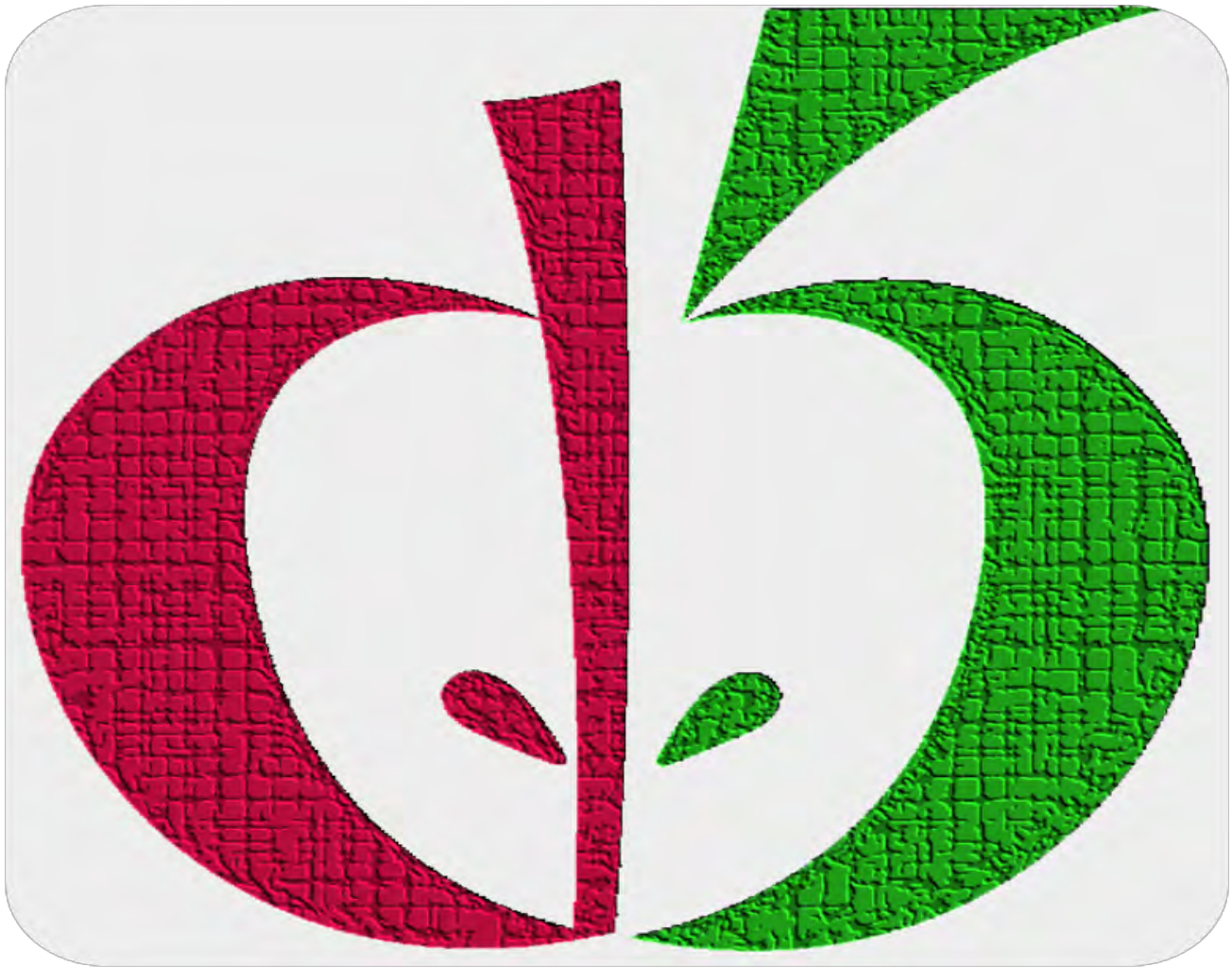


District Five

OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES



“Pursuing Excellence for Tomorrow’s Challenges”

Annual Report 2012-13 School Year

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Stephen Hefner

Each year our community, businesses, school leaders, teachers, parents and students come together and achieve great things! In this publication, we will highlight some of the accomplishments from last school year as we look toward achievement in 2013-2014.

We saw many successes in academics, student and teacher achievement, and infrastructure in 2012-2013. And we're off to a great start this school year with another "A" rating on the latest federal accountability report.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CONTINUES TO BE OUR PRIMARY FOCUS

Last year, District Five received the top rating from the state accountability system. Eighteen of our nineteen eligible schools received either Palmetto Gold or Silver awards for school performance and closing the achievement gap. Two of the district high schools were ranked as top performers in the state and nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*. The district also earned the top rating in the state by *U.S. News* for preparing students for college.

DISTRICT FIVE LEADS THE STATE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF SENIORS TAKING THE SAT EXAMINATION.

Our students placed in the top five among all districts in composite SAT scores exceeding the state and national averages. Average ACT scores were also above state and national averages. The district also had more Carolina Scholars than any other district and \$125 million in total scholarships for our 2013 graduates.

There were many more accomplishments, and I am very proud to say that District Five will continue **"Pursuing Excellence For Tomorrow's Challenges!"**



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A QUICK LOOK BACK



◀ **Federal "A" Rating**
District Five retains its "A" rating on the latest federal accountability report.



◀ **#1 in College Readiness**
National Publications rank District Five Schools among the top in the state.



◀ **Palmetto Gold & Silver Awards**
Schools earn gold and silver awards for academic performance and bridging the achievement gap.



◀ **Sports Teams Shine**
District Five schools pick up state championships in Girls & Boys Basketball and Soccer among other notable athletic honors.



◀ **High Honors for 2013 Graduates**
District Five graduates get top honors, offered more than \$125 million in scholarships.

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District Five

Looking Back On The 2012-2013 School Year



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ACCOLADES

"A" RATING UNDER NEW SYSTEM

District Five retains its "A" rating under federal accountability system for the second year in a row. It is the only district in the Midlands with an "A" rating.

TOP ACT & SAT SCORES

ACT scores remain at the top of the state. SAT scores in District Five are the best in the Midlands.

PALMETTO GOLD & SILVER AWARDS

18 schools receive Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards.

STATE REPORT CARD

District schools earn top ratings on school report cards.

NATIONAL RANKING FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Chapin High School and Dutch Fork High School are ranked among the top nationally for academic rigor and college preparedness by the *Washington Post*, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

JUNIOR SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

More than 200 District Five students are named South Carolina Junior Scholars.

NATIONAL PLTW ACCREDITATION

Center for Advanced Technical Studies receives prestigious Project Lead The Way certification in its first year.

CAROLINA SCHOLARS

District leads South Carolina in the number of Carolina Scholars, the University of South Carolina's most prestigious scholarship program.

TOP EXIT EXAMS

District Five has the highest high school exit exam scores in the Midlands.

RECORD NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

2013 graduates are offered more than \$125 million in scholarships. Several students named National Merit Scholars.

HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

District Five is committed to providing challenging curriculum. With exceptional teachers, staff and students; we are accomplishing great things for our students.



Top State Awards & Accolades

18 of District Five's schools received **South Carolina's Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards** this year. It was just one of the top ratings the district received from the SC Education Department.



Top National Rankings

Three national publications ranked two of the district's **high schools among the top** in South Carolina and nationally for academics. The district was ranked No. 1 in the state for preparing students for college.



Top Test Scores

District Five earned **top ratings on the state report card**. The district also had the highest exit exam scores in the Midlands, highest SAT scores in the area, and ACT scores that were among the top in the state.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Lexington-Richland School District Five works in partnership with parents, businesses, and community members to ensure that our students know the importance of contributing to a global society. Last school year, we proudly partnered with dozens of civic and faith-based organizations to build exceptional schools, strengthen neighborhoods in our district and enrich the lives of our



IMPROVED SCHOOL FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATIONS

District Five was building for the future in 2012-2013, preparing for the opening of the new high school and renovations to other sites. Pictured are: construction projects at Spring Hill High School (Top Left), Chapin High (Top Right), Irmo High (Bottom Left) and Dutch Fork High. (Bottom Right).



ENRICHING ACTIVITIES

- Students Shine in District Production of *The Wiz*
- Irmo High Boys, Dutch Fork Girls Teams Ranked Nationally After State Championships
- Chapin High School Cheerleaders Earn 3A State Championship Title for the Fifth Straight Year
- Irmo Yellow Jackets Win Class 4A Boys' Soccer State Championship
- Several District Five Students Win Top Prizes In State Level Trade, Technical and Professional Skills Competition
- District Five Holds Chopped Contest to Highlight Work, Skill Of Its Cafeteria Workers
- Four District Five Students Attend International Science And Engineering Fair
- District Five Middle And High School Bands Receive SC Band Director Association Top Award

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Great strides were made in 2012-2013 to upgrade the district's infrastructure and facilities and prepare for the future.

This year the district opened its Center for Advanced Technical Studies, which is now regarded as a national model for career-focused education. Spring Hill High opened in August 2013 as a choice aca-

demic magnet high school open to any student in district five.

The complete overhaul of Chapin High School is helping to create a state-of-the-art campus while honoring its legacy, and ongoing renovations at Dutch Fork High and Irmo High will rejuvenate those campuses and provide great learning environments.

TEACHERS & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS



Ashley Metz
2012-2013
Teacher of the Year



Kathy Forrester
2012-2013
Support Employee of the Year

District Five teachers, school leaders and other staff continued to shine in the 2012-2013 school year.

Many individuals have been recognized with state and national honors, and teachers continue to implement plans and techniques to ensure that each student receives the instruction they need to succeed. Among the accolades, 20 District Five Teachers received National Board Certification this year, bringing District Five's total to 375.

OTHER STAFF HONORS:

- Career And Technical Education Director Honored By State
- Dutch Fork High Teacher Named South Carolina Spanish Instructor Of The Year
- Dutch Fork High School Teacher Awarded Prestigious Lincoln Fellowship
- CrossRoads Middle Teacher Named To National School Boards Association's "20 To Watch" List For 2012-2013
- District Five Educator Receives 2013 Special Education Administrator Award From The South Carolina Council For Administrators Of Special Education
- District Five Athletic Trainer Named To South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association's 2013 Hall of Fame
- District Five Transportation Director Earns Prestigious National Certifications.
- District Five Staffer Named South Carolina Social Worker of The Year By The SC Association of School Social Workers

District Five

New Leaders In Important Roles

Lexington-Richland School District Five is welcoming new faces to important leadership roles during the 2013-2014 school year, from incoming principals to new district office staff. At the District Office Dr. Christina Melton, Michael Guliano, and Melony Sanford joined the team. District Five's new principals include Kelly Brown (Leaphart Elementary), Arthur Newton, Jr. (Harbison West Elementary), Dr. Gerald Gary (Dutch Fork Middle), Dr. Michael Lofton (Spring Hill High) and David Riegel (Irmo High).

Several District Five administrators are taking on new roles in the 2013-2014 school year. Assistant principals changing schools include: former Ballentine Elementary School Assistant Principal Jenny Garris, who joined the staff at Harbison West Elementary; former Lake Murray Elementary Assistant Principal Wendy Stoudemire, who joined the staff at Nursery Road Elementary; former Harbison West Elementary Assistant Principal Gina Mays, who joined the staff of Ballentine Elementary; former River Springs Elementary Assistant Principal Boyd Hainsworth, who joined the staff at Lake Murray Elementary; and former Nursery Road Elementary Assistant Principal Matt Gams, who joined the staff at River Springs Elementary.

NEW FACES AT THE LEXINGTON-RICHLAND FIVE'S DISTRICT OFFICE



Dr. Christina Melton

District Five Chief Instructional Officer

Veteran educator Dr. Christina Melton was named Chief Instructional Officer for Lexington-Richland School District Five during the 2012-2013 school year. She replaced Helen Anderson who retired. Dr. Melton said, "District Five has a proud tradition of academic excellence. I am honored to have the opportunity to work with our teachers, principals, district leaders, school board, and community. We will continue to prepare students for college and career readiness while maintaining our focus on teaching, learning, and professional development."



Michael Guliano

District Five Director of Early Education

Seasoned School Administrator Michael Guliano is the new Director of Elementary Education for District Five. In his new role, Guliano provides leadership in supporting, promoting and assessing progress toward improved instructional outcomes at the elementary school level. He also coaches and advises educators, while reviewing district goals and policies. Guliano said, "Early childhood education is the foundation for our students, and it's so important that we expose them to words, thoughts, ideas and a love for learning early on."



Melony Sanford

District Five Social Studies Coordinator

District Five tapped award-winning teacher Melony Sanford as its new Social Studies Coordinator. She replaced Kathy Hogan, who retired after 24 years with the district. Sanford said, "With this new position, I look forward to working closely with teachers to help students become global citizens in the 21st century." Sanford has earned numerous awards and recognitions during her career, including the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies Secondary Outstanding Social Studies Teacher award in 2007.

LEXINGTON-RICHLAND FIVE'S NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Kelly Brown

Leaphart Elementary School

Kelly Brown, a former assistant principal at Leaphart Elementary, is the incoming principal for the 2013-2014 school year. Brown has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of South Carolina and is expected to complete her doctorate in Educational Leadership in December 2013. She said, "I am truly honored and excited about my new leadership role at Leaphart Elementary School and look forward to working with students teachers, parents and community members to continue the tradition of excellence at Leaphart and District Five."



Arthur Newton, Jr.

Harbison West Elementary School

Arthur Newton, Jr. is the incoming principal at Harbison West Elementary. He has a Bachelor's of Arts degree from South Carolina State University and two master's degrees, including one in educational administration from the University of South Carolina. During his tenure at Bridge Creek Elementary, the school received several awards including Palmetto Gold Awards for the 2012-2013 school year in both categories, Performance and Closing the Achievement Gap. Newton said, "Harbison West is an outstanding school, and I'm looking forward to building strong relationships with the students and parents."



Dr. Gerald Gary

Dutch Fork Middle School

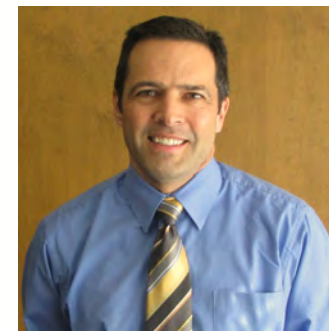
Dr. Gerald Gary is the new principal at Dutch Fork Middle School. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Francis Marion University, a master's in educational administration from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate degree from Nova Southeastern University. Gary said, "I am excited to work with the students and community at Dutch Fork Middle. Together, we will continue the strong tradition of educational excellence at District Five."



David Riegel

Irmo High School

Educator David Riegel is the incoming principal for Irmo High School. He served as principal of Franklin High School in Franklin, Ohio from 2008 to 2013. Riegel has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University and a master's degree from Michigan State University. During his tenure at Franklin High, Riegel helped the school earn its first Excellent rating from the Ohio Department of Education. At Irmo High, Riegel says he hopes to build on the school's strong legacy, while focusing on its bright future. "I will be striving to make the school excellent in everything it does. From academics to athletics, excellence is the goal."



Dr. Michael Lofton

Spring Hill High School

Dr. Michael Lofton is the incoming principal of Spring Hill High School, an all magnet school available to any student in District Five. Lofton began his career in District Five administration at Dutch Fork Middle School in 2002. While working in administration at the middle school he earned a Masters, Specialist, and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at the University of South Carolina. Lofton became the principal of Chapin Middle School in 2010 and worked there for two years. He accepted the position as principal of Spring Hill last year, and says "he's honored to have had the opportunity to create and develop the school. "



District Five

School Board Members

The District Five Board of Trustees is the District's official policy-making entity. The Board formulates policies to enhance educational opportunities in the District by interpreting the needs and goals of the community. The Board also seeks to develop and maintain communication among the various constituencies served by the schools.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRMAN

Robert Gantt

What a great year of achievement for students and the community in the 2012-2013 school year, and there is a great feeling of anticipation for the current year! On August 14, the annual "Back to School" rally for all Lexington-Richland School District Five staff was held at Irmo High School. The atmosphere was again electric as educators from all our schools gathered to get ready for another great school year. The theme for the rally was "Believe," and our history is rich with believing and working to make achievement possible. In District Five, we believe in our mission. From bus drivers, cafeteria personnel and support staff to teachers, coaches, administrators and most importantly the students; we all work, believe and achieve every day. The influence our teachers and staff have on the lives of students has produced great results and unlimited possibilities for the future of every student.

