

**St. James Elementary School**  
9711 St. James Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29588  
Mary Beth Heath, Principal (843)650-8220

**Absolute Rating: Excellent Improvement Rating: Excellent**

St. James Elementary school  
performance rating for the 2012  
school year – 99.1% - A1

**Strategies for Improvement:**

- ❖ We have analyzed student achievement results from last year's Palmetto Assessment of State Standards Test and identified areas of progress and areas of challenge.
- ❖ We are using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) to assess our students' achievement levels and monitor progress throughout the year.
- ❖ We are determining reading Lexiles of our students and providing opportunities for individual progress in their Lexile growth.
- ❖ We are using student achievement results to design a professional development program for teachers that will lead to improved student achievement in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.
- ❖ Classes have been formed to serve students in targeted reading skills. We also have a Pre-algebra on-line course for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ❖ We have provided computer assisted learning opportunities for all students.
- ❖ We involved our School Improvement Council in reviewing our performance goals in revising our Strategic Plan in an effort to increase the rate of our students' progress on performance measures.
- ❖ Our School Improvement Council conducted a survey to determine which methods of communication would better serve our parents.
- ❖ We organized classes with literacy workshops to personalize learning.
- ❖ We built fluency with basic math facts through incentive programs, Math Wizards and Apprentices.
- ❖ Our Data Team continued working with the Center for Leadership and Learning to identify power strategies to address student learning needs.
- ❖ We maximized instructional time by reinforcing positive behavior through the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) framework.
- ❖ SJE ROCKS! R=respectful, O=organized, C=cooperative, K=knowledgeable, S=safe Meetings were held to inform parents about the Common Core State Standards and new assessments.
- ❖ Volunteer training classes were held to increase parent involvement
- ❖ The Georgetown Station of the U.S. Coast Guard volunteered in our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms biweekly.



St. James Elementary is a fully accredited elementary school by the Southern Association of Schools and Universities. (SACS)



**Horry County Schools**

**April 2013**

**St. James Elementary  
School Summary Report**



St. James Elementary School's vision is to be a premier, world-class school in which every student acquires an excellent education. Our school will be a welcoming center organized around high quality teaching and learning.

- We put service to students above all else.
- We take responsibility for the success of all students.
- We care passionately about our work with children.
- We build strong positive relationships with students, staff, parents, and community.
- We model and promote civility and integrity.

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April, 2013

Dear Parents,

The School Improvement Council for St. James Elementary School has prepared this School Summary Report for you and the members of our community who are interested in our school. The report reviews the progress made on our strategic plan for increasing student learning, the test scores, and the goals to be accomplished during this school year.

If you have any questions about the information in this report or want a copy of the school's strategic plan, please call me at school at 650-8220.

Mary Beth Heath, Principal

### Celebrate With Us!

- **Palmetto Gold Award Winner** Laura Williams
- **Golden Apple Award** Morgan Emsley
- **\$25,000 Technology Grant for** The purchase of iPads and MacBooks
- **National Honor Society Members** 32 students
- **School Spelling Bee Winner** Marcos Mann
- **Spelling Bee Runner-Up** Cameron Thompson
- **Teacher of the Year 2012** Tammy Trout
- **Teacher of the Year 2013** Chris Davidson
- **Duke Tip Scholars** 84 students
- **John Hopkins** 132 students
- **Support Staff of the Year 2013** Rhonda Ammons

## PASS Results

Subject	Percent of students who Met or Exceeded Standards	Percent of students who scored Exemplary*
English/Language Arts	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 94.0% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 84.2% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 77.7%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 79.5% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 54.3% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 48.6%
Mathematics	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 87.3% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 78.8% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 82.5%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 48.8% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 46.5% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 48.3%
Science	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 78.0% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 75.6% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 79.8%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 45.8% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 19.7% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 23.0%
Social Studies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 92.8% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 83.5% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 76.1%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 58.9% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 45.0% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 47.9%
Writing	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 85.6%	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 53.4%

\*Exemplary is defined as the student demonstrating exemplary performance in the meeting of the grade level standard.

### Enriching the Minds of our Students Through the Arts, Sciences, Technology and Careers

- Career Week – January 7-11, 2013
- Talent Show – February 1, 2013
- Fine Arts Gallery Walk – May 21, 2013
- Technology Fair – March 27, 2013