

# **AMBLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT**

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The School Summary Report of the Act 135 School Renewal Plan is prepared in order to share with Ambler Elementary School parents and children the activities and accomplishments of the 2008-2009 school year, and the goals planned for the 2009-2010 year.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Ambler Elementary School, committed to academic excellence, will provide a strong foundation for all students by ensuring a safe, nurturing environment where staff, family, and community work together to emphasize relevant and challenging learning experiences.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1.) 100% of our students will achieve district-established standards.
- 2.) 100% of our students will be prepared to achieve at the next educational level.
- 3.) 100% of our parents will become actively involved in their child's education.
- 4.) 100% of our students will participate in the citizenship activities.

## **STRATEGIES**

- We will ensure a safe, nurturing well-maintained environment.
- We will develop and implement a student-centered instructional program to ensure student success at the next educational level.
- We will increase the number of students participating in citizenship activities.
- We will develop and implement a plan to encourage parental involvement in their child's education.

## **SUMMARY OF 2008-2009**

- Received the Palmetto Gold Award from the State Department for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Received the Exemplary Writing Award for 2002-2005 by the Writing Improvement Network
- Received the Red Carpet School Award for 2002-2005 by the State Department for being a family-friendly school.
- Implemented Core Essential Character Education Program sponsored by Chick-fil-A.
- The Reflections Team planned service learning projects.
- Students participated in the Spelling Bee at the District Level.
- Students participated in the District Science Fair.
- Drama Club put on a play at Arts and Cats.
- A Field Day was held to promote physical fitness.
- Tina Kelly, our Guidance Counselor, received a \$4,500 grant to build a Carolina Fence Garden out front.
- The Accelerated Reader Program was continued.
- A Spring Arts & Cats Festival was held.

## **GOALS AND PRIORITITES FOR 2009-2010**

- To score in the top 1/3 on PASS scores or top 5 out of 15 elementary schools in terms of percentage meeting standards in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
- To continue use of our computer lab to help supplement academic instruction and expose our students to technology.
- To continue curriculum alignment and mapping of South Carolina standards.
- To encourage citizenship by scheduling students to lead the pledge daily.
- To continue Flag Patrol and "Wild Cat of the Week" Program.
- To continue Ambler Terrific Kids program.
- To continue our Incentive Tags Program to praise and encourage our Ambler students for worthy recognition such as Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Wildcat of the Week, etc.