

Awards/Grants

- ▶ Palmetto Gold General Performance Award Winner every year
- ▶ 2011 Palmetto Silver Closing the Achievement Gap Award Winner
- ▶ Red Carpet Award
- ▶ 2012 Farm to School Grant (S.C. Healthy Schools Initiative)
- ▶ Bronze Level—USDA Healthier US School
- ▶ 2014 International Paper \$5,000 grant for playground landscaping

Professional Learning

- Professional learning in units of study for teaching writing and reading
- Professional learning in Growth Mindset
- Technology Workshops
- 21st Century Skills Emphasis: Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking
- Book study—Leaders of Their Own Learning by Ron Berger
- STEAM Workshops

Special Highlights

Spanish Immersion Program

Spanish Immersion Parent Advisory Team (SIPAT)

Green Steps School

Before School Strings and Chorus / After School Band

Morning Fitness Walk for All Students

Girls on the Run / Run Hard for Boys Programs

Jump Rope for Heart

Quest Zone After School Program

Smile Train Mini-Marathon to benefit children with cleft palates and cleft lips

Pennies for Patients

Relay for Life Team

Cougar Power Hour After School Care

Award Winning Art

Technology Added: Additional iPads for student use

Eight National Board Certified Teachers

Mentoring Program

Watch D.O.G.S. Program

Love and Logic Parenting Program

Year-long 10th Anniversary Celebration



10th Annual Smile Train
Mini-Marathon

Administration

Margaret B. Mitchum
Principal

Loretta G. Arnette
Assistant Principal

Chris L. Cook
Assistant Principal

Teacher of the Year 2015-2016

Tabitha Carro

Support Staff of the Year 2015-2016

Anita MacInnis, Student Records Operator

Accreditation Information

Current Classification from SCDOE:

ALL CLEAR

Accredited by the
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Council on Accreditation and School
Improvement (SACS)

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Pleasant Hill Elementary School

“Preparing and Honoring
Every Student”

Annual School Improvement
Council

Report to Parents

2015-2016

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Mission

The mission of Pleasant Hill Elementary School is to prepare all 21st century learners by providing a healthy and caring community, innovative instruction and support to ensure that all students achieve excellence in academics and the arts.

Vision

To prepare and honor students as they become lifelong learners, leaders, and global citizens who have the ability to communicate in multiple languages, collaborate, and think creatively and critically in the 21st century



The purpose of this report is to highlight the progress PHES is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. This report has been developed to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers.

Goals and Objectives

2014-2015 Achievement Highlights

- 85% of first and second grade students met the reading end-of-the-year grade-level targets.
- Test Data: PHES students were assessed using the SCPASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) and ACT Aspire assessment tools that align with the state academic standards. These assessments include English Language Arts, reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. The table below shows student scores from the 2014-2015 academic school year.

	3rd	4th	5th
Math (ACT Aspire)*	68.3%	61.7%	58.4%
English (ACT Aspire)*	72.3%	75.0%	73.7%
Reading (ACT Aspire)*	40.8%	42.5%	44.0%
Writing (ACT Aspire)*	16.4%	19.1%	21.1%
Science (SCPASS)**	N/A	85.4%	78.1%
Social Studies (SCPASS)**	N/A	94.6%	83.0%

* % Scored Exceeding and Ready on ACT Aspire

** % Scored Met or Exemplary on SCPASS

- Our average student attendance was 96.5%.

2015-2016 Goals

- At least 80% of first and second grade students will meet the reading end-of-the-year grade-level targets.
- At least 90% will score exemplary or ready in English language arts, math, and writing on SCREADY.
- Our average student attendance will be at least 95.6%.
- We will exceed MAP growth targets in both reading and math.

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

SIC Members

Cathy Jeter, Chair

Parents: Jennifer Garrick, Gail

Harries, Cathy Jeter, Jennifer Johnson and Carol Morant

Teachers: John Geanangel,

Leigh Johnson and Stacy Whisennant

PTA Representative:

President: Bridget Winston

Accomplishments of SIC

- ▶ Reviewed and disseminated PHES mission and vision
- ▶ Recommended automated attendance calls to be made to parents at 9:00 a.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. (This has been implemented.)
- ▶ Encouraged parents to register to vote
- ▶ Expanded the recycling program (collected shoes for Shoes 4 Water program all year, recycled batteries). Started program to recycle Styrofoam lunch trays and cups. Students "tap and stack" their trays at the end of lunch. Publix recycles Styrofoam for us.
- ▶ Continued with environmentally friendly "Green" school initiatives: breathing right with No Idle Zone and classroom plants, composting, mini-recycling center. Reviewed test data and survey results. Learned about Read to Succeed legislation. Provided input on school literacy plan.
- ▶ Provided input regarding school calendar, budget, topics for parent workshops, and playground improvements
- ▶ Sponsored a blood drive and collected 17 units of blood
- ▶ Continued the mentoring program
- ▶ Provided input in standard 1 and standard 3 in AdvancED accreditation process

State of SC Annual School Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Federal Accountability Rating
2015	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014	Excellent	Good	Grade A
2013	Excellent	Good	Grade B
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Grade A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Met
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Not Met
2009	Excellent	Good	Met
2008	Good	Below Average	Met
2007	Good	Below Average	Not Met