The overwhelming approval of a 2008 Bond Referendum which led to the completion of much needed renovations of Leaphart, Seven Oaks, Irmo and Chapin elementary schools is a part of the enthusiasm and excitement in our district. Currently under way are renovations to Chapin, Irmo and Dutch Fork high schools. The adding of this much needed space will greatly enhance safety and learning spaces for our students. Because of these renovations, our students will have access to great programs in appropriate settings. A new middle school is in the planning stages for the Spring Hill area that will help with overcrowding. The district will have gone from using over 100 portable classrooms to approximately 10 when these projects are completed. Not only are the students excited about new programs and spaces, but the community is adding to the excitement. The new Center for Advanced Technical Studies opened last fall and Spring Hill High School opened just a few weeks ago. The voters believed and the results are visible and real. Students and staff in District Five are greatly enhanced in their efforts to believe and achieve their goals. Thank you again, voters of School District Five for believing in your public schools. You believed and you voted with conviction and confidence. All these projects are a part of the excitement and energy that kicked off the new school year in August. In addition, the district continues to be considered one of the top districts in the state with SAT scores exceeding both state and national averages. The graduating classes of 2013 earned a district record \$125 million in scholarships. Our schools, students, teachers and staff were honored for exemplary achievement throughout the district.

Thank you to the entire District Five community who has always shown pride and supported District Five schools and students. That pride is well deserved as our schools continue to demonstrate excellence in academics, the arts, athletics and community service. Wow...what a great start for School District Five. The future looks bright. I believe the best is yet to come!

Robert Gantt has been involved in District Five for more than 25 years, serving in various capacities as a volunteer and 12 years as an elected School Board member. Mr. Gantt has served as a member of the School Board since November 2000, being re-elected in 2004 and 2008. While a member of the School Board, he has served as Board Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman from 2008 to present. He has been married to Laura Smith Gantt for 43 years and is the father of three daughters, all graduates of School District Five.



Beth Watson

Vice Chair

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Beth Watson has been elected to four terms as a school board member for School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties. After chairing the successful May 1996 School Bond Referendum, Mrs. Watson was elected to the school board in 1996, again in 1998, and after taking a six-year break, she was elected again in 2008. Most recently she was re-elected for a fourth term in 2012. She has served as a board officer for six years. She has served as the School Improvement Council Chair at Irmo High, PTO President at Harbison West Elementary and has served on a number of district committees. Among her favorite responsibilities as a board member is being part of the graduation ceremonies. Mrs. Watson works at the University of South Carolina's Honor College as the Director of Internship Program and as an academic advisor. She is married to Will Watson and has two children, both graduates of District Five.

Ellen Baumgardner

Secretary
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Ellen Baumgardner is employed as a Disability Hearing Officer with the State of South Carolina. She is a graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Administrative Management. Ellen also holds an Associates Degree in Respiratory Therapy from Greenville Technical College. She and her husband, Steve, have been married for 29 years and have two sons that graduated from Irmo High School. Both of Ellen and Steve's sons serve in the SC National Guard. Sam was deployed in Afghanistan and Rhett is a ROTC Cadet at Coastal Carolina University.



Jondy Loveless

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Jondy Loveless has been an active volunteer in Lexington-Richland School District Five for many years. She is a member of the District Five Foundation for Educational Excellence, is a member of the School Improvement Council at Chapin High School, serves on the Superintendent's Parents Cabinet and has served on the School Improvement Councils at Lake Murray Elementary and Leaphart Elementary. She assisted in the funding for curriculum development for Leaphart's Magnet School for the Engineering and Arts Program (LEAP) and the initial funding for Chapin Middle's project-based math program, Math Matters. She is married to Ken Loveless and has two step-sons, James and Reid.



Jim Turner

Board Member
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Jim Turner is a retired banker, having been in the industry for 39 years. He has been active in District Five for many years, having served on the Lexington-Richland Five Education Foundation and currently serving as a member of the District 5 Foundation for Educational Excellence. As a 30 plus year member of the Optimist Club of St. Andrews, Mr. Turner has been very involved in activities affecting District Five students, parents and faculty. He has been married to his wife Debbie, a former teacher, for 30 years. They have two children, both of whom graduated from Irmo High School. Jim earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University in Atlanta and a banking degree from the "Banking School of the South" at LSU. Their daughter Elizabeth is an elementary teacher in District Five.



Ed White

Board Member
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Ed White is a certified public accountant and an attorney and partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P. He is married to Bea White. They have two sons and a daughter, two of whom attend Dutch Fork High School and one who graduated Dutch Fork High School and attends Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a LL. M. Taxation degree from New York University School of Law.





Ballentine

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Robin W. Bright

A Year of Learning and Fun

The 2012-2013 school year was full of learning, fun, and friendships! We celebrated many successes including: "Excellent" (State report card rating for the 11th consecutive year), "A" Rating (Federal Accountability), Palmetto Gold & Silver awards for academics and closing the achievement gap, Top 25 percent Nationally on MAP Target growth, 19 National Board Certified teachers, perfect PASS scores and more!

Our culture of learning, supported by high expectations for all, challenges our students to grow in character and self-discipline to achieve at their maximum potential. Students become "others minded" as they learn how we are all connected and how they can contribute.

We are truly blessed with a strong partnership between home, school, and the local community. We'll continue to strive for excellence, strong partnerships with parents, and enriching instruction that fosters a safe, positive, supportive learning environment. We are Ballentine!



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Ballentine Elementary School, where community, staff, students and parents join together, is committed to ensuring that all students are provided a quality education based upon academic success, democratic principles, and creative expression while providing a positive caring environment celebrating diversity and promoting individual strengths, responsible social attitudes and a sense of community and cooperation.

BALLENTINE ELEMENTARY APPLIES THE SCIENCE STANDARD

Students learn science skills through mock crime scene investigation

Ballentine Elementary School's in-house CSI field trip is one of our students' favorite hands-on experiences in fourth grade.

The program, developed and led by a former elementary/middle school teacher, creates an atmosphere of inquiry and questioning as she addresses all components of science.

The students demonstrate an understanding of scientific inquiry, including the processes, skills, and mathematical thinking necessary to conduct a simple scientific investigation. Students practice the skills of observation as they gather information during a mock crime scene. Listening skills also are honed and inference skills applied to testimonies of witnesses to the crime. While

experimenting with blood typing through the use of synthetic blood, students practice reading charts and diagrams.

Using scientific tools, students experience extracting DNA and fingerprinting while simultaneously learning how to use science equipment safely. Microscopes are used to differentiate between hair and fiber. Fourth graders use mathematical calculations to determine probability.

As a final activity, students use their newly acquired skills to solve a "whodunit" crime. Through this day of back-to-back active learning, students are exposed to concentrated science vocabulary and to possible future careers.



HOME OF THE BALLENTINE BEARS

Together, we are Ballentine!

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TOP 10 BALLENTINE ACCOLADES 2012-2013

STATE REPORT CARD

Ballentine Elementary received an Excellent rating on the State Report Card.

FEDERAL RATING

Ballentine Elementary received an "A" on the Federal Accountability Rating System.

CLOSING THE GAP

Ballentine Elementary was recognized for closing the achievement gap in the 2012-2013 school year.

RANKED AT THE TOP

Ballentine Elementary was ranked at the top 25% Nationally on MAP target growth.

ADVANCING TEACHERS

Ballentine Elementary has 19 National Board Certified staff members.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ballentine Elementary School's Ashley Metz named District Five's 2012-13 Teacher of the Year.

SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Ballentine Elementary School's Kathy Forrester named District Five's 2012-13 Support Employee of the Year.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Ballentine Elementary mentor named District Five's Mentor of the Year.

CHORUS RATINGS

The Ballentine Elementary chorus received a Superior Rating.

DHEC RATING

The cafeteria at Ballentine Elementary received a perfect score and was awarded with an "A" rating for cleanliness.



BALLENTINE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Angel Tree
- American Red Cross
- American Heart Association
- UNICEF
- United Way
- Relay and Walk for Life



SCHOOL Spotlight

SC Gov. Haley Visits Ballentine

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley visited Ballentine Elementary School on January 3, 2013 as part of an anti-bullying effort that she started her first month in office. "What we saw was that there were a lot of kids that were being bullied in school," Haley said, "and we knew if we just got out there and educated them how it's not cool to be a bully, and it's cool to be a leader, they would change." The governor also took questions from students about her role in office, how laws are passed and about her family.

BALLENTINE ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

DISTRICT FIVE Teacher Of The Year

ASHLEY METTS



A: I love this profession! To me, it is so much more than a "job." I love the relationships I am able to establish doing what I love! From working alongside the students and parents to helping shape my community and state, I love it all! I love that the things I teach and the children I work with will live on long after I am gone.

DISTRICT FIVE Support Employee Of The Year

KATHY FORRESTER



A: What I love most about my job is working with the students. When they grasp a concept you have been teaching and you see a giant smile on their face it is wonderful. I feel fortunate to have the gift of being able to love children just as I love my own.



Chapin

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Harriet Wilson

Focusing on Student Development

Chapin Elementary is committed to developing students that are eager to learn and student performance is at the center of all our efforts.

This year, our school excelled in academics. We were awarded a Palmetto Gold Award by the state Department of Education for overall performance, and we received a Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap. Our students received a number of writing awards and we continued to get recognized for the exceptional work of our young scholars.

We believe that building character is a part of shaping young minds, and we are happy to report that our students showed themselves to be leaders this year. From donations by our Garden Club to stories of individual students making a difference, our Eaglets are setting the example for each other and even for adults. We are proud to say that Chapin Elementary raised the most money in the district for Relay for Life in May of 2013! It's been a great year and we look forward to the 2013-2014 school year!



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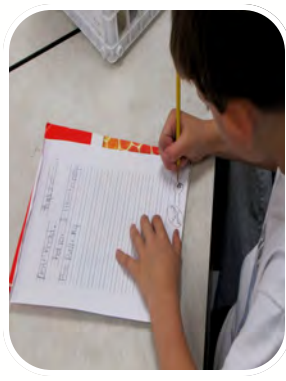
ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Chapin Elementary School, in partnership with parents and community, is dedicated to assuring that all students learn at high levels in a supportive environment.

STUDENTS' LETTERS ENCOURAGE CANCER PATIENTS

Letters help patients cope with treatment, sharpen writing skills

Cancer patients at Lexington Medical Center have a new way to cope with treatment thanks to first graders in Samantha Werts' class this past school year. The students were part of a project with Lexington Medical Center called "Letters to Cancer Patients." Werts said the program was created as a real-world writing exercise and community outreach project for the students.



"I wanted it to be real to them," Werts said. "My husband works with cancer patients at the hospital, too. We talked one night and decided that this project was something that could help strengthen my students' writing skills and help cancer patients feel a little better at the same time."

Considered a novelty in the lives of today's tech-savvy students, hand

written letters help students just learning to read and write "sound out" the words and learn from their errors, educators say. The letters can be teaching tools for cancer patients as well as lessons on hope and positivity, says Lisa Phillips with Lexington Oncology, a hospital physician practice.

"As a cancer survivor myself, I remember how special it made me feel when others extended acts of kindness towards me and my family," Phillips said. "Our patients feel the same way. The letters are a ray of sunshine ... received with

smiles and occasionally happy tears." The letters were sent twice monthly. Chapin Elementary student Ryan Stanberry often wrote to his pen pal about baseball, opting to add illustrations. "I'm writing letters because I want my friend to feel better," said Ryan, who often used the salutation "Dear Friend," in his letters.

HOME OF THE EAGLETS

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CHAPIN ACCOLADES 2012-2013

PALMETTO GOLD

Chapin Elementary was awarded with the Palmetto Gold award for Overall Performance.

PALMETTO SILVER

Chapin Elementary was awarded for the Closing the Achievement Gap.

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

Chapin Elementary 5th grade teacher, Lennie Tucker, was chosen as the American Legion Teacher of the Year.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

A student at Chapin Elementary, Gavin Brizek, was the winner of the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

PTO AWARDED

The PTO Board at Chapin Elementary was selected as the Volunteer Group of the Year for District Five.

SUPERINTENDENT'S WRITING AWARD

A student at Chapin Elementary, Hannah Bellomy, won the Superintendent's Writing Award.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAMS

Chapin Elementary put on a Veteran's Day program in support of all Veterans.

GARDEN CLUB

Chapin's Garden Club donated and planted two trees

DISTRICT DONATORS

Chapin Elementary donated the most money in the district for Relay for Life in May of 2013.

STUDENT AWARENESS

Chapin Elementary student, Kylie Marchese donated a total of \$80 of her birthday money to a student who was diagnosed with cancer.

CHAPIN COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- American Cancer Society
- Christgate
- HUB
- Ronald McDonald House
- United Way
- We Care

SCHOOL Spotlight



Project Love Spreads The Love

Project Love is a program for fourth grade students at Chapin Elementary to learn from retirees. Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission coordinates volunteers through Let Older Volunteers Educate (LOVE) to come to CES each week and share their expertise. The volunteers are dedicated to education and give freely of their time to educate students in topics that fall outside of the general academic curriculum. One volunteer has been volunteering through this organization for twenty years.

The program is truly a team effort with parents serving as the school contacts to arrange set up and schedules and LOVE volunteers coming in each Friday for an hour. Students look forward to this learning each month, and talk about it years later as one of their favorite memories from Chapin Elementary.

CHAPIN ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

WENDY HINES



A: The one thing I enjoy most of all is my students. At the beginning of the year, I feel as if I have 22 of my own children to educate, help grow and nurture in our year together. We grow together as a family.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

LAURA BULL



A: I love that I have been able to experience working in many different capacities within the school. I have worked in 5K, in the computer lab and now as an Instructional Assistant. I continue to learn and grow.



Dutch Fork

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Julius B. Scott

Excellence: A Deliberate Act

It was another great year at Dutch Fork Elementary. Our school earned a Palmetto Silver Award for academic performance. Additionally we earned a letter grade of "B" on the ESEA/Federal Accountability System. Professional development over the past year was focused on state standards and literacy. As a result, we saw tremendous growth in instructional practices. Celebrating student success is critically important at DFES. During this past year, we celebrated student accomplishment through our Tag of Honor Ceremonies, Fox Fun Fridays, and daily student "shout-outs." We also had numerous student pep rallies in which students were extremely innovative and creative.

We also celebrate the accomplishments of our staff like Candace Catoe who received the SC Art Teacher of the Year award and Terri Crosby who was selected to attend the 2013 Mickelson ExxonMobile Teachers Academy.

We look forward with great anticipation to a banner year ahead!



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Dutch Fork Elementary, through partnerships established among our staff, parents, and community, strives to provide each student a comprehensive high-quality academic program as outlined in the South Carolina State Standards. It is our purpose to foster positive social behaviors and attitudes in a safe, respectful environment.

DUTCH FORK ELEMENTARY GETS TOP ACADEMIC AWARD

School receives award for academic performance

Dutch Fork Elementary School earned a Palmetto Silver Award for academics for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Palmetto Gold and Silver awards by the South Carolina Department of Education honor schools with outstanding academic achievement and school that are successful in closing the achievement gap between various groups of students.

The Palmetto Gold and Silver awards program began with the Education Accountability Act of 1998. Dutch Fork Elementary was one of 18 schools in the district receiving the award.

District Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "The high number of schools receiving these awards is another indicator of the great schools in District Five. Our teachers, students, and parents should be very proud of this accomplishment. It takes a team effort to have high performing schools, and we certainly have a great team at District Five."



The Palmetto Silver Award is just one of the honors Dutch Fork

Elementary received during the 2012-2013 school year. The school also received a "B" rating as part of the Federal Accountability System last school year. This year, Dutch Fork Elementary has an "A" rating.

HOME OF THE FOX CUBS

Where we are creating a... culture of collaboration, culture of celebrations and a culture of continuous improvement.

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TOP 10 DUTCH FORK ACCOLADES 2012-2013

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Dutch Fork Elementary added a second computer lab to enhance and support instruction for students.

BEHAVIOR PROGRAM INSTALLED

Dutch Fork Elementary along with the PBIS program implemented the ladder of choice.

FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY "B" RATING

Dutch Fork Elementary received a B rating as a part of the Federal Accountability System.

SCHOOL CELEBRATES STUDENTS

Dutch Fork Elementary held a Tag of Honor Ceremony for students in preK through 5th grade.

PALMETTO SILVER WINNER

Dutch Fork Elementary is a Palmetto Silver Award Winner for Academic Performance.

DISTRICT HONOR CHOIR

The District Honor Choir, directed by Dutch Fork Elementary's music teacher, received an outstanding rating.

ART TEACHER

Dutch Fork Elementary Art Teacher, Candace Catoe, was honored as the state art teacher of the year.

PTO BOARD

The PTO Board at Dutch Fork Elementary was a finalist for the Outstanding PTO in the District.

CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS

All the National Board Certified Teachers at Dutch Fork Elementary received mobile devices for improved classroom instruction.

RECYCLING REWARDS

Dutch Fork Elementary was honored by SONOCO as the top elementary school for recycling in Lexington Richland School District Five.

DUTCH FORK COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- American Cancer Society
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- Letters to Servicemen Abroad
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Sharing God's Love
- United Way



DFE Prepares for Environmental Science Magnet Program

At Dutch Fork Elementary, studying the environment plays a big role in classroom learning. During the 2012-13 school year, we announced that our school will become The Academy of Environmental Sciences at Dutch Fork Elementary in the 2014-15 school year. As a magnet school, our goals will include using inquiry skills to solve environmental problems and participating in environmentally based service learning. We are excited about our future program and the long term benefits they will have for students.

