

PTO

We are very fortunate to have the best PTO anywhere ! Our Fall festival is always a big community event. Below are students participating in the costume parade on the day of the festival. We even had a visit from our own “Kiko”, the giraffe.



Recycle !

Fourth graders help our school in their “green” efforts. The “Recycling Rangers” pick up materials to be recycled three times a week.



Diamond Hill, “a great place to shine”, is located in a great and shining community. Being located in the middle of the “Nation” community in Abbeville County, family values and pride are ingredients that drive all members of our school family to be the best!

The students are truly the heart and soul of our school, and this is shown in the pride they take in their work and the great facility that we have here. In the classroom, our faculty and staff are second to none ! The dedication and love that they give to these children will last a lifetime. The former students returning to visit faculty and staff are a testament to that.

Diamond Hill Elementary School is a rural school with a population of approximately 300 students in grades four-year-old kindergarten through seven. The ethnicity of the school is 91% Caucasian, 8% African American, 1% other. The socioeconomic status of our families is in the range of low to middle income. We have 65% of our students on free or reduced meals.

Our mission is, “Challenging students everyday to be a shining success in school and in life.” Our plan for school wide reform was designed to develop critical thinking skills, integrated communication skills, active student participation in school and community activities, uniqueness of individuals, and lifelong learning. We strive to both strengthen and accelerate student learning in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. We will implement effective interventions to enhance the daily learning environment for all students, as well as build a positive climate for their success. At Diamond Hill Elementary, we believe that the most powerful learning comes when children develop a true understanding of concepts through higher order thinking associated with various fields of inquiry and self-monitoring of their thinking.

With the hard work of faculty, staff, students, and parents Diamond Hill is truly a great place to shine!

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Diamond Hill



Elementary

“Where Students Shine !”

2012-2013
Report to the Community
For school year 2011-2012

General Performance

GOLD



SILVER

Closing The Achievement Gap



Third grade students spit watermelon seeds to study distance, yard/meter, fruit/seeds/and reproduction.



K-5 students annually celebrate the 100th day of school with a variety of activities.

2012 State Report Card

Absolute Rating - Excellent

Growth Rating – Excellent

**ESEA Grade – “A”
(formerly AYP)**

Abbeville County School District Teacher Of The Year

Joni McCaslan



Diamond Hill Elementary School teacher Joni McCaslan digs out a worm to show her kindergarten students during a gardening unit. McCaslan tries to use hands-on and engaging lessons to give her children a memorable first experience with school.

**For the second consecutive year,
Diamond Hill is extremely proud
to have the
District Teacher of the Year !**



MISSION

“Challenging students everyday to be a shining success in school and in life.”



Beta Club Induction

Scholarships

**Diamond Hill is again happy to award
two \$500 scholarships to Dixie High
School seniors who attended Diamond
Hill.**

**Seventh graders
reward our
teachers with a
free car wash !**

