

- PBE provides daily reading and math interventions for students in need
- PBE is preparing for full implementation next year of Common Core Standards
- PBE provides an Instructional Coach to assist teachers and students
- PBE supports a Response to Intervention Team composed of professional staff for the purpose of identifying and providing for student academic needs
- PBE offers Special Needs classrooms for students in pre-school through grade 5 including one Early Childhood 3 year-old Special Education classroom and two 4 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 join us for our annual Fall Harvest-Fest and our Spring Timber-Fest Festivals 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 archery and track teams

SCHOOL PROFILE 2012-2013

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 2012-2013 school year, Palmetto Bays will have completed eleven 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



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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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Principal

Cathy Slater

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.

Performance Goals for 2012-2013

GOAL 1: The percentage of students with ELA scores of MET or above on PASS

Grade 3 percentage will increase from 86.0% to 87.3%

Grade 4 percentage will increase from 83.0% to 84.5%

Grade 5 percentage will increase from 82.3% to 84.0%

GOAL 2: The percentage of students with Math scores of MET or above on PASS

Grade 3 percentage will increase from 78.0% to 80.1%

Grade 4 percentage will meet or exceed 86.7%

Grade 5 percentage will meet or exceed 83.4%

GOAL 3: The percentage of students achieving the Benchmark level Composite Score on DIBELS

In Kindergarten, the percentage of students achieving the Benchmark level will equal or exceed 95%

In First Grade, the percentage of students achieving the Benchmark level will equal or exceed 90%

GOAL 4: 75% of Disabled students in Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 will meet or exceed their annual Growth Target Goals on MAP

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 98.3% 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 School Librarian, Meg Torrens, was named PBE's Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013
- Our School Cafeteria Supervisor, Debra Fischer, was named PBE's first Support Staff Person of the Year
- PBE's first Student Council, offering students experience in leadership and community service, was created under the direction of Michael Stewart and Amelia Miller
- PBE selected a School Motto: "Palmetto Bays Elementary— Where Children are Cherished and Challenged"
- PBE Timber Wolf Chorus performed CRAZY CAROLS for our December holiday 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
- PBE Fourth and Fifth Grade students participated in a March Is Reading Month sleep-over
- PBE 5th grade student, Mary Poston's design was selected by our Student Council for our School Flag
- PBE students enjoyed Yoga instruction once each week learning breathing techniques to increase focus
- The PBE Special Needs Playground, made possible by funds from the Socastee Heritage Foundation, a Grant from State Farm, and money from our School District was completed and opened for student use
- PBE staff, students, and community members have continued working under the direction of Kristy Nuzzi to add trees to our entry way and in designated areas at the back of our school
- 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.
- Fourth Grade students under the direction of Annie Collins, Courtenay Cooper, Carla Goncalves, and Faith Lapham performed *Cinderella* in May
- Fifth Grade students and their teachers – Robert Kerson, Faith Lapham, Edward Reed, and Sesha Srinivas attended the Clemson University Youth Camp in May
- 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 after-school student clubs
- PBE offers on-site Afterschool Childcare through our Baywatch Program
- PBE provides Weekly PLC (Common Planning Time) for teachers
- In April, our Student Council sponsored an all school Talent Show

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