School Achievements

Ms. Clarke earned master's degree in Education Literacy.

Ms. Motta earned master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Clarke earned an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership.

Teacher's retention increased from 60% in 17-18 to 70.4% in 18-19.

Parents showed increased their belief in their children's safety while at school.

Dennis Elementary School's report card rating increased by 14 points.

The school has implemented a new writing curriculum.

Myschool SIC Members

Gladys Atkinson	Parent
Cynthia Davis	Teacher
Dale Motta	Teacher
Anna Parnell	Teacher Thaisha
Tate	Parent
Francina Hannibal	Community Member
Sarah Pearson	Community Member
Natisha William	Community Member
Ricky White	Principal

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Emanuel Brown	Assistant Principal

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Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by Dennis Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

Dennis Elementary School

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Mission Statement
It is the mission of Dennis Elementary School that we build partnerships with the community to ensure that all children are respectful, responsible and ready to learn daily without excuse.

SIC Annual Goals

Increase school-home relations to 90% by the 2020-2021 school year as measured by the SC State Report Card Parent Survey. The following strategies will be implemented to reach this goal.

- Parent Volunteers- Engage parents in the school's volunteer program so they can participate in supporting school-wide activities

- Parent Education- Provide parents opportunities to acquire necessary information, knowledge, and skills to support their children's education at home and at school and provide opportunities for parents to engage in positive school activities

- Parent Communication- Respond to parent concerns and/or complaints to ensure child's educational needs are met.

Student Achievement

- Fourth grade increased over 12% in SCREADY's ELA area of the test.

- The school's report card rating increased by 14 points, moving the school's status to the next level.

- Students' engagement was listed as unsatisfactory in 17-18 school year to average in 18-19 school year.

- Grade levels have shown gains in ELA across the school

- Overall student performance in ELA increase of 6.6% from the 17-18 school year to the 19-20 school year.

"For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov."

Additional Information

Dennis Elementary School's primary focus is to provide a holistic approach to teaching and learning. With the support of faculty and staff, instructional practices are implemented to ensure equality and equity for all students. Currently, the school's reading coach works collaboratively with classroom teachers to implement strategies for academic growth. Teachers participate in book studies, student-centered coaching cycles, and professional learning opportunities to extend their knowledge as reflective practitioners.

Also, a number of renovations were made to improve the learning environment in each classroom as well as in the media center. New desks were purchased for students and new desktop computers were purchased for teachers.

Additional investments were also made in respect to classroom technology. Promethean boards were assigned to every classroom and to offer one-to-one instruction, each student was given access to a HP Chromebook.

Because Dennis Elementary School strives to nurture the whole child, school leaders work tirelessly to respond to the behavioral and social needs of students through various mentoring programs. Such as, the Young Stallions Conquerors Mentoring Program, The Girls' Circle, the Boys' Council, and the Character Word of the Day initiative are utilized to promote stellar character in all students.