



HOMELAND PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2012 – 2013

Annual Report to Parents

MISSION

The mission of Homeland Park Primary School is to acknowledge the uniqueness of the individual, provide challenging and diverse educational experiences which utilize innovative technologies in a safe and welcoming environment, and nurture a strong, positive foundation for learning.

VISION

The vision of Homeland Park Primary School is to have each student performing on or above grade level before completing second grade.

SLOGAN

"The Future Begins Here: Where Cubs Become Tigers!"

HOMELAND PARK ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Reading Recovery Program
- Computer Lab
- Mac Lab
- SmartBoards in Every Classroom
- Mobile Laptop Labs
- Morning Academic Program
- Terrific Kids
- Open House
- Veterans' Day Celebration
- Field Day
- Second Grade Continuation Celebration
- Library Helpers
- United Way
- Grandparent's Day Luncheon
- I-Team
- Universal Free Breakfast
- Literacy Nights
- December Holiday Program
- Award's Days Each Nine Weeks
- Book Fairs
- School Improvement Council
- Summer Feeding Program

FAST FACTS

- ✓ Homeland Park opened in 1954
- ✓ Student Enrollment Average 378
- ✓ Yearly Attendance Percentage 95.9%
- ✓ 36 Certified Staff
- ✓ Number of Advanced Degrees- 16
- ✓ 8 Classified Staff
- ✓ Student-Teacher Ratio 20.9:1
- ✓ State Accreditation Status: All Clear
- ✓ Magnet School Status February, 2012



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Starting in August, 2012, Homeland Park became a primary school serving Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students now attend Varennes Academy of Communications and Technology.

AWARDS TO HOMELAND PARK

- Palmetto Silver Award 2011-2012
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- Palmetto Silver Award 2004-2005
- SC School of Promise
- AYP 2009-2010
- AYP 2008-2009
- AYP 2006-2007
- Exemplary Reading Award Runner-Up 2007-2008
- SC First Lego League State Championship 2007-2008
- SC Closing the Achievement Gap 2006-2007
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- Anderson Relay for Life Most Spirited 2006, 2005, 2004

Percentage of Students Meeting the Standard on PACT/PASS

	<u>English/Language Arts</u>		
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
2006	83.3	95.1	77.1
2007	82.5	68.1	58.9
2008	75.0	78.4	60.9
2009	87.5	72.7	85.3
2010	82.6	70.2	70.2
2011	54.0	72.0	56.8
2012	62.5	51.2	59.6
<u>Math</u>			
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
2006	75.9	88.1	66.7
2007	77.5	70.2	62.5
2008	62.5	83.8	71.7
2009	70.8	69.1	79.4
2010	60.9	78.7	68.4
2011	36.0	70.0	61.4
2012	56.3	45.5	61.7

2012-2013 PRIORITIES

To improve the performance of students in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies at all grade levels.

- Continue to provide staff development for teachers on the implementation of instruction models for District Five
- Integrate state-of-the-art technology into the learning environment
- Continue to implement Reading Recovery, Reading Incentive Program, Computer Assisted Instruction, and Morning Academic Program to enhance student achievement
- Continue guided/shared reading on a daily basis for all grade levels
- Use MAP data to inform instruction.
- Continue using math manipulatives to enrich instruction
- Use a unit based inquiry approach to curriculum
- Provide Literature Links for classrooms to support math, science, and social studies
- Expand research in library using encyclopedias, biographies, and nonfiction

To increase student attendance.

- Establish an attendance team, plan ways to recognize student attendance
- Inform family members of attendance policies
- Utilize School Messenger to inform families of absences

To improve and expand family and community involvement.

- Provide a Family and Community information center near the school entrance
- Provide before school program and evening activities that involve the family and community
- Provide in-school programs for families such as Terrific Kids, Veterans' Day and Awards Day
- Host Family Fun Days/Nights throughout the year
- Conduct parent conferences at the end of the first nine weeks

To expand the Business and Education partnership.

- Maintain existing business partnerships and recruit new ones
- Encourage local businesses and merchants to actively participate by contributing items and services for school functions

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Homeland Park encourages family and community involvement and volunteers.