## Annual Report to the Parents

2020-2021

### Our Vision

The vision of Lake Forest Elementary School is to empower students to learn, grow, lead, and succeed.

### Our Mission

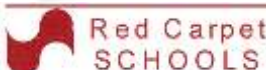
The mission of Lake Forest Elementary School is to provide a nurturing, student-centered learning environment where students are empowered to learn about the world, persevere through challenges, and develop positive character traits.

### Lake Forest Profile

|                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Principal                | Julie Cooke                     |
| Assistant Principal      | Curry Wilson                    |
| Administrative Assistant | Morgan Warner                   |
| Grades                   | K4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade      |
| Enrollment               | 800                             |
| Teachers                 | 51                              |
| School Colors            | Blue and White                  |
| Mascot                   | Leopard                         |
| Motto                    | <i>Taking Pride in Learning</i> |

### Achievements and Awards

- 2020 GCS Emerging Teacher of the Year Recipient
- 2019 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award
- 2018 Golden Apple Award Recipient
- 2017 National Beta School of Distinction
- 2015 Silver Award Winner
- 2013 Silver Award Winner
- 2011 Silver Award Winner
- 2010-2011 PBIS Banner Award
- 2010 Palmetto Gold and Silver Award Winner
- 2009-2010 Red Carpet Award Winner
- 2008 Palmetto Silver Award Winner



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## BELIEFS ABOUT CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

- Education is a responsibility that involves home, school, and community.
- Students deserve to learn in a safe, caring school environment.
- Academic growth and social-emotional learning is essential to the development of the whole child.
- Every person deserves to be valued and treated with respect.
- It is important to help students develop positive character traits.
- Students should be encouraged to take risks and have opportunities to be creative.
- Students should be equipped with skills to become a responsible digital learner.



## SIC Members 2020-2021

Carrie Silver, Parent (Chair)  
Leslie Hart, Parent  
Esther Choe, Teacher  
Chrissy Respass, Teacher  
Travis Cross, Community Member  
Gordon Turnbull, Community Member

### Ex-Officio Members

Julie Cooke, Principal  
Curry Wilson, Assistant Principal  
Morgan Warner, Admin. Assistant  
Andi Tilley, Instructional Coach  
Julia Anido, School Counselor  
Melissa Henderson, School Counselor  
Jamie Hicks, PTA Representative  
Brantley Shugart, PTA Representative



### Purpose

This report is issued by the Lake Forest 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 SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

## Outstanding Features and Programs at Lake Forest Elementary School

- Balanced Literacy Approach
- PBIS School
- ACEs training for staff (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
- Conscious Discipline training for staff
- Mindful Room designated for student/staff reflection and calming strategies
- Greenville Mental Health on-site therapist
- Mentoring Program with Mentor Upstate
- STEAM Lab with certified instructor
- Auditioned Chorus (4th, 5th)
- Annual School Musical
  - 2020: Willy Wonka
  - 2019: The Little Mermaid Jr.
  - 2018: The Lion King Jr.
  - 2017: Cinderella Kids
- Live Morning News Show with Green Screen Technology (LFTV)
- CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health)
- Gifted & Talented Program
- Character Education Program
- Computer Aided Instruction  
(Reflex Math, Prodigy, and IXL)
- Grade Level Fieldtrips
- Junior Beta Club
- Lego Robotics Club
- Student Council
- School Clubs
- Recycle Team
- Family Reading Night
- Family STEAM Night
- Run Hard Running Program
- Leopard Loop 5K
- Nationally Board Certified Teachers
- Outdoor Learning Spaces and Amphitheatre
- Beautiful murals throughout the school

