

## ***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***

- Ongoing training in ELA and Math
- Professional learning in Growth Mindset
- 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 (SIPAT)

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

Google CS First After School 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 After School Care

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

Eight National Board Certified Teachers

Mentoring Program

Watch D.O.G.S. Program



Math Night at Publix

### **Administration**

Margaret B. Mitchum  
Principal

Loretta G. Arnette  
Assistant Principal

Chris L. Cook  
Assistant Principal

### **Teacher of the Year 2014—2015**

Cheryl Banks

Finalist for Lexington 1 Teacher of the Year

### **Support Staff of the Year 2014—2015**

Lorri Johnson, Secretary

### **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**

**2014—2015**

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### ***Mission***

The mission of Pleasant Hill Elementary School is to prepare all 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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
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

## Goals and Objectives

### 2013—2014 Achievement Highlights

- \* 86% 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
  - ▶ 89.4 % — exemplary or met in math
  - ▶ 85.6 % — exemplary or met in science
  - ▶ 90.3 % — exemplary or met in social studies
  - ▶ 90.3 % — exemplary or met in writing
- \* Our average student attendance was 96.9 %.
- \* From fall of 2013 to spring of 2014, all grade levels exceeded the Measurements of Academic Progress (MAP) growth targets in both reading and math.

### 2014–2015 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](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*

## SIC Members

Torya Evans, Chair

**Parents:** Torya Evans, Gail Harries, Cathy Jeter, Janet Kendall and Stacey Westberry

**Community Member:** Allen Close

**Teachers:** John Geanangel, Leigh Johnson and Stacy Whisennant

**PTA Representative:**

President: Bridget Winston

## Accomplishments of SIC

- ▶ Reviewed and disseminated PHES mission and vision
- ▶ Encouraged parents to register to vote
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Realized the need for a privacy fence for the playground, which was installed this year
- ▶ Continued the mentoring program
- ▶ Continued coordination of the PAW (Playground and Wellness) Committee with PHES PTA
- ▶ Restructured school-wide afternoon dismissal procedures to ensure student safety