

Awards/Grants

- ▶ 2012 Palmetto Gold General Performance Award Winner
- ▶ 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

Professional Development

- Common Core State Standards PD
- Training in Newly Adopted **Journeys** Reading Program
- Continued Training in **Everyday Math** Mathematics Program
- **Repair Kit for Learning** (by Ken O'Connor) book study
- Technology Workshops (presented by Technology Integration Specialist)
- 21st Century Skills Emphasis: Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking
- Student Leadership Training

Special Highlights

Spanish Immersion Program

Spanish Immersion Parent Advisory Team

Green Steps School

Before/After School Band, Strings,
and Orchestra Programs

Morning Fitness Walk for All Students

Girls on the Run Program

Run Hard for Boys Program

Quest Zone After School Program

Smile Train Mini-Marathon

(374 operations funded during the past seven years to
benefit children with cleft palates and cleft lips)

Pennies for Patients (\$2,701.90)

Farm to School Vegetable Garden Program

Relay for Life Team

Cougar Power Hour Afterschool Care

New Technology Added: iPads for teachers, Apple TV,
limited number of iPads for student use

Eight National Board Certified Teachers



Preparing and Honoring Every Student

Administration

Margaret B. Mitchum
Principal

Loretta G. Arnette
Assistant Principal

Chris L. Cook
Assistant Principal

Teacher of the Year 2012-2013

Jennifer Jones
Third-Grade Teacher

Support Staff of the Year 2012-2013

Cinthya Gasque
Kindergarten Assistant

Accreditation Information

Current Classification from SCDOE:

ALL CLEAR

Accredited by the
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

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Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Council

“Report to Parents”

2012-2013

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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.



State of SC Annual School Report Card Ratings			
Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Federal Accountability Rating
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

Goals and Objectives

2011–2012 Achievement Highlights

- * 80% of first-grade students met the reading end of the year grade-level target.
- * PASS Test Data
 - ▶ 90.8 % — exemplary or met in English language arts
 - ▶ 90.0 % — exemplary or met in math
 - ▶ 84.0 % — exemplary or met in science
 - ▶ 92.5 % — exemplary or met in social studies
 - ▶ 85.5 % — exemplary or met in writing
- * Our average student attendance was 97.2 %.
- * From fall of 2011 to spring of 2012, all grade levels exceeded the Measurements of Academic Progress (MAP) growth targets in both reading and math.

2012–2013 Goals

- * At least 80% of first-grade students will meet the reading end of the year grade level target.
- * At least 90% will score exemplary or met in English language arts, math, and writing on PASS.
- * We will maintain our average student attendance of at least 95.6%.
- * We will continue to 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

Gwen Morris, Chair

Parents

Kristi Harmon, Tricia Beiers,
Torya Evans, Phillip Wall,
Mary Jo Zuebert

Teachers

Beth Maddox, Ellen Farmer,
Stephanie Hudson

PTA Representative

Jenni McMurry – President

Accomplishments of SIC

- ▶ Assisted with the development of the new PHES mission and vision
- ▶ Conducted a voter registration drive
- ▶ Initiated a traffic study
- ▶ Implemented Cougar Power Hour after school (2:30–3:45 p.m. daily)
- ▶ Expanded the recycling program (collected shoes for Shoes 4 Water program, recycled book bags)
- ▶ Continued with environmentally friendly "Green" school initiatives: breathing right with No Idle Zone and classroom plants, composting, adding a mini-recycling center
- ▶ Reviewed test data and survey results
- ▶ Provided input regarding school calendar, budget, topics for parent workshops, and playground improvements
- ▶ Implemented a mentoring program
- ▶ Explored student leadership opportunities and previewed the book *The Leader in Me*.
- ▶ Reviewed information about Common Core State Standards