

2012-2013 O.P. Earle Elementary

“Our mission is to inspire and educate young minds.”

Community Focus Report

Accomplishments

- In 2012 Exemplary Reading School of the Year, and in 2011 Exemplary Reading Honor School
- Palmetto Gold recipient in 2010, 2011, and 2012
- Closing the Gap Gold Award winner in 2012
- Anna Mathis, fourth grade teacher, was selected as the 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year
- Kim McMillan, first grade teacher, was selected as the 2012-2013 Reading Teacher of the Year
- Laura Dickson, Physical Education teacher, was selected as a 2012-2013 SCAPES (South Carolina Association of Physical Education and Sport) teacher of the year. She was also 2010 National All-Star Teacher of the Year by Project Fit America.
- Outstanding Artists in Residence Program
- Art program recognized as a Kennedy Center Creative Ticket school.
- Principal was recognized as the SCAEA (South Carolina Art Educator Association) Principal of the Year 2011-2012
- Website received the Reward for Excellence from the South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association in 2011 and 2012.
- In 2011-2012 implemented a \$3000 Farm to School grant.
- Recipient of a \$10,000 Mary F. Kessler fund grant through the Polk County Community Foundation, called Kessler cultural evenings, which is also in support of the school's arts education program.
- In 2011-2012 received a \$5000 Lowes Tools for Schools grant to establish an arts/reading patio.



- Project Fit America School
- 2011-2012 US Healthy School Bronze Award recipient
- Continue to implement a 21st Century grant that provides a free after school program, sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club, for students in grades 1st through 5th.
- Continue extra-curricular activities that included Foothills Running Club, Piano Performers, Honors Chorus, Jr. ROTC Drill Team, Click Club, and Tattletales.
- Several teachers received Donor's Choose grants in order to enhance instruction in their classrooms
- Teachers presented at state level workshops
- The music program receives funds from the Laurel Lake Music Foundation
- Thermal Belt Rotary Club presents dictionaries to 3rd graders yearly.
- PE teacher presented at the *Conference on the Value of Play* at Clemson University
- Two teachers were selected to participate in the “Hands On Minds On” summer workshop

Major Priorities

- Plan, implement, and reflect on strategies that will ensure the academic success of each child.
- Continue implementation of the Polk County Community Foundation grant for Kessler Cultural Evenings
- We will continue to focus on our writing and research as it applies to Common Core State Standards
- We will focus on informal and formal assessment as it relates to the Common Core
- Continue to seek community organizations to display our children's art work.
- Develop community outreach programs through the various clubs on campus.
- Provide exemplary differentiated staff development opportunities for all staff through Momentum Mondays and grade level meetings.
- Implement a motivating reading incentive program that will encourage all students to increase their volume of reading and text complexity.
- Provide staff development on Common Core Standards and implement those standards K4-5th grade this year.
- Continue to implement math incentive rewards for 3rd grade students memorizing their multiplication tables and 1st grade students memorizing their addition facts.
- Infusion of the arts school-wide in all content areas

