

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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## OUR MISSION

In partnership with the home and community, is to:

Prepare  
Respect  
Enrich  
Succeed

## OUR VISION

The Pelham Road Community continuously works to provide an education where...

- There is mutual respect, honesty, responsibility, and cooperation among the school community.
- Home, community, and school work together to benefit all students.
- The environment is a safe, secure, and inviting place to promote learning.
- Curriculum and instruction involve a variety of learning experiences to accommodate individual differences.
- Students are enabled with skills that allow them to apply their learning in a meaningful context.
- All students are equipped to use technology and research skills to gain knowledge for lifelong learning.

## HOME OF THE ALL STARS

At Pelham Road, we believe our success is due to a strong emphasis of differentiation of instruction, integration of subjects and technology. Pelham Road Elementary is a unique blend of traditional studies and has a growing technology program, in a delightful, child friendly setting. Our motto, "A Community of Learners" is evident with our outstanding volunteer program comprised of parents and community members. Because of the dedication of our faculty and the commitment of our community to our students, Pelham Road Elementary is definitely the epitome of a classic neighborhood school and a shining example of what all schools should be.

**NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**  
**PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS**  
**PALMETTO'S FINEST AWARD**  
**PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC FITNESS AWARD**  
**RED CARPET AWARD WINNER**

## STUDENT PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Extended After School Programs \* Artist in Residence \* Author Visits \* Award Winning Chorus \* Challenge Program \* Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars \* Jump Rope for Heart \* National Junior Beta Club \* Reading Buddies \* PTA Reflections \* Recycling Club \* Safety Patrol \* STEAM Day \* Science Lab \* Summer Reading Program \* Terrific Kids \* Chess Club \* TASCK Force \* Upstate Mentor Program \* WPRES Broadcast News \* Partnerships with Eastside High School

## AN OUTSTANDING TECHNOLOGICAL AND MULTICULTURAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our school is continuously updating technology such as new computers in the lab, new teacher laptops, and more Chromebooks and iPads for student use.

We are grateful to have a student population representing many different countries with 21 different languages spoken at home.

We currently have 9 teachers who have earned National Board Certification, and 37 faculty and staff members with advanced degrees. Our faculty is deeply committed to improving each child's achievement and continuously participates in professional development.

We provide students individualized goal setting and progress monitoring in reading, writing and math through a variety of benchmarks. Strong integration of writing across the curriculum provides students with a solid language arts foundation. Consequently, Pelham Road is a school of Exemplary Writing.

We love our Extended Day After School Program with stimulating activities and homework help. We also host an after school Chess Club for students in grades K-5.

Our TASCK Force is a kindness club developed by students for students. These individuals are nominated by teachers to participate and work to create compassion and teamwork throughout Pelham Road.

### Standardized and Benchmark Testing:

- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a computer based test given in the winter to 2nd and 5th graders in math and ELA.
- Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS) is the state test administered in the spring of science and social studies to our fourth and fifth graders.
- SC Ready, a College- and Career-Ready Assessment, is given statewide in grades 3-5 in writing, reading, and mathematics.
- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and the IOWA Assessment is given to all 2nd grade students each year.
- Mastery Connect Benchmarks are given to all 2nd through 5th grade students.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC)

The School Improvement Council serves as an advisory body to the school's principal and faculty. The council works collaboratively to develop and implement a five-year school improvement plan. They also monitor and evaluate success in reaching the plan's objectives and to write an annual report to the parents about the progress of the plan. This year our SIC has been keeping abreast of policies, laws, and regulations enacted by local, state, and federal authorities that affect schools, especially those that might improve educational opportunities and school safety. Our Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is sponsored by SIC. This program provides positive male role models for our students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. Watch D.O.G.S. also provides extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance our school security. SIC plays a key role in education, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve our school.

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Our phenomenal PTA is a huge part of our school. Pelham Road is proud to be a long time winner of the PTA award for 100% membership from our students and families. PTA supports the following programs at our school: Reflections Art and Writing Contest, Artist-In-Residence, book fair, and a community fair. This past year, our very active PTA has supported our school by purchasing numerous Chromebooks and iPads, supplying teachers with much needed school supply money to purchase classroom materials, volunteering as teacher helpers, as well as sponsoring curriculum days like Science Fun (STEAM) day where students get to participate in hands on science experiments. PTA also sponsors Boosterthon Fun Run and Spring Fling which are our major fundraisers. PTA is committed to our educational success through strong school, parent, family, and community involvement.



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