

Forestbrook Elementary School's family experienced many successes during the 2013-2014 school year. We were recognized again by the State's Education Oversight Committee as a school that is Closing the Gap for historically underachieving student groups. Forestbrook was also named a Palmetto Gold School by the SC Department of Education. Kim Inman, a fourth grade teacher, was named a semi-finalist for Horry County School's Teacher of the Year. We also had a very successful year with our service-learning program, which is led by our student council. This year we were able to provide aid to Forestbrook families who were experiencing difficulty. We also participated in the March of Dimes Walk where we raised over \$36,000 making our total approximately \$300,000 for the last thirteen years. This accomplishment made us the top fundraising school in the state and one of the top schools in the nation for eight consecutive years.

The top priority at Forestbrook Elementary School is academic achievement. We continue to strive to move each and every student to higher levels of learning. With our continued use of the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), we are able to continually study strengths and weaknesses of each child and chart individual courses of success. Our task is to analyze where our students showed growth, why the growth occurred, and utilize research-based curriculum and instruction decisions so all of our children are academically challenged. Conversely, we must investigate what changes need to be made and where expectations were not met, so that we ensure success for all students in their efforts to reach their maximum potential.

The commitment of all stakeholders in the Forestbrook community has assisted in our student achievement being among the best in the state. We are very proud of our accomplishments and hope that you will share in our pride. Forestbrook Elementary School will continue to deliver award-winning programs and a world-class curriculum that allows all students to build the foundation needed to enable them to become successful lifelong achievers. This report card is a call to action for everyone to be involved in our continuing efforts to constantly improve. I have truly enjoyed being Forestbrook's principal for the past 21 years. I want to thank the staff, parents, and students for creating the success that is the proud tradition of Forestbrook Elementary!

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Forestbrook Elementary School