DUTCH FORK ASKS ...

Q: What do you like most about being a teacher?

**2012-2013
Teacher of the Year**



**TARNISSIYA
JEFFERSON**

A: The things I love the most about being a teacher are finding and implementing fun and challenging practices to help my students succeed and being with them every step of the way as they meet their goals.

**2012-2013
Support Employee
of the Year**



ANN NEWMAN

A: What I love most about my job is getting to know our students and their families. Developing a relationship with our students' families is key to education as a whole.



H.E. Corley

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Judith Franchini

Excellence Is Always Our Goal

H.E. Corley again achieved great things in 2012-2013, showing progression on standardized tests and celebrating student achievement throughout the year.

We received an "A" rating under the current federal accountability system to start out the 2013-2014 school year! This year will also be the start of our Leader In Me program. All of the faculty and staff at H.E. Corley have been trained for the implementation of the program, and we're excited about what that will mean for growing leadership qualities in our students. Several of our teachers and staff members also received accolades last year, and The Irmo Arbor Day in collaboration with the St. Andrews Optimist Club announced that they would fund a major landscaping project for the front of our school.

Our motto is "The Key is Me," and everyone here is focused on making this another great school year.



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

H.E. Corley Elementary strives to create life-long CHAMPS: Character, Healthy Living, Achievement, Manners, Positive Attitude, and Service in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Our motto is "The Key is Me!", which signifies the personal responsibility belonging to each of us in educating our children.

H.E. CORLEY PLANS FOR LEADER IN ME PROGRAM, MAGNET

H.E. Corley will first become Leader In Me school, then Leader In Me Magnet

Leadership is the focus at H.E. Corley Elementary School, and we strive each day to create the type of leadership qualities that will inspire and contribute to the global society of tomorrow.

With leadership in mind H.E. Corley will soon become a Leader In Me school with plans to become a Leader In Me magnet school in the near future.

What is The Leader In Me? The Leader In Me is a whole-school transformation model that acts like the operating system of a computer, improving the performance of all other programs. Based on *The 7 Habits of*

Highly Effective People, The Leader In Me works to create results such as higher academic achievement, a lower number of discipline issues, and increased involvement by teachers and parents. The qualities taught through this program include: leadership, accountability, adaptability, initiative, responsibility, problem solving, communication, teamwork and much more.

These skills are learned through activities and lesson plans, and teachers and staff are trained on how to best implement The Leader In Me program.

As Stephen R. Covey, author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, wrote "To change ourselves effectively, we first had to change our perceptions."

We hope to encourage positive change in our students and mold them into tomorrow's leaders. For more information, ask one of our staff about The Leader In Me or visit www.leaderinme.org



HOME OF THE CROCODILES

Home of the Crocodiles. Our motto, "The Key is Me!" signifies the personal responsibility belonging to each of us in educating our children.

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H.E. CORLEY ACCOLADES 2012-2013

THE LEADER IN ME PROGRAM

All of the faculty and staff at H.E. Corley Elementary have been trained for implementation of the Leader in Me.

PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

Susan Rowe and Suzanne Wilson received two awards from the SC Chapter of the National Public Relations Association for their Special Purpose Video and the Newsletter.

ELA PROGRESSION

Seventy percent of 2-5 graders at H.E. Corley that are enrolled in an ELA course had more growth than typical students in their virtual comparison group.

MATH PROGRESSION

Between 65% and 82% of 2-5 grade students in Math at H.E. Corley had more growth than typical students in their virtual comparison group.

READING TEACHER OF THE YEAR

H.E. Corley's Response to Intervention specialist was recognized as a District Five Honor Roll Reading Teacher of the Year.

TENNIS COACH OF THE YEAR

H.E. Corley PE Teacher, Ms. Gina Hilts, was named the 4A Region 5 Tennis Coach of the Year.

PUBLISHED TEACHERS

H.E. Corley teachers, Mrs. Kristi Plyler and Ms. Anne Buchanan, each had articles published in professional magazines.

HONOR CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

Three students from H.E. Corley were chosen for the South Carolina Honor Choir.

IRMO ARBOR DAY

The Irmo Arbor Day Committee funded the huge landscaping project for the front of our school.

PTO SUPPORT

H.E. Corley PTO supported our school in many valuable ways from Bingo Nights and Fun Day to teacher luncheons.

H.E. CORLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- ACTS Metro
- Hoops for Heart
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Pennies for Patients
- Relay for Life
- Ronald McDonald House
- Sharing God's Love
- United Way

SCHOOL Spotlight



Chamber Honors Student, Teacher

The Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce recognized H.E. Corley Elementary Teacher Sarah Harmon and 5th Grade student Zadriona Smith during an event on March 13 as part of their monthly recognition of one student and one teacher from Lexington-Richland School District Five.

Harmon is a kindergarten teacher at H.E. Corley Elementary and an Irmo native. She said, "I'm so proud to be recognized. Growing up in this town, I know how important the chamber and our schools are for the community. It's a real honor." Zadriona Smith was an honor roll student at the school. She has also been selected for the district's art show, plays the violin and models.

H.E. CORLEY ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

SARAH HARMON

A: What I love most about my job are the students. It's also a real honor to teach in the town where I grew up.



2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

BONNIE WRIGHT

A: What I love most about my job are the great people I have met in our school system, from K4 through high school. The parents, staff and faculty all make up the District Five family.





Harbison West

Elementary School



INCOMING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Arthur Newton, Jr.

Bringing Out The Hero In All of Us

I am proud to be the new principal of Harbison West this school year.

The 2012-2013 school year was outstanding. Continuing to provide a high quality education for each child in our school was evident by our student achievement gains on the MAP tests and PASS tests. We were awarded the Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.

Our students continue to achieve in many areas. They were recognized for their writing accomplishments through the District Superintendent's Writing contest and various other contests.

HWES again provided leadership opportunities and after school activities for our students and families, including: the HWES Morning News Team, Super Recyclers, Trash Can Band, Lego Robotics and more! It was another banner year at Harbison West.

We look forward to continued success this school year as we proudly proclaim that we are the Harbison Heroes!!



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Harbison West Elementary, in partnership with our parents and community, provides a foundation for success that ensures social, emotional and academic growth through individualized, challenging curricula in a safe, respectful learning environment.

AT HARBISON WEST, ONE MAN'S TRASH IS TREASURE

School's trash can band has been featured on local news reports, performed alongside other renowned bands.

What do trash cans, plastic containers and frying pans have in common? Not much, but students at Harbison West Elementary School are using resourcefulness, creativity and ordinary items like these to make one extraordinary sound.

Now finishing its second year, the school's Trash Can Band has become one of the more popular extracurricular activities in the school. Ranging in grades three through five, the 15 students that make up the band re-

hearse once a week during the school year and perform at several events, including a performance last year at Midlands Technical College's Harbison Theatre with Irmo Middle and Irmo High School bands.

Music Teacher Dawn Reitz said the idea for the Trash Can Band was created out of a need to provide students with an enriching musical opportunity—and limited funding.



"Drums are expensive and trash cans aren't, so that's where the idea came from," Reitz said. "These are students that

may not normally interact with each other. I have a range in terms of grade level and background. It's just a really great way to get them together and have a good time but also teach them about music."

HOME OF THE HEROES

Harbison Heroes care for others. Heroes care for our school, and heroes care for themselves.

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PALMETTO GOLD AWARD

Harbison West Elementary received a Gold Award for closing the achievement gap.

IMPROVEMENTS ON RATINGS

Harbison West Elementary's overall Report Card Rating improved.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Harbison West students placed first and second in the District Five and regional science fairs.

CONTINENTAL MATH TEAM

Harbison West second grade math team won first place in the state continental math competition. The third grade team won first place in the district and second in the state competition.

WRITERS TO WINNERS

Harbison West Elementary had a number of students compete in the Arbor Day Essay Competitions. Nineteen won honors.

CARTOON CREATORS

Harbison West student Natalia Gonzalez-Guzman (pictured top right) received an honorable mention in the National First Amendment Cartoon Contest.

DISTRICT FINALIST

Harbison West Elementary Facilities Supervisor Al Hoskins was a finalist for District Five Support Employee of the Year award.

STATE RECOGNITION

Harbison West Elementary received state recognition for their web page and Parent Handbook.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Harbison West Elementary participated in ten community service projects this school year.

INVESTMENT WRITING AWARD

Harbison West student Timothy Hood-Pittenger earned top prize in Spring InvestWrite Contest.

HARBISON WEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Relay for Life, Pink Out Day
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
- Soles for Souls
- Art at Agape
- Leukemia Society
- St. Jude's Children Hospital



SCHOOL Spotlight

Escolares Academy Magnet Program Growing Scholars

The Escolares Academy Magnet Program is a full-day program for academically gifted students in grades 2-5.

It provides gifted students the opportunity to learn, grow and develop to their maximum potential. Any student in District Five meeting program requirements may participate.

Students engage in research through extensive use of technology and are challenged with self-directed learning and advanced field studies. Visit our school website for a list of awards and more information about this exciting and rewarding program.

HARBISON WEST ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

ABBY DREHER



A: I love working with students and seeing their growth. In kindergarten, they start off learning shapes and letters and they leave reading stories and completing addition and subtraction problems. As educators we're fortunate to see this change.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

FRAN LOWMAN



A: I love helping to meet the health needs of the students while they are at school and trying to maintain a continuum of health care between home and school.



Irmo

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Shannon McAlister

Proud of the Tradition

The 2012-2013 school year marked a special and new chapter for us as we embarked on our learning journey in a beautiful new facility.

We rededicated our school in October 2012; and we know that, because of the commitment of our district, the children who attend Irmo Elementary for years to come will benefit greatly as they learn and grow.

We are reverent of the historical significance of our school, thankful for those who have come before us, and know that we are simply the current keepers of the dream and vision.

IES is extremely fortunate to have a stellar staff, active and supportive parents, and a school full of children who eagerly embrace learning. We had a number of accomplishments during the 2012-2013 school year, including a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance and PBIS Ribbon status.

The legacy lives here in each of us, and we warmly welcome you to visit our Happy Hive!



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Irmo Elementary School's mission is to nurture and prepare every child with the knowledge and problem solving skills to succeed in an increasingly global community. By offering rigorous, diverse instructional programs that are data-driven, we foster superior achievement, responsible citizenship, and a foundation for lifelong learning.

EXCEL 4K PROGRAM A SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS

The program is building early literacy, academic skills for a lifetime of learning.

Danielle Davis was confident about her son's first day of kindergarten—thanks to a new tuition-based District Five 4K program. A once shy child, Caleb blossomed socially and was prepared academically too; beginning to read, recognizing letters easily and thinking critically.

"Everyday I saw a new growth in him," said Davis, a pediatrician who is also the parent of a third grader. "There's a big transition from daycare to an elementary setting ... I definitely think that Caleb was ready to go to kindergarten after participating in the EXCEL program."

District Five piloted its tuition 4K program at Irmo Elementary last school year. The

EXCEL (Exposing Children to Early Learning) tuition 4K is available each year to any family living within the district, regardless of school zone. It provides an option for students who do not meet the criteria for need-based pre-K programs but may be ready to start attending a public school for early academic and social benefits.



"District Five believes that all families should have access to quality 4-year-old kindergarten," said Dr. Christina Melton, District Five's Chief Instructional Officer. "These are not daycares. They offer standards-based curriculum, ability-based instruction, certified teachers, and special area classes. It's all about meeting the needs of families in the district and making sure that students have the best chance at success throughout their academic careers."

HOME OF THE YELLOW JACKETS

Continuing the tradition of inspiring and embracing success. Where character is built and childhood is celebrated.

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TOP 10 IRMO ACCOLADES 2012-2013

AWARD WINNING

Irmo Elementary was designated a PBIS ribbon status school

GRANT RECIPIENT

Irmo Elementary was the recipient of multiple Mid-Carolina Electronic Co-op grants.

D5 FOUNDATION

Irmo Elementary was awarded a District Five Foundation grant.

EXCEL

Irmo Elementary successfully completed its pilot year of District Five's EXCEL 4K Program.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Irmo Elementary teacher, John Goodale, was selected as one of the District's Teacher of the Year finalists.

STUDENT NUTRITION REPRESENTATIVE

Irmo Elementary's cafeteria manager, Faye Golding, was selected as the Columbia Area Representative of the South Carolina Student Nutrition Association.

I AM GOLD

Irmo Elementary hosted its inaugural year of the I Am Gold Student Leadership and Service Initiative.

DEN STAR STATUS

Twenty-six staff members from Irmo Elementary achieved Discovery Education Network Star Status.

STATE HOUSE READING

Student representatives from Irmo Elementary participated in the statewide "read-in" on the grounds of the State House.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Irmo Elementary was a recipient of an Irmo Arbor Day Foundation Landscaping project.

IRMO COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Families Helping Families
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Pawmetto Lifeline
- Palmetto Health Children's Hospital



SCHOOL Spotlight

Irmo Elementary Celebrates Rededication of Historic School

Dozens gathered on October 7, 2012 for the rededication of Irmo Elementary School.

The event came after months of major improvements and renovations created improved student drop-off and pick-up locations, new special needs classrooms, a new music room, a renovated gymnasium and an improved office area among other upgrades.

District Five Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said "This project celebrates our past while building for a bright future. We are so thankful to our school board and community for supporting this effort."

The original building, initially put into service in 1935, remains the centerpiece of the new school complex. It was constructed to serve all grade levels.

Principal Shannon McAlister said, "This beautiful building is a tribute to all the students past and present that have attended this school. We are ready for the next chapter of service to the children and families of the Irmo community."

IRMO ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year



MERRITT PACE

A: I love seeing student success. The moment when a child is successful is such a magical one—whether it is learning to read, mastering a math concept or learning to manage behavior. When a student is successful, he or she inspires others to be successful too.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year



ROBIN LOOBY

A: What I love most about my job is the people. What a blessing it is to work with such amazing children and staff who bring so much joy to my heart.



Lake Murray

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Claire Thompson

A Proud Tradition of Excellence

Lake Murray Elementary School is proud of the tradition of excellence that has existed since the formation of our school in 1997. Students at LMES have consistently met the challenge to achieve academic excellence, develop physical fitness and appreciation for skills in the fine arts, and develop characteristics of leadership and citizenship as they learn to live, work and play within their school community.

Through the 16 years of our history, students have achieved excellent gains. Our school has consistently won awards for the overall achievement of students on state assessments as well as awards for closing the achievement gap between various groups of students. An example of this is the designation of Palmetto Gold status for 2012, following a long tradition of achieving this status for academic excellence.

We are extremely proud of the continued achievement of our students and staff, and we look forward to future success.



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Lake Murray Elementary has a mission to nurture children, empowering them to think critically and creatively as they seek knowledge and embrace challenges.

LAKE MURRAY EARNS TWO PALMETTO GOLD AWARDS

Palmetto Gold Awards are just one of the honors the school has received

Lake Murray Elementary School earned Palmetto Gold Awards in both categories for the 2012-2013 school year.

The awards by the South Carolina Department of Education honor schools with outstanding academic achievement and schools that are successful in closing the achievement gap between various groups of students.

District Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "The high number of schools receiving these awards is another indicator of the great schools in District Five. We are very proud of the overall student achievement in our schools and very encouraged that we

continue to close the achievement gap for our students."

Lake Murray Elementary was one of three schools in District Five to receive Palmetto Gold in both categories. Eighteen schools in the district received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards.



Palmetto Gold Awards are just one of the honors the school has received during the 2012-2013 school

year. Sixty-four students from Lake Murray Elementary were honored because they read and reviewed SC Book Award Nominees for the 2012-2013 school year. Lake Murray was also home to the fifth grade district winner of the 2012-2013 District Superintendent's Writing Award Program. Six Lake Murray students were awarded blue ribbons for their artwork, which was displayed at Chapin Celebrates the Arts 2013.

FROM PUPPY PAWS TO EAGLE CLAWS
Nurture. Empower. Think. Seek. Embrace!

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TOP 10 LAKE MURRAY ACCOLADES 2012-2013

PALMETTO GOLD

Lake Murray Elementary was awarded with Palmetto Gold Awards for academic achievement and closing the achievement gap.

SC BOOK AWARD

Sixty-four students from Lake Murray Elementary were honored because they read and reviewed SC Book Award Nominees for the 2012-2013 year.

WRITING AWARD WINNER

A Lake Murray Elementary student was the fifth grade district winner of the 2012-2013 District Superintendent's Writing Awards Program.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Five students from Lake Murray Elementary participated in the SC Scholastic Chess Tournament at the end of March.

JUMP ROPE DEMO TEAM

Lightning Strikes Jump Rope Demo Team, a team of 29 jumpers, from grades 1-5 traveled across the state of SC to promote living a heart healthy lifestyle.

