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Palmetto Elementary School 2014-2015

School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents Amy W. Cothran, Principal

The Vision of Palmetto Elementary School

- All children are provided with equal learning experiences, which will enhance their intellectual development and will meet the demands of our changing society.
- The community members, students, school staff, and parents work as educational partners to provide service and support for the academic mission of our school.
- Instructional goals are established and supported by the administration, faculty, office, parents, and students.
- The educational experiences blend and balance children's creative, emotional, intellectual, and social needs.
- There is integration of skill proficiencies and expectations among all disciplines that are incorporated in the curriculum.
- All individuals are treated and expected to treat others with dignity, fairness, and respect.
- The educational experiences foster active involvement, independence of thought, and emphasize problem-solving and critical thinking.
- The value and contributions of diverse cultures are recognized and appreciated.
- Children develop a life-long appreciation of the arts, physical fitness, and the value of good health choices.
- Children depart with a positive sense of self, love of learning, and skills necessary to continue their life-long development.

School Improvement Council Plan

- Participate in the development of the five-year school improvement plan.
- Assist in the monitoring of the implementation of the plan and evaluation of results on achieving the goals.
- Assist in the writing of annual updates.
- Advise on the spending of incentive funds if the school receives an award.
- Write a report to the parents about the progress of the school and the district to achieve goals and objectives on the strategic plan.
- Write a narrative to the School Report Card in conjunction with the principal.
 - Participate in the revision of the school improvement plan if the school is rated unsatisfactory on the School Report Card.

Message from Mrs. Cothran

Palmetto Elementary has so many wonderful things to share! We continue to lead the way in our district and state with the successful implementation of technology in all classrooms. We were able to use Title I funds to purchase more iPads for lower grades this year, resulting in first and second grades having a device for each student and preschool and kindergarten having more in their classrooms too. Our amazing teachers have made huge strides in using iPads to enhance classroom instruction and improve student engagement! It has been a very rewarding year!



Each teacher has a classroom library with books on the students "just right" levels. Teachers access the media center as well as the literacy closet to enrich their classroom libraries. In addition, PES utilizes more titles at home and school such as STARFALL, TumbleBooks, Reading Waggle and Moby Max.

Time every Monday from 2:45 to 5:00. During this time, the community come and read with PES students during this time.

At PES we...

MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

Parents/Students Involvement events during the 2014-2015 School Year

- **Open House**
- iPad Parent Training
- Family Reading Night
- **Restaurant Night**
- Field Day
- PTO sponsored Movie Night
- Skate Night
- **SOARing Stars Field Trips**
- Fall Carnival
- Grandparents Day
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- **Cookies with Santa**
- **Treats with Teachers**
- Literacy Workshop
- GoalPost
- **BETA Club**
- Student Council
- ACT Aspire Testing Tutoring
- Spring Fling
- Much, much more!!!

SOAR (Students Overcoming and Achieving in Reading)



SOAR is our focused reading time from 8:00-8:30 each morning. We currently have eleven SOAR groups meeting every day at this time. Each group has one instructor and

technology to help students access no more than five students. The instructors are comprised of special area teachers, related arts teachers, early interventionists, and the assistant principal. The school principal and A to Z, Raz-Kids, Writing A to Z, Get guidance counselor fill in for the instructors when substitutes are needed and share a morning SOAR group.

 \star We have seen a significant gain in student achievement \bigstar ☆ $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\sim}$ over the past few years. According to South Carolina's ☆ and students enjoy our media center 🙀 statewide testing, our reading scores continue to increase. ☆ and grow their love of reading. All it This year PES is still considered a Reward School for Per-☆ community stakeholders are invited to 4 formance. According to the South Carolina Department ☆ \star of Education, a Reward School for Performance is the high-☆ ☆ est performing Title I schools in a given year. According ☆ to the ESEA, the absolute index for grades 3-5 is a 3.6 for ☆ $\frac{1}{2}$ the 2013-2014 school year. This is clear evidence that PES ☆ \star is committed to our motto, which is "**P**romoting Curiosity, \bigstar ☆ ☆ Educating Minds, Securing Futures". $\frac{1}{2}$ ☆

The Role of the School Improvement Council

The SIC of Palmetto Elementary works closely with all stakeholders to support and provide the best opportunities for students at Palmetto Elementary. *The committee meets numerous times throughout the* school year to discuss, evaluate, and plan for ways to continue achieving the goals established in the school improvement plan.

This school year Anderson School District 1 has embarked on a

journey to change instruction in the digital age. Children in grades 3-12 have each been assigned an iPad to use during class. This has forever changed the way in which children at PES and across the district learn. Here at PES we have fully embraced the digital age and have provided students in grades 1 and 2 with iPad We look forward to innovating and minis.



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working with parents and the community to prepare our students for the 21st century.



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