

With the close of the 2012-13 school year, Camden Elementary completed its thirteenth year with arts integration as an area of focus. Art 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 the thirteenth Bloomin' Arts Festival was a success. Collaborative planning between classroom teachers and the arts specialists insures continued growth with two way integration of the arts.

Our PASS 2012 results showed good academic performance and we received a Palmetto Gold Award for improving test scores. The school received grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Camden Elementary's extraordinary staff continues to benefit from staff development opportunities. Teachers participated in literacy, math, science, and social studies. Our school teacher of the year was the first alternate for the District Teacher of the Year.

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 sponsored the seventh annual Camden Elementary Golf Tournament. This event raised over \$5,000 that was used to improve our library. CEP donated \$2,000 to each grade level and \$1,500 to each related arts area to use to help students. The SIC sponsored our second Health Fair and 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's So Bright We Gotta Wear Shades."

Ed Yount, Principal
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