ART SHOW

Ten Lake Murray students participated in the first annual Tapp's Art Center Youth Art Month Show

BLUE RIBBON AWARDS

Six Lake Murray students were awarded blue ribbons for their artwork, which was displayed at Chapin Celebrates the Arts 2013.

5K RUN

Thirty girls in fourth and fifth grades completed the Girls on the Run 5K.

ARCHERY TEAM

One student from Lake Murray's archery team was selected for the South Carolina Archery in Schools program.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Lake Murray students and staff came together to collect almost 2,000 food items that were donated to Chapin's We Care !

LAKE MURRAY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Relay For Life
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Operation Angel—Chapin GOoD Works
- Fabulous First Friday Food Drives



Lake Murray Begins Leadership Program

"Be the change you wish the world to see." Lake Murray Elementary School students see this quote every time they enter the school, and they learn it is more than just words. During the 2012-2013 school year, LMES began the Lightning Leaders program to recognize students who embrace this service minded philosophy. Students were encouraged to tap into their leadership skills and make a positive change to our world by designing and implementing a service project. Students of all ages made a difference in the local community through a variety of projects. Students were able to make a positive difference in the Chapin community by gathering school supplies, organizing food drives, collecting books for children, picking up trash along the road, making cards for residents at the Lowman Home and collecting pet supplies for the local animal shelter.

LAKE MURRAY ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

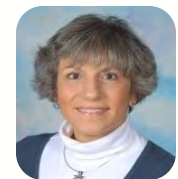
2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year



BETH SAWYER

A: What I love most about my job are the students. I love listening to them read and seeing the excitement that they have about reading. I love helping them when they struggle and seeing it all come together for them.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year



CHERYL DENTON

A: Working with students is the most rewarding part of my job. It is rewarding when a teacher tells me that a struggling math student whom I helped has improved on the latest quiz.



Leaphart

Elementary School



INCOMING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kelly Brown

Engineered For Success

I am honored to be the new principal of Leaphart. Last school year was a great one and each year we continue to see the benefits of being an engineering magnet school. Enriching opportunities at our school now include a Lego Robotics team, Pitsco Missions in the science labs, a student-led greenhouse, and an annual engineering conference hosted here.

Leaphart earned the Palmetto Silver Award for academic performance last school year. We also saw our Improvement Rating grow from "average" to "good." As we continue to serve students in grades K-5, Literacy by Design is now partnered with units of study and other resources that give students balanced literacy core instruction.

Engineering efforts and arts development are evident. Leaphart has been featured in two major publications, and we've hosted several visits from schools across the nation. A variety of technology was used this school year too, including 3-D printers used to create objects with depth.

I am looking forward to continued success. At Leaphart, our students are engineered for success!



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Leaphart Elementary School is an engineering magnet school. It's mission is to inspire, challenge, and empower all students by providing a rigorous problem-solving curriculum that is grounded in authentic engagements designed to create dynamic and innovative global citizens.

LEAPHART ELEMENTARY PLANTS THE SEEDS OF LEARNING

The school's new greenhouse teaches students many lessons and promotes health.

Leaphart Elementary School is a recipient of South Carolina's prestigious All-Health Team award and is continuing its path towards promoting healthy lifestyles for students and the community. To align with this goal, students in Michael Brown's second grade class spearheaded the implementation of the school's newly constructed greenhouse.

Before students could cultivate their plants and vegetables, it was crucial for them to understand how a greenhouse operates and understand the high expectations that go hand in hand with maintaining products in a greenhouse. After learning about operations;

students planted seeds donated by Seven Oaks Plant Shop, tracked plant growth, and performed other studies of the vegetation. Numerous classroom learning opportunities were presented as students planted herbs, vegetables, plants and flowers.



After the greenhouse vegetation was harvested, students sold their products at the Soda City Farmers Market to community members, Leaphart faculty and families in the hopes that buyers would then

plant items in their own home gardens. Classes also prepared, cooked, and sampled greenhouse produce during science and math lessons.

The students are proud of their accomplishments and are very eager to resume responsibilities in the 2013-2014 school year.

HOME OF THE FUTURE ENGINEERS

Where we inspire, challenge and empower all students.

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LEAPHART ACCOLADES 2012-2013

PALMETTO SILVER AWARD

Leaphart earned a Palmetto Silver Award for academic performance.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING

Leaphart raised its school report card rating from average to good.

SATISFACTION RATINGS

Annual survey showed significant increase in parent and teacher satisfaction with the school's learning environment.

LEAP MAGNET PROGRAM PROFILED

Leaphart's LEAP Magnet Program was featured in two articles by PITSCO Network publications.

MODEL SCHOOL

More than 10 schools nationwide visited Leaphart as a model for STEM education and engineering magnet schools.

LEAP INTO THINKING CONFERENCE

Over 250 District Five students participated in Leaphart's 2nd Annual LEAP into Thinking Through Engineering conference held during National Engineering Week.

GREENHOUSE GREEN

Student-led Leaphart Greenhouse raised \$600 at the Soda City Market on Main Street.

3D PRINTERS

Leaphart's new 3D Printers were implemented, giving students an opportunity to view technology and learn geometry and other subjects.

LEGO TOURNAMENT

Twelve teams participate in Leaphart's Lego Tournament, an increase from 6 teams in 2011-12.

SERVICE PROJECTS

The school participated in several community service projects this school year.

LEAPHART'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Relay for Life
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- United Way LES Greenhouse
- All-Health Team
- Make A Wish Foundation Project
- Community Food Bank



SCHOOL Spotlight

Leaphart's Engineering Magnet Program Making A Positive Impact

Leaphart Elementary is committed to preparing its students for a world of opportunities. With that goal, officials at the school considered where education was headed and positioned Leaphart as an engineering/STEM magnet. That decision is beginning to pay off with improved test scores and praise from parents.

"Parents, students and teachers recognize that LES uses our engineering design process to solve real-world problems in order to create thoughtful, innovative citizens," said Principal Kelly Brown.

During the past two years, teachers and students have become equipped with the resources, training and motivation to look at our state adopted standards through an engineering lens to become efficient problem-solvers.

LEAPHART ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

**2012-2013
Teacher Of The Year**



JILL DOWNS

A: Leaphart is filled with curious minds that love to be challenged. I love supporting learners and their families and appreciate the opportunity my job gives me to service children while making a commitment to something bigger.

**2012-2013
Support Employee
Of The Year**



DEBRA CALDWELL

A: I enjoy the atmosphere and it is a place I look forward to going to each morning. I can't wait to see the new faces and learn new names each year as the school year begins.



Nursery Road

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Love Ligons

Celebrating An Exceptional Year

The 2012-2013 school year was an exceptional one for Nursery Road Elementary School! We received an absolute rating and growth rating of "Excellent" on our South Carolina State Report Card for the third consecutive year, thus winning us Palmetto Gold for the fourth year! Eighty percent of our students met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts on PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standard). We're also especially proud that 100 percent of our students shined on stage in both our Winter and Spring Concert programs—Great job students!

Many of our teachers were awarded with grants this past school year, including a grant for software to increase math fluency, a grant to purchase eBooks for reading groups and a grant to purchase iPad minis and adaptive P.E. equipment for our students with special needs.

We continue to thrive on the support we receive from our parents, community and business partners, and we look forward to an even greater year in 2013-2014!



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Nursery Road Elementary has a mission to motivate, empower and support students to accomplish individual goals within challenging curricula and to develop successful citizens in a diverse community.

NURSEY ROAD RECEIVES SC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Nursery Road Elementary School's recycling program and other environmental awareness efforts helped it land the prestigious statewide award.

Nursery Road Elementary School was named the 2013 Conserve School of the Year by a well-known and respected statewide environmental education and action group during the 2012-2013 school year.

The school was selected by Green Steps Schools for the honor. It was one of four awards statewide by the group to recognize schools that establish model projects for energy conservation, waste reduction, recycling and other environmental efforts. "We're honored to receive this year's Conserve School of the

Year Award," said Nursery Road Principal Love Ligons. "We consistently talk to our students about the importance of conservation and being good stewards of the environment. By having the students lead recycling projects and take initiative in conservation efforts at our school, we know that they're taking ownership and that's a good thing all around."

Green Steps officials noted the high number of student-led projects at the school, including a weekly recycling program. Nursery Road Elementary

also has projects to reuse recycled items in its art classes, to study energy consumption and conservation measures at the school and to partner with a local grocery store to promote "green" products.



HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS

Inspiring, challenging and empowering all students!

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TOP 10

NURSERY ROAD ACCOLADES 2012-2013

CONTINUED SUCCESS

Nursery Road had its fourth consecutive year of receiving the Palmetto Gold Award.

EXCELLENT RATINGS

Nursery Road received an Absolute and Growth Rating of Excellent on the SC School Report Card for the third consecutive year.

STUDENTS EXCELLING

80% of students at Nursery Road met or exceeded the standards in English Language Arts on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards Test and 78% of students met or exceeded the standards in math.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Nursery Road's second grade teacher, Bob Schiesser, was selected as one of three finalists for the district's 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year.

STARS ARE BORN

Nursery Road students were selected to star in a DHEC commercial about Champions of the Environment that aired on WIS-TV in Columbia and WCSC-TV in Charleston.

GRANTS AWARDED

Nursery Road received many grants this school year including a literacy grant, a math grant and a grant that was used to purchase iPads and adaptive PE equipment for our Special Education classes.

WINTER AND SPRING PROGRAMS

100% of student performed on stage at our Winter and Spring Programs.

COLUMBIA MARATHON

Four members of our faculty and staff participated in the Columbia Marathon.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Mary Lambert, NRES 3rd grade teacher, won WLTX-TV's Golden Apple Award.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Nursery Road was named the 2013 Conserve School of the Year by Green Steps Schools.

NURSERY ROAD'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Families Helping Families
- Fellowship Bible Church
- Palmetto Church of Christ
- Relay for Life
- Union United Methodist Church
- United Way
- First Baptist of Irmo



Nursery Road Honors GOLD Team

Service learning is an important part of education at Nursery Road Elementary.

The school held its fourth annual GOLD (Goal Oriented Leadership Development) Team banquet on May 16, 2013.

The GOLD Team is a group of students in fourth and fifth grades, who have been selected to participate in service learning activities and programs at Nursery Road Elementary School. This year's projects were a great success thanks to the students, our sponsors and faculty advisors Wendy Geiger and Sirea Morris.

Our sponsors included: Yanni Kokolis of Zorba's, Sam's Club, Buffalo Wild Wings, Jill Christmus, Debbie Powell and The Lake Murrery-Irmo Rotary Club.

NURSERY ROAD ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

LISA BROOKS



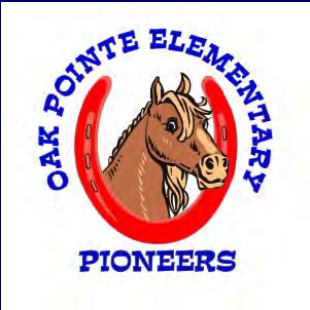
A: What I love most about my job at Nursery Road Elementary is providing as many opportunities as possible for my students to express themselves through the arts.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

GWEN TOWNSEND



A: What I love most about my job is working with the children and being able to support them in all academic achievement.



Oak Pointe

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cassy Paschal

Soaring To New Heights

Oak Pointe soared to new heights in 2012-2013, maintaining high expectations for academic achievement and character education standards with an emphasis on celebrating diversity through community building.

Our school continues to implement Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) school-wide, and the state Department of Education recognized Oak Pointe for receiving Banner status for our PBIS program for the 2012-2013 school year.

Oak Pointe's PTO and SIC worked diligently to provide meaningful experiences for our students, parents, community members, faculty and staff—funding a basketball court on our playground, murals and other great projects and programs.

At Oak Pointe, we like to say we're "the best school ever!" It was a great 2012-2013 school year, and we look forward to the current year as we continue to set high expectations for all students and staff.



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Oak Pointe Elementary is a thriving school which provides academic opportunities within a positive educational environment for all our students. At Oak Pointe, it is our mission to show love, kindness and compassion to every single student. Our school will continue to provide a safe, positive and caring environment. Students are encouraged to think critically in all modalities of learning.

OAK POINTE ELEMENTARY GETS PALMETTO GOLD AWARDS

Oak Pointe was honored for academic performance and closing the achievement gap.

commitment they exhibit to learning and showing their personal best is amazing, and this award is a result of their work."

Oak Pointe Elementary School earned Palmetto Gold Awards in both categories for the 2012-2013 school year.

The awards by the South Carolina Department of Education honor schools with outstanding academic achievement and schools that are successful in closing the achievement gap between various groups of students.

Oak Pointe Principal Cassidy Paschal said, "What a complete honor it is to receive Gold Awards in both categories. The recognition does not surprise me because of the high caliber of teachers and students we have. The focus and

Staff at the school celebrated by dressing in gold garb and letting students know about the awards and what it means for the school. Palmetto Gold Awards are just one of the honors the school has received. The school recently received another "A" rating under the current federal accountability system and earned Banner Status for PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) during the 2012-2013 school year.

Oak Pointe was one of three schools in District Five to receive Palmetto Gold in both categories. Eighteen schools in the district received Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards. "We are proud of the work of our teachers and students" Paschal said.



HOME OF THE PIONEERS

Providing academic opportunities within a positive educational environment for all our students

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TOP 10 OAK POINTE ACCOLADES 2012-2013

“A” RATING

Oak Pointe received an “A” Rating under the current federal accountability system.

SC TOP AWARD FOR ACADEMICS

Oak Pointe received a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance.

AWARD FOR CLOSING ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Oak Pointe received a Palmetto Gold Award for closing the achievement gap.

PROGRESS IN TARGET MAP GOALS

Sixty-nine percent of our RtI students met their target MAP goals. Response to Intervention is a reading intervention program for students.

PBIS BANNER STATUS

Oak Pointe gained banner status for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports implementation.

LEARNING WITH LEGOS

School created Two Lego Robotics Teams (boy and girl teams) and a new Lego Club.

AUSTISM MANUAL FOR PARENTS

S.C. Bar Association dedicated and presented the school with the first copy of a statewide manual for parents of special needs children approaching legal adulthood.

TOP PROJECTS AT SCIENCE FAIR

Oak Pointe students won third and honorable mention at district science fair.

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

School nominee won District Five Elementary Business Partner Of The Year.

PTO AND SIC ACTIVITIES

PTO sponsored successful parent events, including an All Pro Dads event that 75 dads attended.

OAK POINTE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Ronald McDonald House
- March of Dimes
- Relay For Life
- Salvation Army Stocking Project
- PTO Stuffed Animal Drive-Richland Co. Sheriff's Department
- Support Our Troops Drive-Lexington Co. Sheriff's Department

SCHOOL Spotlight



Oak Pointe Program Inspires New Special Needs Legal Manual

On April 26, 2013, officials with the South Carolina Bar Association presented school officials with “Transitions: Legal Issues for Parents and Caregivers of Special Needs Children Transitioning to Adulthood.”

The handbook is dedicated to the teachers, assistants and therapists at Oak Pointe, where the idea for the manual was created.

Oak Pointe houses the district’s elementary autism program, with four classrooms on the school’s Green Hall and specially-trained staff.

“We’ve really worked hard to build a program that will reach these students at an early age,” said Principal Cassy Paschal. “Our school is honored to have the handbook dedicated to us.”

OAK POINTE ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year



ROBIN CATHCART

A: As a 4K teacher, I love that I get to teach the youngest children in our school. It is amazing to see the growth in my students throughout the school year. I feel blessed to be able to prepare 20 little ones for kindergarten each year .

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year



JACKIE CLOSE

A: What I like most is adapting to each child’s needs and monitoring their improvement. The rewards are truly endless! Seemingly small accomplishments like learning to recite their ABCs or learning to write the letters in their names are the greatest rewards to me.



River Springs

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Melanie Cohen

Another Year of Excellence

The 2012-2013 school year at River Springs Elementary proved to be a year of excellence for our students and faculty, and we have high expectations for this year as well.

Our school continues to thrive thanks to our dedicated PTO and SIC. This year, our PTO continued their focus on increasing physical activity among our students through a number of initiatives, including the launch of a running club for students.

The faculty and staff have shared in collaborative staff development focused on state standards, technology and instructional best practices.

The culture of learning is changing at River Springs! While River Springs has enjoyed many years of excellence, we know that tomorrow brings us new challenges. We will prepare our students to become productive members of a global society by encouraging them to ask questions and think about the world around them.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

River Springs Elementary School, in partnership with parents and the community, is committed to ensuring that all students become productive citizens of a global society and confident lifelong learners through challenging and developmentally appropriate curriculum that encompasses the intellectual, emotional and physical needs of children in a stimulating and safe school environment.

