

- PBE offers Special Needs classrooms for students in pre-school through grade 5 including two Early Childhood 3 year-old Special Education classrooms and 2 Four Year old Child Development classrooms
- Our Special Needs students and staff enjoy community partnerships with Kiwanis, Coastal Carolina University, Toomey's Kids and our local Knights of Columbus organizations
- Educational extension and enrichment opportunities for students and staff are provided through the efforts of the PBE Buddies, our talented and dedicated Parent Organization
- PBE students and staff participate in selected philanthropic activities during the school year including: Jump Rope for Heart; Family Fun Run; March of Dimes; United Way; Emeritus Assisted Living Center and donations to our local Soup Kitchen
- Community members are featured in our Fine Arts/Career Day which encourages students to discover what they love doing and find a way to turn it into a rewarding career
- Parents, students, and other community members joined us for our Spring Timber Fest Festival sponsored by our Palmetto Bays Buddies
- PBE students and staff participate in selected Field Trips that address content area Learning Standards
- PBE honors students at mid-year and end-of-year Awards Assemblies
- PBE invites parents/grandparents to our Annual Family Feasts as scheduled in our calendar
- PBE students and staff continue to review and strengthen our Anti-Bullying initiatives
- Landscaping and Mulch around PBE sign at school entrance donated by PBE parent, Beth Sersland, of *Mulch and More*
- Our PE Teacher, Deborah Wolfe, sponsored our track team

SCHOOL PROFILE 2013-2014

Palmetto Bays Elementary School is located just off Highway 544 in the southwest section of the Carolina Forest attendance area in the Horry County School District. At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, Palmetto Bays will have completed twelve years of service to its community. Palmetto Bays is home to approximately 100 full and part-time professional and support staff members who provide both general and special education, counseling, health, food, after-school childcare, and transportation services to approximately 600 students in Pre-School through Grade 5. Students at Palmetto Bays benefit from the skills and experience of an outstanding staff. On average, professional staff members at Palmetto Bays have been teaching for 16 years. We are truly blessed to have an excellent combination of staff with one to forty-one years of experience. The value of this is a rich mix of experience, skills, training, energy and interests that combines to help us meet the needs and expectations of our students and their parents. In reference to education and training, 58% of our staff members hold Masters Degrees or above, four hold National Board Certification, and all engage in staff development activities each year which demonstrates a true commitment to our profession and a desire to excel. We are grateful that our district supports us in keeping our average student-teacher ratio at 23 to 1 and while we could always do better, we are proud that our average daily attendance rate is 95%. We are well aware that in order to be successful in preparing our students to be healthy, happy, productive citizens of the 21st century, we must strive for excellence in attendance, achievement, and attitude. To that end, building-wide, students and staff strive to achieve three worthy goals:

- ***To be good citizens – treating everything and everyone with respect and responsibility***
- ***To be good students – focused on learning and growing***
- ***To be ever better ladies and gentlemen – treating others with kindness and care.***

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SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT



2013-2014

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A Letter to Parents

The School Improvement Council for Palmetto Bays Elementary School has prepared this School Summary Report for you and other community members. The purpose of the Summary Report is to share the goals for this past school year and the progress we have made toward achieving those goals.

If you have any questions about the information in this Summary Report, please feel free to call us here at 843-236-6200.

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Kristy Nuzzi– Title 1 Parent Coordinator
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Principal

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Mission Statement

The mission of Palmetto Bays Elementary School is to assure that every student has a safe, challenging academic environment in order for them to acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners through a partnership with the home, school, and community.

PBE PDSA GOALS 2013-2014

The percentage of Composite Benchmark scores on DIBELS will increase in:

Kindergarten from 92% to 95%
First Grade from 78% to 90%
Second Grade from 72% to 90%

In ELA, the percentage of students achieving MET or EXEMPLARY on PASS will increase in:

Grade 3 from 93.5% to 95%
Grade 4 from 81.9% to 95%
Grade 5 from 89.5% to 90%

The percentage of all students achieving their Growth Target Goal in Reading on MAP will increase in:

Grade 2 from 73% to 89% (Disabled from 44% to 80%)
Grade 3 from 54% to 80% (Disabled from 62% to 80%)
Grade 4 from 60% to 80% (Disabled from 76% to 80%)
Grade 5 from 38% to 80% (Disabled from 78% to 80%)

The percentage of all students achieving their Growth Target Goal in Math on MAP will increase in:

Grade 2 from 72% to 80% (Disabled from 50% to 80%)
Grade 3 from 70% to 80% (Disabled from 77% to 80%)
Grade 4 from 66% to 80% (Disabled from 48% to 80%)
Grade 5 from 41% to 80% (Disabled from 78% to 80%)

Listed Below Are A Few Palmetto Bays Highlights We Want To Bring To Your Attention!

- PBE earned a Grade of A on our annual Report Card
- PBE achieved a rating of 99.5% on our annual Report Card
- PBE was named a Palmetto Gold school for Overall Performance
- PBE was named a Palmetto Silver school for Closing the Achievement Gap
- Our Gifted and Talented teacher, Marshall Hursey, was named PBE's Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014
- Our Bookkeeper, Kathy McCormick, was named PBE's Support Staff Person of the Year

- PBE provides an Instructional Coach to assist teachers and students
- PBE is preparing for full implementation of Common Core Standards
- PBE's Student Council, offers students experience in leadership and community service, under the direction of Michael Stewart and Amelia Miller
- PBE Timber Wolf Chorus perform several programs each year
- PBE offers on-site Afterschool Childcare through our Baywatch Program
- PBE partnered with Black Water Middle School to emphasize the Carolina Forest attendance area's Fine Arts Identity by sharing and showcasing performances throughout the year for the purpose of encouraging students to take advantage of the Fine Arts opportunities offered in our schools
- The PBE Timber Wolf Robotics Team, known as the Wolfbots, has continued working and competing this year. The team is sponsored by the MB Sunshine Rotary, Defender Resorts, HTC, Horry Electric and The PBE Buddies.
- PBE G/T teacher, Marshall Hursey, continued to lead PBE Data Teams in analyzing and using assessment data to inform instruction
- Kristy Nuzzi, our Title 1 Parent Coordinator, continued to host several educational Family Nights and daytime activities and offer a variety of over 20 after-school student clubs
- PBE provides Weekly PLC (Common Planning Time) meetings for teachers
- The PBE Archery Team, under the supervision of Deborah Wolfe, competed at the State Tournament in March.
- PBE supports a Response to Intervention Team composed of professional staff for the purpose of identifying and providing for student academic needs

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