

With the close of the 2010-11 school year, Camden Elementary completed its eleventh year with arts integration as an area of focus. Arts based content teaching strategies, learning activities, and assessment options continue to thrive in our classrooms. Artists-in-residence were provided at all grade levels, and we had our eleventh Bloomin' Arts Festival. Collaborative planning between classroom teachers and the arts specialists ensures continued growth with two way integration of the arts. We have become Arts in the Basic Curriculum site school.

Our 2010 PASS results ranked in the top of our school district and helped us receive a Palmetto Silver Award for outstanding student academic performance. CES received a \$15,000 grant from the John Stevens Foundation to help put a leveled text library in every classroom. Our students raised over \$8,000 for charity between Relay for Life and Jump Rope for Heart.

Camden Elementary extraordinary staff continues to benefit from staff development opportunities. Teachers participated in literacy, math, science, social studies and differentiated instruction workshops. Two teachers received a Gifted and Talented endorsement.

Our outstanding parent organizations, Camden Elementary Partners (CEP) and School Improvement Council (SIC), once again supported initiatives and provided leadership for continued school improvement. CEP raised funds, Our CEP/PTO raised over \$70,000 to put a leveled texted library and assessment kit in every classroom.

They sponsored the fifth annual Camden Elementary Golf Tournament. The tournament had over 50 corporate sponsors for this year. SIC continues to provide leadership and accountability to help CES meet its SACS plan of action. The members of these two organizations are integral to our success.

Camden Elementary is a special place for our children and families -a place where students are challenged to achieve excellence and taught to help others. We believe in our slogan "Our Future Is SO Bright We Gotta Wear Shades."

Ed Yount, Principal
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