RUNNING CLUB PROMOTES HEALTH, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Gators On The Go running club making strides at River Springs Elementary School

Running clubs and elementary schools do not usually go together in the same sentence, but don't try to tell that to the 120 students at River Springs Elementary who belong to Gators on the Go, the school's running club.

Christina McCarthy and Ric Favati, co-founders of Gators on the Go, created this program out of a desire to promote a healthy lifestyle for students at River Springs.

Fall 2012 was the first session where students came twice a week, once before school and once after, to run and/or walk around our school's walking path. The students earned recognition for every mile they finished, and the response from students and parents was overwhelming. The interest was so high that organizers

started a second semester to accommodate the number of students who wanted to participate. Christina and Ric recruited more parent and teacher volunteers and the second session was up and running without a hitch. Gators on the Go has been a wonderful opportunity for students to be active and feel pride in their accomplishments. It truly has made a difference for the students who now consider themselves "runners".



School Principal Melanie Cohen said, "This was a tremendous success with over 100 student runners participating in the Gators on the Go program. Several students have taken this

initiative a step further by participating in community running events. RSES even won the School Participation Award from the Columbia Marathon for having the most student participants. We are proud to have Gators on the Go at River Springs Elementary!"

HOME OF THE NAVIGATORS

At River Springs, students' academic, emotional and physical well-being guides all decisions.

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TOP 10 RIVERS SPRINGS ACCOLADES 2012-2013

FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY "A" RATING

River Springs Elementary received an "A" rating as part of the Federal Accountability System.

EXCELLENT ABSOLUTE RATING

River Springs received an Excellent absolute rating as part of the State Accountability measure.

EXCELLENT GROWTH RATING

River Springs received an Excellent growth rating as part of the State Accountability Measure.

PALMETTO GOLD WINNER

River Springs earned a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance.

SPIRIT AWARD FOR PARTICIPATION

River Springs won this year's award for School Spirit during Dutch Fork High's Elementary School Spirit Night.

SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB

More than 100 students signed up for school's new Gators on the Go running club.

14 SELECTED FOR DISTRICT HONOR CHOIR

River Springs had 14 students selected for the District Five Honor Choir. Four selected for Tri-District Arts Consortium.

14 SERVICE PROJECTS

Students participated in 14 service projects this year, serving the community.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION AWARD

River Springs received Columbia Marathon's School Participation Award for most participants

BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR

River Springs bus driver Ms. Francine Jackson named District Five Bus Driver of the Year.

RIVER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- American Heart Assoc.
- Books for Newtown, CT
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- Happy Wheels
- Pawmetto Lifeline
- Relay for Life
- Ronald McDonald
- Sharing God's Love
- United Way



Character Education A Part Of The Learning Experience At River Springs ...

Of all of the things students learn about at River Springs Elementary, one of the most important is learning how to be a contributing member of our world.

Throughout the school year, one special group of children at River Springs Elementary worked to plan and coordinate our school service projects.

Classroom representatives from fourth and fifth grade form the Character in Action (CIA) group to identify various needs in the community and decide on specific projects for our school.

It is our hope that the lessons our children learn today, will become their habits of tomorrow!

RIVER SPRINGS ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?



2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

GLORIA COOK

A: There are so many things that I love about my job. I love that I am constantly learning everyday how to improve as a teacher. I learn from my students, my team, and my colleagues. Every class, every student, and every day is different and an opportunity for me to grow.

Q: What do want people to know about you and River Springs?

A: I absolutely love teaching kindergarten. I love how excited they are about school and their natural curiosity about the world around them. I love being a part of my children's reading lives and striving to install in each of them a life long love of reading. Our students are motivated and curious learners. We grow and learn together as a family everyday.



Seven Oaks

Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ann Copelan

Continuing The Tradition

For 47 years, Seven Oaks Elementary has maintained a tradition of excellence in teaching and learning. Generations of families have entered these doors, and we are very proud of our relationships in the community.

Seven Oaks Elementary takes great pride in our partnerships with local faith-based groups, businesses and neighbors to continue their trust in our school. We are very grateful for our recent renovations, and our students and staff take great pride in these state-of-the-art facilities. This year, the Seven Oaks staff voted to become a magnet school and the theme is MEDIA. Students will become proficient in communicating with others through public speaking, writing, project-based learning and teamwork with their peers. This magnet will give students the resources they need to be successful in today's global society.

As Seven Oaks Elementary embarks on a new journey with the school-wide magnet, our students and staff are excited about the road ahead!



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The mission of *Seven Oaks Elementary School*, in collaboration with our families and community is to enable all children to reach their full potential through high-quality, standards-based instruction while embracing and celebrating diversity in a safe, nurturing environment.

AT SEVEN OAKS, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS THE FOCUS

Seven Oaks received a Palmetto Gold Award in academic performance and an Excellent/Excellent rating on its 2012 State Report Card.

High academic achievement is the focus of staff, students, parents and the community of Seven Oaks Elementary School—and it shows in the accolades the school received in the 2012-2013 school year, including a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance.

Seven Oaks received an Excellent/Excellent on its 2012 South Carolina Annual School Report Card and achieved "Mets" status on the Annual Yearly Progress Report.



Oaks Elementary, with the MEDIA magnet, our academic programs will become more rigorous and focused on communication, writing and technology skills.

In 2012, Seven Oaks Elementary students participated in school, district and city-wide competitions. They were finalists in many contests, garnering honors and titles that included: Columbia Lego Competition finalists, District Five Science Fair Honorable Mention winner, Battle of the Dam t-shirt design winner, Chess Competitions finalists, SC Kids Marathon 2nd Place Participation Award winner, Blowfish Baseball Reading Reward Program 1st place winner and South Carolina Honors Choir participants.

Our Goal is to work with the whole child and encourage children to be their best through the many experiences at Seven Oaks Elementary," Copelan said.

HOME OF THE ACORNS

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SEVEN OAKS ACCOLADES 2012-2013

NEW BEGINNINGS— MEDIA PROGRAM

Seven Oaks Elementary gained approval for its new MEDIA Magnet School.

PALMETTO GOLD AWARD

Seven Oaks Elementary received a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance.

TOP REPORT CARD RATING

Seven Oaks Elementary received an Excellent/Excellent on the SC Annual Report Card.

PBIS AWARD WINNER

Seven Oaks Elementary was named a PBIS Banner Award Winner from the South Carolina Department of Education.

ASCD WINNER

Seven Oaks Elementary is awarded with the ASCD Whole Child State Award.

DISTINGUISHED READING TEACHER

Ashley Kendall, a Seven Oaks teacher, earned the district's Distinguished Reading Teacher Award from the Columbia Reading Council.

SCHOOL-KEEPING AWARD

Seven Oaks Elementary was awarded District Five's first annual Good School-keeping Award for the elementary school division.

STAFF PARTICIPATION

One hundred percent of staff at Seven Oaks Elementary participated in the service project with United Way of the Midlands.

MID-CAROLINA RECIPIENT

Sharon Watkins, a music teacher at Seven Oaks Elementary, was a Mid-Carolina Grant Recipient.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Seven Oaks Elementary students participate in and were named finalists in a number of academic and extracurricular competitions.

SEVEN OAKS' COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Sharing God's Love Food Drive
- Jump Rope for Heart
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- Support Our Troops Program



SCHOOL Spotlight

Community Partnerships Are Key To Excellence At Seven Oaks Accolades

Seven Oaks Elementary School is special and unique for many reasons, and one of the key reasons is its strong partnership with the community.

It's a source of pride for the school, which has won many awards and recognitions and become well-known as a school with high academic standards. One of the biggest sources of pride comes from Seven Oaks' partnerships with faith-based groups, many of which have taken the initiative to ensure that students have the tools they need to be successful. From mentoring programs to donated food and gifts, our local groups have contributed in many ways to our school. "As educators we recognize the importance of community involvement in our school," said Principal Ann Copelan. "It takes a lot to give each child a quality education and that means relying on the businesses and organizations around us for support."

Our community partnerships were recognized by our district this year. Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church was awarded the "District 5 Organization of the Year Award." Seven Oaks Elementary truly has partners who support our school in so many ways.

SEVEN OAKS ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year



ROSANNE STAAB

A: What I love most about my job is the interaction with the children and our learning together. It is when the children begin to take ownership of their learning that I see the great rewards. The children never cease to amaze me with how insightful they can be or what they are capable of producing when allowed to explore the possibilities.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year



DAWN MESSIER

A: The thing I love most about my job is being able to interact with the children on a daily basis. I enjoy being a mentor for some of our students. Everyone working at our school is truly there for the children.



Chapin

Middle School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Anna Miller

The Pursuit of Excellence

What a fantastic school year it was in 2012-2013 for everyone involved with Chapin Middle School, and we are looking forward to the current year. Our goal at CMS is to be the best—the best in academics, arts, athletics and character development.

During the 2012-2013 school year, we continued to work towards improvement in all areas of education. We received Excellent Ratings on our School Report Card and Palmetto Gold Awards, and we are committed to our continued pursuit of excellence.

The leadership and support of our parents and community members help to ensure the implementation of our mission—community and school uniting for excellence and the preparation of our students for success in a changing world. We are incredibly fortunate to have a community invested in the development of our students as responsible, engaged, and productive citizens, and I am both proud and grateful to be a part of such an amazing school and district.

Thank you for your continued support of CMS staff, students, parents and the community.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Chapin Middle School, where community and school unite for excellence, is committed to ensuring that each student is prepared to succeed in a changing world by providing a multi-faceted curriculum that develops intellectual and social growth, nurtures a strong self-identity, celebrates diversity and fosters responsible citizens.

CHAPIN MIDDLE EMPHASIZES EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH

Palmetto Gold Awards for academic performance and closing the achievement gap are just part of the school's reputation for excellence.

Chapin Middle School has a laser focus on achievement, but without a doubt, it's the people of CMS who make it such a special place.

The school receives numerous awards each year, including 2013 Palmetto Gold Awards for academic performance and closing the achievement gap. The students also have gained recognitions, including titles like: Young Scientist, Most Effective Attorney and the Woodmen of the World's American History Award. One of the school's students was a finalist in the state Geography Bee, too. Faculty and staff are student-centered and focus on helping all students achieve a standard of excellence at the school, and academic

lessons are tailored to the strengths and needs of each student. But it's the character building actions that make students at Chapin Middle stand out, school officials say.



"Students at the school possess high academic potential and high moral standards," said Principal Anna Miller. "They are thoughtful, considerate and committed to changing the world."

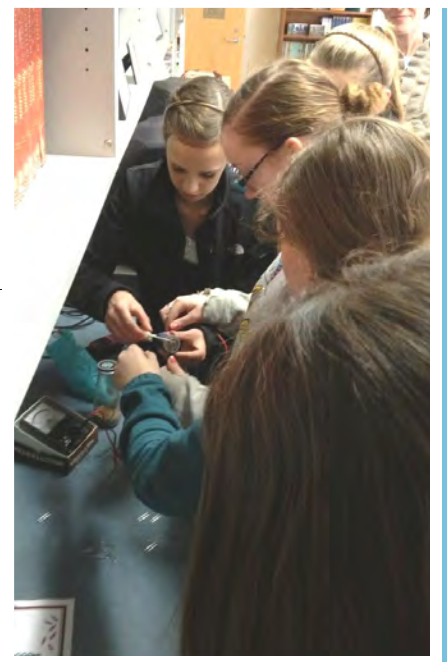
Students gave generously of their time and resources this year, raising over \$17,000 in fundraising and community service efforts. One student volunteered to DJ school dances, while another raised over \$2,500 for St. Baldrick's—a childhood cancer charity fundraiser. There were many other acts of charity and kindness, Miller said. "Our students are the best. Not only are they smart, generous and thoughtful; but they are also well-rounded."

HOME OF THE EAGLES

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TOP 10

CHAPIN MIDDLE ACCOLADES 2012-2013

CREATING SCHOLARS

Chapin Middle had 90 Junior Scholars for the 2012-2013 school year.

PALMETTO GOLD AWARDS

Chapin Middle received Palmetto Gold Awards for academic performance and closing the achievement gap.

SUPERIOR RATINGS

The Fine Arts Program at Chapin Middle received Superior Ratings and the Band Director, Mr. David Santiago, received a Citation of Excellence from the National Band Directors Association.

REPORT CARD RATINGS

Chapin Middle School received an Excellent/Excellent on State Report Card Rating.

STATISTICALLY PROVEN SCORES

Over 100 students received statistically perfect scores on EOC (78), Explore (2), and PASS (22).

NATIONALLY RANKED

Chapin Middle School's Girls Dance team was two-time Nationally ranked.

PBIS BANNER STATUS

Chapin Middle School scored 100% on the School Wide Evaluation Tool for PBIS.

ENRICHING OPPORTUNITIES

Chapin Middle has many programs for students including: Mime, origami, photography, yoga, zumba and sign language.

ADVANCED INSTRUCTION

Chapin Middle has 21 Nationally Board Certified teachers and 79% of the faculty hold advanced degrees.

CONTINUOUS EXCELLENCE

Chapin Middle has three consecutive years of Excellent Report Card Ratings and an "A" rating on the State's Federal Accountability Ranking.

CHAPIN MIDDLE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Boo at the Zoo
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- Justin Pepper Foundation
- Juvenile Diabetes Research
- Men's Health Prostate Cancer
- Oklahoma City Relief
- Operation Santa
- Rhoad Cup
- United Way
- Relay for Life



Chapin Middle Offers Enriching Fine Arts

Chapin Middle School has worked to create an enriching fine arts program that currently offers band, orchestra, chorus, visual arts, and drama to our students.

Our band, orchestra and chorus programs consistently earn Superior ratings at State and National Festivals. Seventeen students qualified for the Region Band, and three students were selected for the All-State Band. The band also earned the Outstanding Performance Award, the highest honor awarded to bands in South Carolina. Our Honors Drama students presented three major performances this year: an evening of one acts, Night of the Pterodactyls, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Visual Arts has long been a part of education and our Visual Arts students at Chapin Middle have produced incredible work. One of their projects this year involved a local artist presenting her artwork involving Palmetto trees and our students creating their own works of art containing a Palmetto tree.

Our Fine Arts programs are not just known for their excellence, they are known for encouraging participation. Nearly 300 students participated in the Honors Fine Arts programs at Chapin Middle School during the 2012-2013 school year, and 28 of our students participated in Tri-DAC.

CHAPIN ASKS ...

Q: What do you want people to know about your school?

**2012-2013
Teacher Of The
Year**



LEIGH SHEALY

A: It's the most amazing place to work! When I was hired 13 years ago, I told my family and friends that I had found my work 'home.' Teachers at CMS are valued and respected for their work and contributions to the students and the school.

**2012-2013
Support Employee
Of The Year**



TRACY DEMPSEY

A: I am thankful for all the experiences my employment with the school and district have provided. As President Hoover said, "Children are our most valuable resource."



CrossRoads

Middle School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jess Hutchinson

Challenging & Cherishing Students

There is truly no place like CrossRoads Middle, and 2012-2013 was a fabulous year in our school.

We are an all 6th grade middle school, specializing in the transition from elementary to the secondary learning environment. Our school is full of 11 and 12-year-old amazing young learners, and we are staffed by a fantastic group of forward-thinking, dynamic teachers and support staff. Through the use of data teaming, single and mixed gender classroom options, PBIS initiatives, innovative teaching strategies, and intense collaboration; we are able to provide a positive, rigorous and supportive educational experience that focuses on the 6th grade learner.

During the 2012-2013 school year, we had many students earn A/B Honor Roll and Principal's List honors, display exemplary behavior, treat one another with respect and courtesy, and give their personal best each and every day. There is no place like CrossRoads, and we look for to high achievement in the current year. At CrossRoads, all children are cherished and challenged!



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

CrossRoads Middle School has a mission to educate sixth graders at the cross roads of childhood and adolescence in a nurturing environment characterized by high standards and rigorous curriculum, while providing the necessary tools for lifelong learning in ever-changing and diverse society.

AT CROSSROADS, GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IS THE GOAL

CrossRoad's school year was marked by high academic achievement, staff recognitions and distinctions for our faculty and staff.

Academic excellence is the focus at CrossRoads Middle, a fact proven by the school's many awards including a 2013 Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance. But faculty and staff at the school also proved that having a great learning environment goes beyond the status quo. School officials garnered many accolades, from school board recognitions to national awards.

"Dr. Craft is very deserving of the recognition," said Principal Jess Hutchinson. "He is constantly seeking opportunities for professional growth and is a visionary in our school and community in the area of technology."



CrossRoad Middle School's maintenance staff earned District Five's first "Good School-keeping" Award for the middle/high school level. The recognition was created to honor schools that excel in the maintenance, cleanliness and appearance of classrooms, school grounds and other facilities.

CrossRoads teacher Dr. Christopher Craft was named to the National School Boards Association's "20 To Watch" list for 2012-2013. The honor recognizes educators who implement and promote the use of technology in curriculum.

