

OUR SCHOOL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Alana Powers - District Teacher of the Year, 1st Alternate, 2013 – 2014
- ◆ Jennifer Wright - WLTX Golden Apple Award Winner
- ◆ Five National Board Certified Teachers
 - ◇ Martha Gantt
 - ◇ Lauren Hunt
 - ◇ Lynn Matthews
 - ◇ Alana Powers
 - ◇ Lisa Semple
- ◆ Palmetto Silver Award, 2010 – 2011 and 2010 – 2012
- ◆ Palmetto Gold Award, 2012 – 2013
- ◆ Palmetto Gold and Silver 2013 – 2014
- ◆ Red Carpet School, 2008
- ◆ Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award, 2011
- ◆ Safe Schools / Healthy Students Grant – PBIS School
- ◆ Kroger Healthy Living Grant, 2012 – 2013
- ◆ *Distinguished Arts Planning Grant, 2013 – 2014
- ◆ *John T. Stevens Foundation Grants
- ◆ Blue Cross/Blue Shield OrganWise Grant, 2012 – 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- ◆ *Shoeboxes for Soldiers
- ◆ United Way Campaign
- ◆ Jump-Rope-for-Heart
- ◆ Relay-for-Life
- ◆ Million Penny Campaign for the American Red Cross
- ◆ CES Health Fair, 2012, 2013
- ◆ School Recycling Program

**Indicates activities new this school year*

STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Chorus Kids
- ◆ *Robotics Club
- ◆ *Golf Squad
- ◆ *Running Club
- ◆ Fun & Fit Club
- ◆ Beta Club
- ◆ *Science Fair Night
- ◆ Veterans' Day Program
- ◆ Celebrating the Arts Night
- ◆ Clinic Classic Challenge
- ◆ Terrific Kids
- ◆ Arts Arising
- ◆ Safety Patrol
- ◆ *Adopt-A-Plot
- ◆ Patriot Night
- ◆ Geography Bee
- ◆ *Walk-to-School Days
- ◆ Heritage Tea Projects
- ◆ Bloomin' Arts Festival
- ◆ Fitness Zone - Jingle Bell Run

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This Report to Parents has been prepared and distributed by Camden Elementary's School Improvement Council (SIC) in accordance with South Carolina law requiring schools to share information on their accomplishments, progress toward achieving their goals and the objectives and work of the school's SIC.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts is to increase student achievement by providing students challenging opportunities through technology and the creative arts in a safe, nurturing environment.

Camden Elementary

School of the Creative Arts

Report to the Parents

2013-2014



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

President: *Laura Battiatia*

Vice-President: *Jennifer Haurert*

Secretary: *Camisha Williams*

Members-at-Large: *Tracy West, Laura Gunter, Marge Small, Susan Grumbach, Rose Sheheen, Bill Funderburk, and Donna Cooper*

Teacher Representatives: *Lakeisha Lawrence, Brittany Knapko, Allison McKittrick, and Trudy Ranges*

Administrators: *Carol Przybyla and Jacqueline Norton*

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LETTER TO PARENTS

The mission of Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts is to ensure that all children are able to reach their full potential by stressing academic achievement and by providing opportunities in the creative arts and technology. Teachers understand that every decision we make as educators must be what is in the best interest of the child. Our focus is preparing our children for their future, and we do this by stressing the skills needed to be successful in math, reading and writing. We demonstrate the relevance and importance of these skills by regularly exposing students to real-world application.

Parent involvement has always been a key component of our success at Camden Elementary. Parents are welcome to visit our school and are often seen having lunch with their children, assisting with Accelerated Reader tests or volunteering in classrooms. Parent conferences are held several times a year and teachers make regular contact through emails and phone calls. We also welcomed moms, dads and grandparents to their own special breakfast this year.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) is active in helping to identify the school's needs and then bringing ideas and suggestions to the table. This year they were instrumental in helping to organize our spring Walk-To-School day event. Our parent group known as Camden Elementary Partners are actively involved in raising money, volunteering, sponsoring activities and finding ways to support the school and teachers. Money raised this year provided opportunities for teachers to attend professional development workshops, purchase supplemental class-

room resources and provide incentives for children demonstrating good behavior.

This year we entertained several new clubs and activities for the children. These included the Robotics Club, The Golf Squad, Science Fair Night, Walk-to-School days and classes / grade levels adopted a plot of land around the school to beautify the campus. We also continued with many of the old favorites; Bloomin' Arts, Patriots' Night, and Celebrating the Arts, to name a few.

The success of Camden Elementary School has truly been a team effort. School personnel, parents, and community members have all worked together to ensure the social, emotional and academic well-being of each of our children.

Carol Przybyla, Principal

Laura Battista, SIC President

SIC ANNUAL GOALS

- ◆ To continue to focus on improving literacy and math skills to ensure academic success
- ◆ To improve the safety and appearance of the school and grounds to facilitate a positive learning environment
- ◆ To continue to build and nurture strong community and family support of our school through a variety of school-wide events throughout the year
- ◆ To promote a continued emphasis on exposure to The Arts within the curriculum

2013 School Report Card Ratings

Absolute.....	Good
Growth.....	Excellent

PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (PASS)

This yearly assessment is given to third through fifth graders. It is aligned to our state standards and tests our students in the four core content areas. The SIC reviewed the data at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year and decided to focus on improving literacy and math. The chart below shows the percent of students achieving 'Met', 'Proficient' or 'Exemplary' on the ELA and Math portion of the PASS for the past three years.

ELA

	2011	2012	2013
Grade 3	73.8%	82.8%	84.3%
Grade 4	89.5%	89.5%	84.3%
Grade 5	85.0%	87.0%	88.9%

Math

	2011	2012	2013
Grade 3	53.3%	58.0%	71.5%
Grade 4	80.0%	83.8%	78.1%
Grade 5	86.0%	82.0%	89.9%