



Horry County Schools

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Carolina Forest Elementary School Summary Report



Mission Statement: Carolina Forest 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.

School Improvement Council

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Our Celebrations

- ★ Carolina Forest Elementary was awarded two Palmetto Gold Awards from the State Department: one for general performance and one for closing the achievement gap based on our PASS results.
- ★ Our absolute rating on the school report card was “EXCELLENT”.
- ★ Our growth rating on the school report card was also “EXCELLENT”.
- ★ Mr. Rick Patterson was named Assistant principal of Carolina Forest Elementary.
- ★ Fourth Grade Teacher, Taya Toscani, was named CFE Teacher of the Year.

Academic Achievement

- ★ Students started using Data Note Books.
- ★ Students met Growth Targets on MAP
- ★ Students took the Practice Smarter Balance Assessment in Grades 3 & 4

Our Performance Goals	Status for 2012-2013
ESEA Federal Accountability Rating	A
Percentage of students that scored Met or Exemplary on PASS Writing	86.1
Percentage of students that scored Met or Exemplary on PASS Reading	90.9
Percentage of student that scored Met or Exemplary on PASS Math	87.4
Percentage of students that scored Met or Exemplary on PASS Science	88
Percentage of students that scored Met or Exemplary on PASS Social Studies	92.6
Student Attendance Rate	96.2

TECHNOLOGY

- ★ 55 student IPADS and 12 iMac computers were added and used innovatively.
- ★ 5 students participated in the District Technology Fair
- ★ Awards Ceremonies held each marking period to honor student achievement
- ★ Author Visits this year with Kevin O'Malley
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- ★ 5th grade students published a book through Every Child An Author entitled Inventions that Change the World.
- ★ We celebrated Red Ribbon Week with daily student activities culminating in a Book Character Celebration and Parade.
- ★ A large number of our students participated in our chorus and drum ensembles. Mighty Minds Musical.
- ★ Taiko Drum Group performed at Japan Fest in Atlanta, GA.
- ★ Veteran's Day Musical Celebration

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

- ★ CFE created a formal PTO which held various events throughout the year.
- ★ PTO provided over \$18,000 to support the school teachers and students.
- ★ Founder's Day celebration the PTO gave away a new Jeep Compass.
- ★ PTO Santaland and Spring Craft Show.

- ★ Muffins for Moms and Doughnuts for Dads were huge events and allowed many parents and family members to visit our school.
- ★ Community partnerships were formed with area restaurants, civic associations and churches to support the school.
- ★ All Together Thursday's to support the school the last Thursday of the month through local restaurants.
- ★ Donate Now online Donations through South Carolina Future Minds Activated

Community Service

- ★ CFE received grants from Wal-Mart & Home Depot, Tanger Outlets to improve the school grounds during our 2nd Earth Day Celebration, 4 Palm Trees were planted.
- ★ CFE respond to the Windsor Green Fire less than 1 mile from the school that destroyed 110 apartments. Over \$13,000 was raised to support the 8 children and 2 staff members directly affected.
- ★ Free the Children Club at CFE was continued with a focus of building a school in Haiti.
- ★ CFE served as the command center for first responders to the Windsor Green Fire. The staff, PTO and community supported the first responders.
- ★ Students participated in Jump-Rope for Heart
- ★ Students participated in the March of Dimes
- ★ Students participated in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society
- ★ Students sold Candy Canes to support the Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Relief
- ★ Food Drives to support those hungry in our community