Judges made two visits to schools, one announced and one unannounced. Judges said that CrossRoad's landscaping, much of it done by the facilities supervisor, caught their attention.

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TOP 10 CROSSROADS ACCOLADES 2012-2013

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- United Way
- USO Drive
- Pasta for Pennies
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- Rhoad's Cup

PALMETTO'S FINEST FINALIST

CrossRoads Middle School made it to the Palmetto's Finest Finals this year.

SUPPORT EMPLOYEE FINALIST

CrossRoads' Social Worker, Kary Dufault, was one of the District's Support Employee of the Year finalists.

MIDLANDS TECHEFEST

CrossRoads Middle School hosted the South Carolina Middle School Lower Midlands Regional Techfest.

ORLANDO MUSICFEST

CrossRoads Orchestra received a Superior rating at Orlando MusicFest.

MUSIC FESTIVAL AWARDS

At the Music USA Festival, the CrossRoads Band was awarded a Superior Rating, 1st Place for Middle School Concert Band and the Grand Champion Instrumental Group.

CONCERT FESTIVAL

At the SC State Concert Festival, CrossRoads Symphonic Band earned a Superior Rating.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Students of CrossRoads' band participated in a total of 42 events and earned 36 Superior and 6 Excellent ratings.

BOARD CERTIFIED

The number of teachers that are Nationally Board Certified at CrossRoads Middle has increased to 26.

20 TO WATCH

Dr. Chris Craft, a Technology Instructor at CrossRoads Middle, was named as one of the "20 to Watch" by the National School Boards Association.

MIDDLE LEVEL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Laurie Epps, a teacher at CrossRoads Middle was named as the Middle Level Teacher of the Year by SCAPES.



SCHOOL Spotlight

At CrossRoads, Caring For School Grounds is A Year-Round Labor Of Love

It could quite possibly be one of the most visited gardens in the area, a few hundred people walking its grounds each day for most of the year. With hundreds of species of plants and even the occasional rabbit, it's not hard to see why these grounds are a welcomed distraction for its frequent visitors—even if they're hurriedly traveling to their next class as they walk through.

Landscaping projects at CrossRoads Middle School are one of the reasons it's a winner of this year's District Five Good School-keeping Award. "CrossRoads Middle School is dedicated to providing its students with a dynamic educational experience, and part of that effort involves maintaining a top-notch facility," said Principal Jess Hutchinson.

Much of the work on the grounds is credited to Facilities Supervisor Arturo Romero and his staff. Romero often works late into the afternoon and donates materials to create areas that add beauty and outdoor learning space.

CROSSROADS ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

MICHAEL CAROTHERS



A: The best thing about working with sixth grade students is that they are so full of energy and excitement! These students have the world in front of them and I love being able to help them grow as learners. The enthusiasm that they have is contagious and I am always looking for ways to encourage their interest in the content and in learning.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

MARY LOVE



A: My favorite part of my job is working with the children and helping them to understand. There is no better feeling in the world than to hear a child say "I get it!" I am so grateful for the opportunities I am given each day.



Dutch Fork

Middle School



INCOMING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dr. Gerald Gary

New Leadership, Continued Success

We're gearing up for another great year at Dutch Fork Middle School. As the new principal here, I am honored to come to such a great school and continue the legacy that's been put into place.

The 2012-2013 school year was filled with high achievement at the school, including a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance and a Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap. Thirty-seven of our students were honored for achieving a perfect score on at least one section of the 2012 Spring Pass Test, and we've increased that to 20 students for the 2013 Spring Pass Test. Likewise, 87 of our eighth grade students were named SC Junior Scholars by scoring a 50 or more on three sections of the PSAT. Our Football C-Team and Wrestling C-Teams also finished their seasons with high honors and our students excelled in chorus, band and other activities.

I'm excited about the new year and look forward to all that our students will accomplish! At DFMS, we are shaping the future and making connections.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of Dutch Fork Middle School, in partnership with our community, is to ensure that our students succeed through a rigorous academic program in a nurturing environment.

DUTCH FORK MIDDLE GETS TOP ACADEMIC AWARDS

The school received an award for academic performance and closing the achievement gap.

Dutch Fork Middle School earned a Palmetto Gold Award for academics and a Silver Award for closing the achievement gap for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Palmetto Gold and Silver awards by the South Carolina Department of Education honor schools with outstanding academic achievement and schools that are successful in closing the achievement gap between various groups of students. The awards program began with the Education Accountability Act of 1998. Dutch Fork Middle was one of 18 schools in the district receiving the awards. District Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "The high number of schools

receiving these awards is another indicator of the great schools in District Five. Our teachers, students, and parents should be very proud of this accomplishment. It takes a team effort to have high performing schools, and we certainly have a great team at District Five."



The Palmetto Gold and Silver awards are just two of the honors Dutch Fork Middle received during the 2012-2013 school year.

Seventeen of the school's 7th graders qualified as Duke T.I.P Scholars, 37 Dutch Fork Middle students were honored for achieving a perfect score on at least one section of the 2012 Spring Pass test and 87 of the school's 8th graders were named SC Junior Scholars.

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DUTCH FORK ACCOLADES 2012-2013

STUDENT'S PASSING SCORES

Thirty-seven Dutch Fork Middle students were honored for achieving a perfect score on at least one section of the 2012 PASS test.

C-TEAM FOOTBALL

Dutch Fork Middle's Football C-Team had an undefeated season and were PAC 15 Champions.

DUKE T.I.P. SCHOLARS

Seventeen seventh grade students from Dutch Fork Middle qualified as Duke T.I.P. Scholars.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Mock Trial from Dutch Fork Middle won their region competition, then competed in the state competition and finished in fifth place.

SC JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Eighty-seven eighth grade students from Dutch Fork Middle were named SC Junior Scholars by scoring a 50 or more on three sections of the PSAT and/or qualifying as a Duke TIP Scholar.

C-TEAM WRESTLING

The Wrestling C-Team won their conference, finished first in their region and had two wrestlers place at the State Duals.

SUPERIOR RATINGS

The eighth grade band at Dutch Fork Middle received a Superior rating at the South Carolina Band Director Association's Concert Festival, and both the seventh and eighth grade bands received an Excellent rating at Carowinds.

CHORUSES EXCEL

At the Carowinds Festival, the combined seventh and eighth grade chorus received an Excellent rating.

HONORS CHORUS

The seventh grade Honors Chorus received a Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival.

HONORS AND CONCERT ORCHESTRAS

Both the Honors Orchestra and the Concert Orchestra groups received Superior ratings at both the Concert and Carowinds Festival.

DUTCH FORK COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Relay For Life
- United Way
- Snack Pack Program
- USO Drive
- Treats for Troops
- Zumbathon
- Sock Drive for the Homeless
- Angel Tree

SCHOOL Spotlight



Dutch Fork Middle Student Council Takes A Lead With Service

Dutch Fork Middle School's students excelled at displaying leadership qualities during the 2012-2013 school year.

The Student Council of Dutch Fork Middle School attended the 65th SCASC State Convention held at Waccamaw High School on Pawley's Island, SC! Our school's council received the following awards: Gold Honor Council, Best Fundraiser Project Award for "DFMS Valentine's Day Fruit-Grams--Got Fruit?" and Bronze Gavel Award denoting DFMS Student Council as the third best Student Council in the state. Karina Desai also was inducted in the Terry S. McCoy Leadership Hall of Fame for providing outstanding leadership.

Principal Dr. Gerald Gary said, "We encourage our students to be leaders in everything they do in the classroom and beyond. These awards highlight our students' leadership skills and the work of our student council advisors."

DUTCH FORK ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

VERNON SAVA



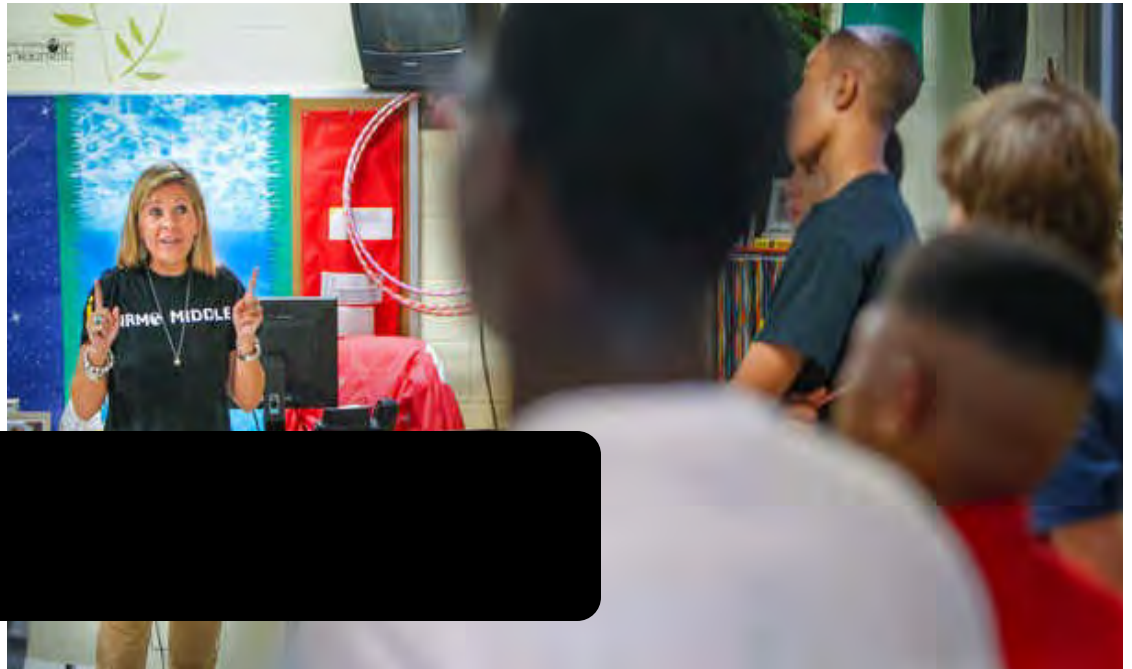
A: What I love most about my job is the atmosphere of collaboration. I get to see students working with teachers, staff members working with other staff, and students working with students. The teamwork and positivity is amazing. I also love being able to help students. When our students demonstrate growth whether in behavior or academics, it makes all the effort worth it.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

SHERMAN CANNON



A: The thing I love most about my job is everything. We work together in unity at Dutch Fork Middle with the whole staff, and we all get along together well.



Irmo

Middle School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Robert Jackson

Anticipating Continued Success

Irmo Middle continues to excel, and we're looking forward to high achievement again in the 2013-2014 school year! As one of the highest performing middle schools in South Carolina, Irmo Middle is a twelve-time recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for exemplary performance.

Irmo Middle consistently proves that a school with excellent teachers, who regularly use research-based instructional strategies, coupled with outstanding parental support can produce outstanding results.

These results continue to validate the work we do to provide students with the best education possible. We are grateful to have a high level of parental and community involvement. Our School Improvement Council also provides outstanding leadership and support as well. With continued support, excellent students, and dedicated teachers; we are anticipating great things and are confident in the future direction of our school.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of Irmo Middle School, as a recognized leader in educational excellence, is to ensure the development of the unique potential of each student as a lifelong learner through a comprehensive and challenging educational program that embraces the best of traditional, technological, and innovative practices within a caring, supportive, diverse, and safe community to prepare our students for a global society.

NEW MAGNET PROGRAM STRESSES GLOBAL LEARNING

The school's International Academic Magnet provides students with project-based learning with global focuses.

Irmo Middle School is implementing its new International Academic Magnet program during the 2013-2014 school year.

"We're excited about the program," said Principal Robert Jackson. "It will provide students with authentic, relevant and project-based learning experiences through interdisciplinary 'them-oriented' field expeditions in core classes. All of this is aimed at inspiring students to compete and collaborate as citizens in a global community." More than 900 students at the school will

participate in the program. Instruction will focus on global culture and business, using interdisciplinary study that compares local areas with others around the world.



Lexington-Richland School District Five Chief Instructional Officer Christina Melton said this type of instruction leads students to be creative and think collaboratively. "These are skills that are needed for many careers not yet developed," she said.

An open-ended tag line for the program allows students to finish the statement "I AM..." - helping students identify their strengths in core courses and beyond.

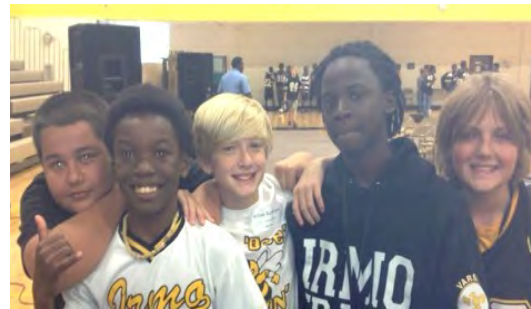
"We're refining their competencies in core academics, leadership, fine arts and beyond," Jackson said.

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IRMO MIDDLE ACCOLADES 2012-2013

EXCELLENT RATINGS

Irmo Middle earned an Excellent/Excellent rating on the South Carolina State Report Card.

SC RATING

Irmo Middle received an "A" rating under the federal accountability system.

PALMETTO GOLD

Irmo Middle was awarded with a Palmetto Gold award for academic performance.

HONORS CHORUS

The 7th grade honors chorus at Irmo Middle received a Superior Rating.

HONORS ORCHESTRA

The honors orchestra at Irmo Middle received a Superior Rating.

HONORS BAND

Both the honors band and the 8th grade band at Irmo Middle received Superior Ratings.

SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

Cheryl Cooley, our school's Social Worker, was named 2013 Social Worker of the Year.

IMS MATHCOUNTS

Our MathCounts team at Irmo Middle made it all the way to State Competitions.

SC JUNIOR SCHOLARS

52 of our nearly 152 eighth grade students were selected as South Carolina Junior Scholars.

STEP TEAM WINNERS

The Step Team at Irmo Middle won several competitions and received three 1st place trophies, four 2nd place trophies and 2 3rd place trophies.

IRMO MIDDLE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Crafts for Palmetto Children's Hospital
- Holiday Store for Special Needs
- Operation Toy and Food Drive
- Relay for Life
- United Way
- USO Drive
- Valentine Cards for Veterans

SCHOOL Spotlight



IRMO ASKS ...

Q: What do you like best about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year

CHERYL HARRISON



A: The best part of being a middle school science teacher is witnessing the successes that my students achieve due to the relationship that I try to establish with them early within the school year. When students feel safe and respected, they take chances and find within themselves a lifelong learner capable of much more than they ever dreamed.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year

SANDY RANLY



A: I get satisfaction in my job, knowing I have played a part in helping each class run smoothly. At IMS, we take education seriously and each one plays an important role.



The Center

for Advanced Technical Studies



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Bob Couch

Building On A Great First Year

It is hard to believe that from a flat piece of ground on August 1, 2011 that the Center for Advanced Technical Studies opened on August 17, 2012.

The opening and transition for 2012-2013 school year was made possible by dedicated faculty and staff and students and parents willing to accept some inconvenience to ensure the first year would be a success. Our major accomplishments of our first year include certification by Project Lead The Way, the selection of Julie Krusen as District Five Teacher of the Year, donations by Siemens School Partners Software and others, and more than 80 major events with more than 8,500 people attending and touring The Center.

These are only a few of the many highlights at The Center. As we look forward to another school year, we thank everyone who has made The Center's first year a success.

At the Center for Advanced Technical Studies, we will continue to strive for educational experiences that help shape students' future careers.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of the Center for Advanced Technical Studies is to offer high tech courses and programs that meet global academic and technical standards, integrate academic and technical studies, provide students a seamless transition through a PK-20 educational pathway with dual credit opportunities, and prepare every student to be college and career ready.

THE CENTER EARNS PRESTIGIOUS PLTW CERTIFICATION

PLTW Certification Means Students May Receive College Credit for Biomedical Science Courses

students with an opportunity to receive college credit at PLTW affiliated colleges and universities, including the University of South Carolina.

The Center's Biomedical Science program received a national certification usually reserved for longstanding programs.

The accreditation by Project Lead The Way (PLTW) was announced in May 2013. The school opened in August 2012, offering Biomedical Sciences and other programs with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) focuses. "It's highly unusual that a program would receive PLTW certification in its first year," Center Director Dr. James Couch said. "I think what the program has been able to accomplish here speaks to the quality of the curriculum, students and our staff."

The Center's Biomedical Science program is expected to grow in the 2013-2014 school year. The certification provides



South Carolina
PLTW
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

As part of the rigorous certification process, a team of state, university and school officials visited The Center to review the program and facilities. Couch said the team noted the school's impressive equipment, teaching supplies, students, and staff as part of their evaluation.

Julie Krusen, a National Board Certified teacher with The Center's Biomedical Science program, said: "The PLTW certification gives us notoriety. We're following national guidelines, so we know we're preparing students for that next step."

