

Awards/Grants

- ▶ 2012 and 2013 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 Learning

- Common Core State Standards
- Training in newly adopted **Everyday Math** and **enVision MATH** Mathematics Programs
- **Every Child, Every Day** (by Mark A. Edwards) book study
- Technology Workshops (presented by Technology Integration Specialist)
- 21st Century Skills Emphasis: Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking
- Student Leadership Training
- Leader in Me 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 to benefit children with cleft palates and cleft lips
- Pennies for Patients
- 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
- Mentoring Program
- Watch D.O.G.S. Program



Administration

Margaret B. Mitchum
Principal
Loretta G. Arnette
Assistant Principal
Chris L. Cook
Assistant Principal

Teacher of the Year 2013—2014

Tom Cronin
Physical Education Teacher

Support Staff of the Year 2013—2014

Kelly McGee, Kindergarten Instructional Asst.
Sharon Patton, Special Services Secretary
Wanda Taylor, Lunchroom Operator

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

“Preparing and Honoring
Every Student”

Annual School Improvement
Council

Report to Parents

2013—2014

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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
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

Goals and Objectives

2012—2013 Achievement Highlights

- * 87% of first-grade students met the reading end-of-the-year grade-level target.
- * PASS Test Data
 - ▶ 91.4 % — exemplary or met in English language arts
 - ▶ 87.2 % — exemplary or met in math
 - ▶ 86.8 % — exemplary or met in science
 - ▶ 91.1 % — exemplary or met in social studies
 - ▶ 87.2 % — exemplary or met in writing
- * Our average student attendance was 96.8 %.
- * From fall of 2012 to spring of 2013, all grade levels exceeded the Measurements of Academic Progress (MAP) growth targets in both reading and math.

2013–2014 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

Torya Evans, Chair

Parents:

Torya Evans, Kristi Harmon,
Janet Kendall, Stacey Westberry,
Mary Jo Zuebert

Community Member: Allen Close

Teachers: Ellen Farmer,
John Geanangel, Stephanie Hudson

PTA Representative:

Co-Presidents: Lorri Johnson,
Bridget Winston

Accomplishments of SIC

- ▶ Reviewed and disseminated PHES mission and vision
- ▶ Encouraged parents to register to vote
- ▶ Implemented Cougar Power Hour after school (2:30–3:45 p.m. daily)
- ▶ Expanded the recycling program (collected shoes for Shoes 4 Water program all year, recycled batteries)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Continued the mentoring program
- ▶ Reviewed information about Common Core State Standards
- ▶ Implemented the Watch D.O.G.S. program
- ▶ Organized the PAW (Playground and Wellness) Committee with PHES PTA