

OUR VISION:

Our vision is to nurture and increase academic achievement of 21st Century learners in order to create tomorrow's leaders.

Our Goals:

- Plan collaboratively in order to ensure that technology is an integral tool infused in all core curricular areas and interdisciplinary units of study.
- Utilize best practices and data to inform instruction, learning, and decision-making.
- Improve academic performance, communication and critical thinking.
- Provide project-based investigations.
- Engage students in an integrated curriculum.
- Assess students authentically in order to maximize academic growth.

School Improvement Council

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Parent Teacher Organization

Heidi Wallace - President - hwallace@stewart.com

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2015-2016 School Improvement Council

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Donna Tucker-Community Member

Barbara Gibbons-Community Member

Jennifer McClary-Parent

Stacey Whitaker-Parent

Sundiata Whitaker-Parent

LaTonya Derrick-Parent

**R i c h l a n d S c h o o l
D i s t r i c t T w o**

Forest Lake Elementary



Dr. Kappy Steck, Principal

Dr. Cassandra Bosier, Assistant Principal

Mr. Christopher Dickey, Assistant Principal

2015-2016

Our Mission

Forest Lake Elementary, in partnership with our families and the community, provides through relevant and engaging learning experiences a rigorous academic program in a safe, nurturing environment

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Forest Lake Elementary
NASA Explorer School
eLc School



Highlights

Forest Lake Elementary, a NASA Explorer and Elementary Learning Collaborative school, provides a challenging curriculum that encourages students to inquire and investigate their worlds. Teachers plan collaboratively to develop units of study that integrate 21st century technologies, emphasize digital and information literacy, apply critical thinking skills, and engage in the use of problem solving strategies. Teachers and students use one - to - one computing, interactive white boards, distance learning with NASA, and iPads to support and enrich both teaching and learning. The NASA Lab, Project Lead the Way, News Production Studio, and Yamaha Keyboarding Lab offer school-wide opportunities for cutting edge experiences. Our technology-infused programs engage students as they are inspired and motivated through work that is personally relevant.

Awards and Recognitions

NASA Honor Roll School
 Featured in NBC's Education Nation
 National NASA Beagle Educator of the Year Award
 Featured in Edutopia "Schools that Work"
 National Parent's Magazine Honor Roll School
 National Civil Air Patrol School of the Year
 NASA Zero Gravity participants
 Palmetto's Finest School
 NASA Explorer School
 Magnet School of Distinction
 Intel & Scholastic School of Distinction for Technology
 SMART Showcase School
 Exemplary Writing School
 Red Carpet School

What makes Forest Lake Unique?

- Dual Magnet Program School (NASA Explorer School and Elementary Learning Collaborative)
- NASA Partnership including video-conferencing capabilities via NASA Digital Learning Network
- NASA Explorer Lab for integration of NASA resources and expertise to enrich core content STEM-G
- STARLAB indoor planetarium
- Hands - on Science Explorations Lab
- Sciencefest-School-wide science celebration
- STEM-G Career Awareness
- Lego Robotics teams
- Forest Lake Today's state of the art broadcast production news studio
- Video/multimedia productions
- Project and Problem- based learning and inquiry approaches where questions lead to understanding
- Online learning resources for parents and students
- Eagle Expressions - National Award - winning literary magazine
- International school partnerships
- Edventure Museum partnership

Technology at Forest Lake

In order to teach to 21st century learners, we believe a school must be prepared to embrace today's technology. Our instruction is integrated through the use of a number of devices including Chromebooks, tablets, iPads, and interactive boards.

Technology is a vehicle that is routinely used to facilitate teaching that meets the needs of a variety of learning styles and modalities. We find that technology helps engage students and increases innovation and relevance within our classrooms.

Test Scores

Percent of Students Meeting State Standard/Benchmark