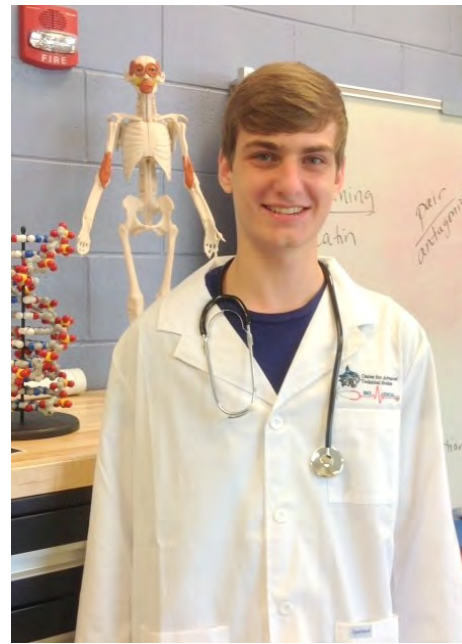
The program includes a sequence of courses and hands-on, real-world problem-solving activities.

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THE CENTER'S ACCOLADES 2012-2013

CERTIFICATION AWARDED

The BioMedical Sciences program was certified the first year that it was offered as a course.

TOURS

More than 8,500 people came through The Center to attend events and/or tours.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

A student team from Aerospace Engineering and Mechatronics finished in first place in the USC Regional II Science Fair.

CANCER RESEARCH

A Biomedical student was selected by Harvard University for a summer internship at the Cancer Institute for Research.

AUTOMOTIVE CERTIFICATION

Automotive Teacher received National Board Certification and is the only automotive teacher in the state to have the certification.

MIT EXCITE

Aerospace Engineering students Engineering Design and Developmental proposal was selected by MIT Excite as one of 20 proposals being considered for a \$10,000 grant to develop the prototype of the product.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Aerospace Engineering and Mechatronics Team was invited to participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

COOL SCHOOL

The Center was selected as a Cool School by WIS.

ENGINEERING INVEN TEAM

The Aerospace Engineering Inven Team at The Center won first and second place in the TSA state competition in Flight Endurance sector.

SKILLS USA COMPETITION

Twelve students from The Center placed in the SkillsUSA state competition and ten will be going to the national finals in Kansas City.

CENTER'S AWARD-WINNING STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Students earned top prizes and awards at The Center for Advanced Technical Studies.

District Five students taking courses at The Center for Advanced Technical Studies (The Center) were recognized for their skills, projects and activities during the 2012-2013 school year. The Center opened in August 2012, offering Biomedical Sciences and other programs with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) focuses.

Among the organizations gaining attention this year was the InvenTeam, which was recently named a recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Excite Award for its proposal to create a self-guided wheelchair. As an award recipient, they are finalists for a \$10,000 national grant. In June, the InvenTeam received a service learning award at the 2013 Education and Business Summit that included \$100 for future service learning projects. The District Five InvenTeam won first place in team competition in the Region II USC Science Fair with 1700 students from 70 different

countries. "So far, these kids have come up with many successful projects like the self-guided wheelchair, the bent arm trebuchet and a kitty litter fan that uses ultraviolet light to kill bacteria," said Dr. Martin Cwiakala, teacher at The Center and InvenTeam advisor. "I am not at all surprised with their success. All of these projects they designed with little guidance from me."

Housed at The Center for Advanced Technical Studies (The Center), District Five's FFA chapter signed its official charter in February 2012 with the National FFA Organization (formerly Future Farmers of America) and has already received high honors. Two students from The Center were among the 38 top students from around the state selected for this year's South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture, an academic summer program coordinated by the state Department of Agriculture and Clemson University.

Several students from The Center won top prizes in a state-level trade, technical and professional skills competition for public high school students. Two teams from District Five won first place in the SkillsUSA South Carolina Championship held earlier this month. The team of Shelby Stroud, Jessie Bundrick, Ally DiFiore, Carson Ham, Nathan Oliver, Taylor Bonvillain and Chandler Turney earned the top prize for their knowledge of correct meeting procedures. The team of A.J. Geib, Taylor Bonvillain, and Chandler Turney placed first in the Chapter Display division. Ten students attended the national finals in Kansas City.



Chapin

High School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dr. Akil Ross

Proud Tradition of Excellence

The 2012-2013 school year continued our proud tradition excellence. Our students achieved excellence in academics, athletics and the arts.

Chapin High earned the Palmetto Gold award for academic achievement, and three national publications ranked us among the top high schools for challenging curriculum and preparing students for college. We are also proud that our 2013 graduating class earned more than \$32 million in college scholarships.

Serving over 1300 students, the key to our success is the strong partnership between the school and our community. We offer a diverse array of co-curricular activities, clubs and sports. The faculty and staff believe when students are meaningfully involved with the school they are successful.

As a result of Chapin's commitment to reaching each student, we currently sponsor 42 clubs and organizations and 45 athletic sports, which provide multiple opportunities for our students to be successful. We are proud of our students and look forward to our continued success.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of Chapin High School in partnership with the community, is to provide challenging curricula with high expectations for learning that develop productive citizens who can solve problems and contribute to a global society.

CHAPIN HIGH RANKED AMONG THE TOP NATIONALLY

Chapin was ranked high by publications for academic rigor and preparing students for college.

Chapin High is ranked as a top school in South Carolina and the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*.

The *Newsweek* report, published last school year, ranked Chapin High fourth among the top high schools in South Carolina.

Nationally, Chapin was listed in the top half of the best 2,000 public high schools in America, ranking 751. The publication ranked Chapin High based on graduation rates, percentages of graduates accepted to college, advanced placement tests taken per student and test performance.

A *Washington Post* list placed Chapin among the top 10 most rigorous or academically challenging high schools in South Carolina. That ranking has the school in the top 100 among nearly 30,000

High schools nationally. In a *U.S. News & World Report* list, Chapin High ranked fourth in the state for preparing its students for college. Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "These rankings are a testament to the focus District Five

places on instruction and academic achievement. We congratulate Chapin High as we continue to strive for quality education for all students in the district."

Chapin High School Principal Akil Ross said, "We are very proud to be recognized as one of the best high schools in the

nation. Our success can be attributed to a system of schools that places a high priority on learning from kindergarten to 12th grade. There is a culture of achievement in academics, arts and athletics that has been established by dedicated teachers, involved parents and a supportive community."



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TOP 10 CHAPIN HIGH ACCOLADES 2012-2013

ONE OF THE BEST

Chapin High was named one of the nation's best high schools by the *Washington Post*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek* magazine.

NJROTC STATE CHAMPIONS

For 2012-2013, the JROTC at Chapin High was recognized as Navy League's Best NJROTC unit in the state of South Carolina.

PALMETTO GOLD

Chapin High was awarded the Palmetto Gold award for academic performance.

BAND CHAMPIONS

Chapin High was the 3A State Band Champions for the 2012-2013 school year.

CHEER CHAMPIONS

Chapin High was the 3A State Cheer Champions for the 2012-2013 school year.

RIBBON STATUS AWARD

Chapin High received Ribbon Status for implementation of the Positive Intervention Behavior and Supports (PBIS) program.

SCHOOL SAFETY AWARD

Chapin High received the Lexington County School Safety Award.

ALL STATE CHORUS

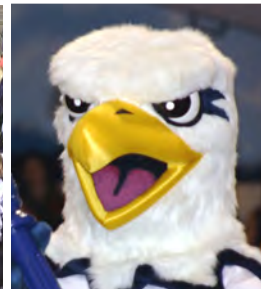
Eleven students from Chapin High were selected for All State Chorus.

NATIONAL MERIT

Five students from Chapin High were chosen as National Merit Finalists.

SPORTS AWARDS

Seven teams won region championships and seven coaches earned region coach of the year awards.



CHAPIN HIGH COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- American Cancer Society
- Good Works
- Justin Pepper Foundation
- Make a Wish Foundation
- PAALS—Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services
- United Way

SCHOOL Spotlight



Chapin Graduates Earn Top, Record Number of Scholarships

Chapin High School's graduating class earned a record number of scholarship offers, including some of the most prestigious awards in higher education.

Graduates at the school were offered more than \$32 million in college scholarships, said Annette Moore, the school's guidance director. "This is over \$6 million more than last year's scholarships, and there were three students from this class who were offered full tuition scholarships."

These scholarships came from national groups and in-state institutions. The scholarship amounts represent awards at four-year, two-year and technical colleges and universities in South Carolina and other states. Scholarships were based on several criteria, including: academic performance, athletics and community service.

CHAPIN ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

**2012-2013
Teacher Of The Year**



AMY CARTER

A: As a high school teacher, I love being able to play a role in the lives of young people who are on the cusp of adulthood. I love being able to discuss the human condition with them through literature and teaching them how to use their writing to be heard.

**2012-2013
Support Employee
Of The Year**



PAMELA HITE

A: I really enjoyed working with the kids. I think that career education is extremely important to our students and I loved playing a role in helping them find possible future careers. I also loved going into the classroom and working with parents. Our parents really embraced career education and we saw a lot of involvement.



Dutch Fork

High School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dr. Greg Owings

Another Banner Year

Dutch Fork High School has enjoyed another banner school year in 2012-2013. From academics to athletics, our students continue to excel.

We were ranked by *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report* and the *Washington Post* among the top 3% of all high schools in the country and number three in South Carolina. We had eight National Merit Finalists, 37 Palmetto Fellows and 269 students who had GPA's of 3.0 or higher which qualified them for the Hope and Life scholarships. The graduating class had over \$51,000,000 offered in scholarships... the most in the history of Dutch Fork High School.

We are incredibly proud of what we have been able to accomplish. This level of success is not possible without dedicated staff, exceptional students and a supportive community.

We look forward to all of the advances sure to come in the 2013-2014 academic year. At Dutch Fork High School, our students enter to learn and go forth to serve!



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Dutch Fork High School is an inviting family where education and achievement are paramount. The mission is to ensure academic, social, physical, and personal growth of all students by providing a challenging and comprehensive curriculum, effective teaching strategies and a stimulating environment that fosters self-worth and motivates the continual pursuit of life-long learning and service.

DUTCH FORK HIGH STUDENTS EXCELLING IN ACADEMICS

Three publications ranked Dutch Fork High School among the top in the nation.

Dutch Fork High was ranked high in three national publications—*U.S. News & World Report*, the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*—as a top high school for preparing students for college and academic rigor.

The *Newsweek* report ranked Dutch Fork High fifth among the top high schools in South Carolina. Nationally, Dutch Fork is listed in the top half of the best 2,000 public high schools in America, ranking 979. *Newsweek* ranked the schools based on graduation rates, percentage of graduates accepted to college, advanced tests taken per student and test performance.

A *Washington Post* list ranked Dutch Fork High among the top 10 most rigorous or academically challenging high schools in South Carolina, while *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Dutch Fork third in the state

for preparing students for college. Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "These rankings are a testament to the focus placed on instruction and academic achievement."



In other accolades, Dutch Fork High's graduating class earned a record number of scholarship offers, including some of the most prestigious awards in higher education. The number of scholarships offered totaled more than \$51.7 million for Dutch Fork

High students. That's a \$2 million increase over 2012 and almost double the school's scholarship totals in 2011.

"This class exceeded any other class in the school's history," Dutch Fork High Director of Guidance Dorothy Burckart said. "The amount includes academic scholarships such as the Palmetto and Life scholarships, athletic scholarships and scholarships for leadership and community service. This was truly an outstanding class and very deserving of this recognition."

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TOP
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DUTCH FORK HIGH
ACCOLADES
2012-2013

DUTCH FORK COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Blood Drives
- Sister Care
- Pawmetto Lifeline
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
- USO Drive
- D5 Snack Pack Program

GROWTH RATING

Dutch Fork High received an Excellent growth rating in the Annual Report Card.

PUBLICATION ACCOLADES

U.S. News and World Report, Newsweek and the Washington Post ranked Dutch Fork High number three in South Carolina and among the most challenging high schools nationwide among nearly 30,000 schools nationwide.

PBIS RECOGNITION

Dutch Fork High was recognized by the State Department of Education for its Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Program.

STATE CHAMPIONS

The Girls' Basketball Team won the State Championship and also finished the season ranked #5 nationally.

AP SCORES

Dutch Fork High had the 4th highest score in the state on AP scores.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Lauren Blanchette, a student at Dutch Fork High was the winner of the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program and a \$2,500 scholarship.

AWARD FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Samadwara Reddy and Madeline Kowalski, students at Dutch Fork High, were selected as winners of the Siemen's Award for Advanced Placement.

ALL-AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM

Alaina Coates, a 2013 graduate of Dutch Fork High, was selected to the McDonald's All-American Basketball Team.

SPANISH TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Erin Gilreath, a teacher at Dutch Fork High, was named 2012 South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Sable Bowler, a 2013 graduate of Dutch Fork High, was selected as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year in South Carolina.

SCHOOL Spotlight



State Championship Dutch Fork Girls' Basketball Team Finish The Season With Top Ranking, Other Accolades

Dutch Fork High School girls' basketball team won the state Class 4A title and finished the 2012-2013 season undefeated, helping them earn a high national ranking.

District Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "We are very proud of what this team has accomplished and congratulate the coaches and the players on their success. They represent the best that our district and our country have to offer."

The Silver Foxes finished the season undefeated (29-0) to claim their second consecutive state title. Led by Coach Faye Norris, the team was ranked in the top ten in a poll by USA Today High School Sports.

Dutch Fork head coach Faye Norris said, "...they worked hard for it and I'm so proud of them and glad they finished it out strong."

DUTCH FORK ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year



NORMA BROWN

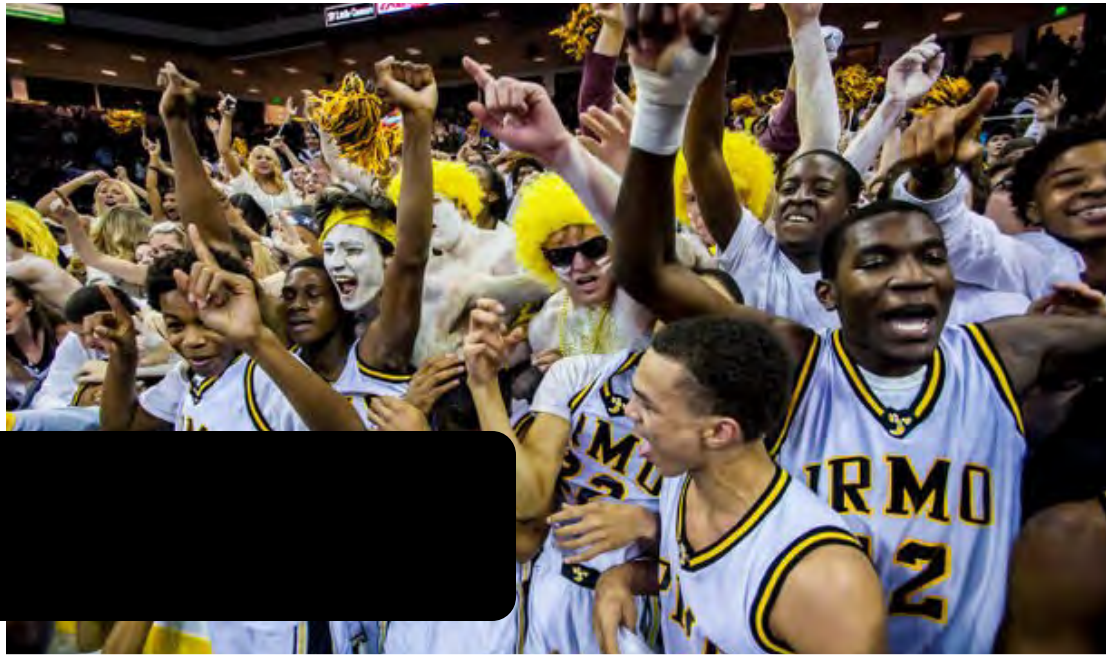
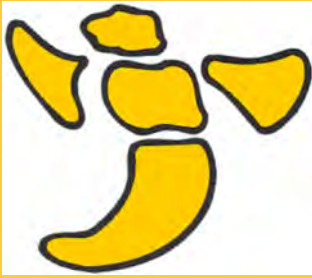
A: What I love most about my job is to see the life of a child transformed. Wow, what an amazing sight. I teach to watch that transition and to hear from them years later. It's rewarding to know that because of my class, my students' lives have truly been changed.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year



REGINA GEIB

A: There are a lot of things I love about my job. The women I work with are like family. The faculty and staff at Dutch Fork are the best people to work with, but I think what I love best about my job is knowing that we work hard everyday to feed the students healthy meals.



Irmo

High School



INCOMING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

David Riegel

A Proud Past and a Bright Future

I am proud to become principal of Irmo High School, a school with a proud past of academic, artistic and athletic excellence and a bright future filled with optimism and excitement.

