

# School Improvement Council Annual Goals

## Goal 1: Increase Communication between Parents and the School

We already had several forms of communication in place for parents. Our teachers create a webpage to display information and news. In addition, we have our school webpage as well as our Facebook page that contains relevant facts and information. Dr. Krawczyk created a blog for students and parents to ask questions or express concerns. Last, we use the Remind 101 to keep parents up to date on activities, events, and news taking place at school. We will continue to use all of the forms of communication listed above.

## Goal 2: Collaborative Planning between Technology Integration Specialist, Literacy Coach, Classroom Teachers, and Parents

Through Title 1 funding, we have a Technology Integration Specialist and a Literacy Coach that meet with teachers to create plans that help prepare our students to become college and career ready. Listed below are some of the culminating activities that involved our students, parents, and staff.

**4K/5K:** LEGO design challenges, building a transportation system, collaborative art and building projects, creating new items out of recyclable materials, community helpers project (researching and designing their own "businesses" to share with other classes), 2 Science Center visits (animals for 4K and 5K, weather for 5K)

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Seed planting (designing the best habitat for seed), Squanto's fishing net design, 2 Science Center visits (natural resources and light/shadow), Hour of Code, created an interactive sun dial in the front of the school

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Green screen video projects, animation with Chatterpix app, STEM Gingerbread community, 2 science center visits (animals and forces and motion), Hour of Code, field experience around Spartanburg and published book about the community

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Hour of Code, rocket design and testing, designing collection containers based on the NASA mars rover and states of matter, plus some Ozobot mapping activities, 2 Science Center visits (rocks/minerals and properties of matter)

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Valentine mailbox design, Hour of Code, pioneer wagon design and testing, Roper Mountain, 2 Science Center visits (light/sound and organisms)

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Hour of Code, Genius Hour projects, exploration with Lego robotics, Forces and Motion STEAM unit 1, Spartanburg Science Center visit to study coastal ecosystems, 5<sup>th</sup> grade clubs (garden design, morning news, newspaper, and movie making in addition to yearbook)

**Special Ed:** participated with 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade

## Annual Goals Cont.

## Goal 3: Maintain a Healthy and Safe School

The community at large believes that providing a safe school and teaching students about healthy lifestyle helps children learn. We encourage our students to make healthy life choices through programs within our school such as, the meal program, our physical education classes, Girls on the Run and our Farm- to- School initiative.



## Purpose of this Report

This report is issued by the FES School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

# Fairforest Elementary School

*"Preparing Children for the Future"*



## School Improvement Council Report to the Community

2018-2019

## Highlights

- Character Education program through Guidance Department
- Technology (1:1 in grades 1-5 and 2:1 in grade K)
- Outdoor Classroom funded through Lowe’s Toolbox grant
- Farm to School
- Composting Program
- Academic Extended Day Program
- OLWEUS Anti-Bullying program
- Partnership with Michelin North America-10Years
- Girls on the Run
- Exemplary Reading Program in South Carolina

## Academic Update

Percentage of Students Scoring “Approaches, Meets or Exceeds” on SC Ready

Grade	English Language Arts	Math
3	76.9%	73.5%
4	77.2%	74.3%
5	79.3%	74.4%

Percentage of Students Scoring “Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds” on SC PASS

Grade	Social Studies	Science
4	N/A	76.5%
5	76.9%	N/A

## About our School

The mission of Fairforest Elementary School is to prepare our students for lifelong learning through a challenging curriculum with open communication in a safe, respectful environment. Fairforest Elementary School is proud to serve a culturally diverse student body in a new state of the art facility.

The diversity of our school shapes the instructional practices within its walls. Many teachers utilize an integrated approach where science and social studies is as important as reading and math. This method of teaching allows students to see the relationships between subjects allowing them to understand complex concepts at deeper levels.

At Fairforest, we realize that reading is the key skill on which all others are developed. We believe in using a combination approach to reading instruction. It is based on the foundation of a strong phonics program, which is supplemented with a whole language instructional approach.

## School Improvement Council Members

- Crissy Harris, Teacher
- Corey Helle, Parent
- Lacey Barone, Teacher
- Leah Pangel, Parent
- Carmen Levitt, Parent
- Rhonda Jones Foster, Parent
- Kim Helle, Assistant Principal
- April Hollis, Assistant Principal
- Shawn Wagoner, Community Member
- Stephen Krawczyk, Ex-Officio