Last school year, Irmo received a number of accolades, including: three Carolina Scholars, two National Achievement Scholars and three National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. Our International Baccalaureate program is growing tomorrow's leaders. The magnet program gained media attention when one student's project made a difference in the lives of Nigerian villagers battling malaria.

Irmo High School also earned a Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance, and we celebrate that 26 of our teachers have attained National Board Certification.

In athletics, our teams excelled as well. Our boys' basketball team won the 4A Class State Championship and our boys' soccer team picked up their state-record tying 16th championship title.

With improvements to our facilities and continued focus on academics, we're all anticipating a great 2013-2014 school year!



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information.

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of Irmo High School, where excellence is never compromised, is to develop an educational community of lifelong learners who meet the global demands of the 21st century through a challenging educational program which embraces diversity and unity, instills integrity and character, and provides opportunities for leadership and teamwork.

CLASS OF 2013 EARNS TOP ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Irmo High School students earn \$41.8 million in scholarships

Irmo High School graduating class of 2013 earned \$41.8 million in scholarship offers, including some of the most prestigious awards in higher education.

"The Irmo High Class of 2013 has done an outstanding job of applying for scholarships and has been recognized by local, state and national organizations for their tradition of excellence in academics, athletics and community service," said Robert Taylor, the school's guidance director.

"This class has received one of the highest scholarship offer totals in the history of Irmo High School. We are extremely proud of the total amount of scholarship dollars offered for the Class of 2013."

School officials credited the awards to a focus on excellence in academics. Forty-four percent of the 396 pupil class of 2013 attained GPA's of 3.5 or above and 70 percent had GPA's of 3.0 or above.

Three of the 20 students receiving the University of South Carolina's top scholarship came from Irmo High. Samuel Collinworth, Pooja Malhotra and Kelsey Murrel of Irmo High were named Carolina Scholars. Collinworth was also awarded a National Merit Scholarship financed through the University of South Carolina.



Irmo High School also had two students, Ezinne Ogonna and Jeremiah Price, named winners of the 2013 National Achievement

Scholarship program, which is awarded to high-achieving African-American seniors nationwide.

More than 15 of Irmo High's student athletes were selected to play college sports this fall, receiving offers from top schools around the country. Irmo High School Athletic Director Bob Hanna said, "I think it is every kid's dream to be able to take their sport to the next level. To do this they realize they must perform in the classroom and on the playing field."

HOME OF THE YELLOW JACKETS

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TOP 10

IRMO HIGH ACCOLADES 2012-2013

PALMETTO GOLD

Irmo High received the Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Irmo High awarded the Palmetto Pride Grant for the school's recycling program.

STATE CHAMPIONS— BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball team at Irmo High won the 4A Class Boys' State Championship.

USA TODAY RANKING

Irmo boys' basketball team was ranked nationally by USA Today high school poll.

STATE CHAMPIONS— SOCCER

The Irmo boys' soccer team won the 4A state championship, picking up their state-record tying 16th title.

ACADEMIC/ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The graduating Class of 2013 from Irmo High received more than \$41.8 million in athletic and academic scholarships.

CHOPPED CHAMPIONS

The Irmo High student nutrition workers won District Five's and South Carolina's Regional Chopped cooking contests.

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Ezinne Ogbonna and Jeremiah Prince, students from Irmo High School, were National Achievement Scholarship recipients.

USC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Samuel Collinworth, Pooja Malhotra and Kelsey Murrell of Irmo High School were recipients of the University of South Carolina Scholarship program.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Irmo High had three National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists.



IRMO HIGH COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Annabelle's Basket
- Columbia Food Bank
- Hands Helping Hands
- D5 Snack Pack Program
- Families Helping Families
- Honor Flight
- Toys for Tots



SCHOOL Spotlight

Irmo Student Activities Earn Awards, Accolades in 2012-2013

From athletics to the arts, Irmo High School students proved they have talent—garnering numerous awards and recognitions this year.

The boys' basketball team gained national ranking this year with an undefeated season and the Class 4A Boys' State Championship.

The Irmo boy's soccer team also picked up their state-record typing 16th title, finishing the season with a 17-8 record

Irmo High School arts programs also had many successes, and construction of the new theater has raised excitement among students and staff. The Irmo High School band received the Outstanding Performance Award by the South Carolina Band Director's Association, the group's highest honor.

Our students also displayed excellence through written art. The Stringer, the high school's newspaper, received a superior rating with the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.

IRMO ASKS ...

Q: What do you want people to know about your school?

2012-2013 Teacher Of The Year



LAURA SCOTTI

A: The students at Irmo High School are definitely at the top of my list of things I love about my job. They are funny and bright and usually teach me something everyday. I also work at a school where everyone strives to help all our students. I want people to know what a great school Irmo is.

2012-2013 Support Employee Of The Year



CLAYVON WILLIAMS

A: The students are what I love most about my job. I love seeing their faces when they learn something new. Everyone can learn something—it doesn't matter who you are. We have great students at Irmo High School.



Spring Hill

High School



INCOMING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dr. Michael Lofton

Expecting A Great First Year

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of the construction of the site and the development of the programs here at Spring Hill High School. The Spring Hill community has been very supportive and encouraging throughout this process. This community has great history and we are fortunate to be a part of it now. Spring Hill High School sits near the site of the original Spring Hill School. We are excited that the legacy continues.

Our inaugural year opened with 562 9th and 10th graders who chose to come to SHHS. We kicked off the school year with a pep rally; featuring student-led activities, presentations on the school and a guitar performance by one of our students. Our students are excited about the opportunity to build new traditions, set the school culture and make history.

We look forward to an amazing year of firsts. Our students, parents, community members, faculty and staff have embraced Spring Hill High School as their own. This investment by all stake holders will lead SHHS to accomplish great things. I look forward to the future and what it holds for our students.



Scan the QR code with your Smartphone or visit our website for more information .

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of Spring Hill High School is to be a collaborative learning community that cultivates innovative thinkers prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The school's culture is rich in personal connections, supporting a learning environment where students pursue coursework designed to foster creativity, uniqueness in thought, and intellectual development. Spring Hill students explore and master educational pursuits which prepare them to strive and lead in an interconnected world.

21ST CENTURY SKILLS ARE THE FOCUS AT SPRING HILL HIGH

Future skills and interest-based learning are the focus of learning at the school.

Spring Hill High School is unique for several reason, but chief among them are its five program focuses.

Students attending Spring Hill High take courses in five focus programs, including: an Entrepreneurial Academy, and Engineering Academy, and Entertainment Academy , and Environmental Studies Academy, and an Exercise Science Academy.

Designed with those focuses in mind, classrooms and common areas like the school's cafeteria and media center are arranged to allow students to collaborate

and brainstorm. The goal is to have students focus on honing 21st century skills required for success in the work force and in the halls of academic in the coming decades.



"We are providing a learning environment that is relevant to our students' career interests. It's truly unique and revolutionary." Spring Hill High School Principal Dr. Michael Lofton said.

Around 560 9th and 10th grade students are attending Spring Hill High School in its inaugural year. In September, District Five announced that Spring Hill High School was one of five schools receiving a three-year multi-million dollar federal grant to bolster magnet programs. Spring Hill High School is open to any high school student in District Five.

HOME OF THE STALLIONS

Encouraging students to discover their passion, developing independent and innovative thinkers who continually strive for excellence

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TOP 10 SPRING HILL FAST FACTS

ALL MAGNET SCHOOL

Spring Hill High School is an all choice Magnet High School that serves all of Lexington-Richland School District Five.

MAGNET SCHOOL GRANT

Spring Hill High School was awarded a Magnet Schools of America Grant.

SPRING HILL STAFF

Spring Hill High School has 47 certified staff members. Among the staff: 21 percent hold bachelor degrees, 66 percent hold masters degrees, 13 percent hold doctorate degrees and 32 percent are National Board Certified teachers.

SPRING HILL STUDENTS

Spring Hill High School had more than 560 students in its first year, including approximately 362 9th graders and 200 10th graders.

GRADE LEVELS

Spring Hill High School had only 9th and 10th graders for the 2013-2014 school year. It will have 9th, 10th and 11th graders only for the 2014-2015 school year.

SPRING HILL STUDENT BODY

For the 2013-2014 school year, Spring Hill High School's student body consisted of 48 percent male students and 52 percent female students.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council consists of 85 students, all of whom interviewed with a committee to earn their offices.

STUDENT ATHLETICS

Students may participate in High School League Sports at their zoned schools. Athletic eligibility will not be jeopardized by attending SHHS.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided to and from SHHS using a shuttle system from the zoned high schools.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY

Spring Hill High is a 267,000 square foot facility with state-of-the-art technology.



HUNDREDS ATTEND SHHS DEDICATION CEREMONY



SCHOOL Spotlight

Spring Hill High School students played a vital role in the ceremony

Nearly 250 people gathered in Chapin on Sunday, Oct. 6 for a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for Spring Hill High School.

The new all-magnet Lexington-Richland School District Five high school was opened to students and staff in August, offering five academies: Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Entertainment, Environmental Studies and Exercise Science. The dedication ceremony included details about the area's history, recognition of individuals and groups who helped plan the school, and addresses by Spring Hill High School students and staff, local officials, school board members and District Five staff.

Spring Hill High School Principal Dr. Michael Lofton said, "Spring Hill High School encourages students to pursue their passions, developing independent thinkers who will continually strive for excellence. Striving for excellence brings forth leaders, and one thing I've learned quickly is that this school has a whole lot of leaders, including 85 members of student council.

Students like Ninth Grade Class President Zachary Lindler, who led the crowd in a dedication pledge, played a major role in the ceremony.

"It was a big honor," Lindler said. "Most ribbon cuttings are usually run by adults, but this was different ... Spring Hill is different. It's really a once in a lifetime opportunity for us, and I'm honored to have played such an important part."

The new school was created as a result of the 2008 Bond Referendum, which also has allowed for renovations at other schools. School Board Chairman Robert Gantt said, "We're thankful to the citizens for passing the Bond Referendum which made this school possible and thankful to the community for welcoming Spring Hill High School to the area. This day would not be possible without you," Gantt said.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said Spring High School will provide important skills to tomorrow's leaders. "We look forward to all that the students and staff at Spring Hill will accomplish."





The Academy

For Success



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Donald Hardie

Planning For Success

We are anticipating a great 2013-2014 school year at the Academy For Success.

You'll note that we have changed our name from the Alternative Academy For Success to the Academy For Success, a name fitting for the direction of our school. The Academy is a place for students to get caught up or to get themselves back on the track for success.

Our focus each year is PACK. PACK stands for Perseverance, Accountability, Cooperation and Kindness. Last year, our teachers and staff continued to focus on these four words throughout the year. This was a part of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program—and The Academy is proud to report that it was awarded with the 2012-2013 PBIS Banner Award.

One of the proudest moments for The Academy this year was the naming of our own Kim Cash as District Five Support Employee of the Year. We have great staff and students here at The Academy and we look forward to much more success in the year ahead. At The Academy, we believe that all students can succeed.



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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Mission of The Academy For Success, in partnership with the community, is to provide challenging curricula with high expectations for learning that develop productive citizens who can solve problems and contribute to a global society.

STUDENTS LEARN LESSONS ON HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental stewardship is one of the lessons taught at The Academy For Success.

School officials at the Academy For Success want to make environmental stewardship a focus for students and staff at the school. On April 16, 2012, the Academy For Success received a mini-grant from the Richland Soil and Water Conservation Department.

Students of Mrs. Sharon Gray, Mrs. Rachael Stenger, and Miss Kaycee Sites applied the money toward making a garden on campus and maintaining it.

Among the items planted and grown were tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, turnips, okra, sunflowers, and squash. Students then applied their knowledge in projects for all core

subject areas. Students also attended two field trips during the Fall of 2012. Focusing on team work skills, students went to Dreher Island State Park and competed in a round-robin team building circuit.



A digital scavenger hunt was one activity that allowed students to digitally document their experience.

On another field trip, students attended Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens and the State Museum

where each student had assignments in each subject area to complete before returning to school.

Note: The Academy For Success has changed its name from The Alternative Academy For Success.

HOME OF THE WOLFPACK

All Students Can Succeed!

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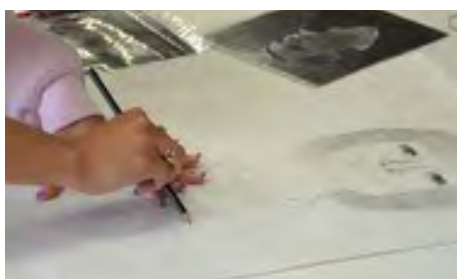
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ACADEMY
ACCOLADES
2012-2013

DISTRICT SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Academy For Success' Kim Cash won the District Support Employee of the Year.

ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Maggie Miller, a student at the Academy For Success, was the recipient of the Rotary Club Sunshine Scholarship.

PBIS BANNER

The Academy For Success was awarded with the 2012-2013 PBIS Banner Award.

ACADEMY ART

Student art selected for display in the Lexington-Richland Five district office.

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT

The Academy For Success received a mini-grant from the Richland Soil and Water Conservation Department.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Academy For Success students and teachers participated in a number of community service projects.

CREDITS EARNED

The Academy For Success increased its number of Carnegie credits earned.

FAMILY SERVICES

The Academy For Success provided food, clothing and other services to families in need.

RED CARPET AWARD

The Academy For Success is the only alternative school in the state to win the Red Carpet Award.

UNITED WAY PARTICIPATION

The Academy For Success won a 100% Participation Award for 2012-2013.

THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Sister Care
- We Care
- Binding Ties
- Chapin Rotary Club
- Sharing God's Love
- United Way



Kim Cash Named District Five Support Employee of the Year

Kim Cash, a social worker at the Academy For Success, was named Support Employee of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year. The announcement was made at an employee recognition event in May.

Cash said, "It's a huge honor to be named Support Employee of the Year for District Five. This award is really a reflection of the strong team we have at our school and in the district. I can't do my job without the work of others. We all work together to ensure our students have the tools they need to be the best learners they can be."

Cash has a bachelor's degree from Columbia College and a master's degree from the University of South Carolina. She is a licensed master social worker and has served as a consultant for the Department of Social Services. District Five Superintendent Dr. Stephen Hefner said, "Kim Cash represents the best of the best in our district. We thank her for all she does to make District Five successful."

THE ACADEMY ASKS ...

Q: What do you love most about your job?

**2012-2013
Teacher Of The Year**



KAYCEE SITES

A: The Academy is a very special place to work. Each teacher brings their own unique personality and teaching method. The teachers and support staff come together to create an atmosphere of learning and support for our students.

**2012-2013
Support Employee
Of The Year**



KEITH MAJOR

A: The thing I love most about my job is helping others. I love it when someone asks me to help out or do something for them and I can do it with a smile on my face.



Adult Education

for District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dr. Kathie Greer

Providing Inspiration for Success

The 2012-2013 school year was a great one for District Five's Adult and Community Education Program. We proudly served 394 community residents, and 38 students received a high school diploma. Additionally, 45 equivalency diplomas were earned for a total of 83 graduates and 75 students were awarded National Career Readiness Certificates.

We are also proud to report that 70 students participated in the family literacy initiative, which includes not only academic services, but early assessment and intervention services for preschool children through a partnership with D5 Parenting Services. The program also provides childcare services at one location, free books, and family literacy activity days.

This year, we are offering all regular programs of study and WorkKeys testing at no cost to participants, a great opportunity to citizens or our community. We will continue to encourage community residents to utilize our services as we empower participants to attain their personal, academic and career goals.



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ALL ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Mission of District Five's Adult and Community Education Program is to inspire and facilitate learning, empowering participants to attain personal academic and career goals.

ADULT EDUCATION MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

OUR SPECIALTY

District Five's Adult Education Program has been the primary adult education provider for the northwest Columbia metropolitan area for over 30 years. Adult education as a field has changed tremendously over that period of time. Yet, the one constant, has been a focus on providing high quality services to communities.



We specialize in assessing student needs, creating, and delivering individualized, comprehensive plans of study, and assisting students with transitions to initial employment, career changes, and post-secondary education and training. We maintain partnerships with numerous community and service agencies to provide assistance to our students in accessing other community and agency resources. We are an official GED and Compass test site.

Transition services include career days, college visits, resume writing and job

search assistance, ongoing communication of local employment opportunities, assistance with signing up for public assistance programs, and college grant, scholarship, and application assistance. More students are gaining employment while enrolled and more students are transitioning directly into the military, technical colleges, and universities.

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Seven Oaks Elementary School

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Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in a school location. The meetings are open to the public.

Board members are Robert Gantt, chairperson; Beth Watson, vice-chair; Ellen Baumgardner, secretary; Jondy Loveless, Jim Turner and Ed White.

Web Site, www.lexrich5.org

You can reach the district's web site at www.lexrich5.org. All Lexington-Richland Five schools' web sites can be accessed via this address.

**All sixth graders in the Dutch Fork and Irmo attendance areas attend school at one sixth grade school—CrossRoads Middle School.