

Fork Shoals School

Primary Years Programme



Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a world-class culture of inquiry and to nurture each student's desire to be a continuous learner and a responsible citizen.

Report to the Community

2011

Where We Stand

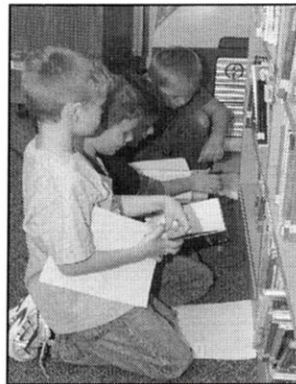
With Fork Shoals Elementary sixth year as an International Baccalaureate school nearing completion, we begin to confidently anticipate IB evaluation during the 2012/13 school year. Fork Shoals' administration, staff, and school family consistently encourage and reinforce our IB values. In keeping with this, the children are motivated to complete frequent community service projects such as "Pennies for Patients", "One for Books", canned food drives, and many others. Thanks to our school's many technology initiatives and the generosity of our PTA, our school continues to be a leader in technology for the classroom. Virtual field trips continue to provide our children the ability to be "inquirers" as they gain exposure to many regions and cultures of the world. We are grateful that our Greenville County School District has authorized that Fork Shoals School be refreshed this school year with new teacher laptops, PCs, and interactive equipment. The Fork Shoals School Improvement Council and Parent Teacher Association continue to work collaboratively to give our special school the strong support and perspective that make Fork Shoals unique. This year, the SIC was able to fill almost four hundred short term club slots affording every applicant the opportunity to experience an extracurricular learning activity- thanks again to the wonderful community support this school enjoys. During this time of limited educational funding, Fork Shoals School has continued to thrive due to the dedication and self denial of our award winning teachers and staff, the frequent support of community businesses, and the volunteerism of our school family.

Special Events

Antique Tractor Show and Fair ♦Book Fair (twice a year) ♦Career Day Fair ♦Fall Frenzy Festival♦Cultural Night♦Author Visits ♦Red Ribbon Week Events ♦Artist-In-Residence ♦Family Curriculum Nights ♦Boosterthon ♦Holiday Performance and Play ♦Spring Concert ♦Parent Workshops

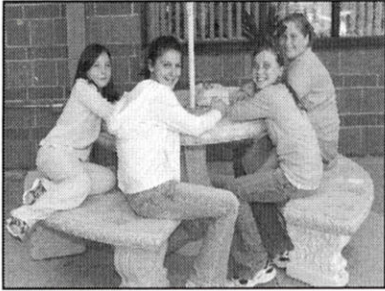
Special Features

- ♦134 Years of Education in this Community
- ♦International Baccalaureate Program
- ♦Excellent Volunteer Program
- ♦Excellent Business and Community Support
- ♦Active School Improvement Council (SIC)
- ♦Active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- ♦Extended Day Program



Technology

Networked Computer Labs
STAR Reading Program
Computers in each classroom
Tanberg Distance Ed (live interactive lessons)
Rolling Networked Laptop Computer Labs
Promethean Boards(K5-5th grade)
Accelerated Reader Program
Compass Reading and Math Software

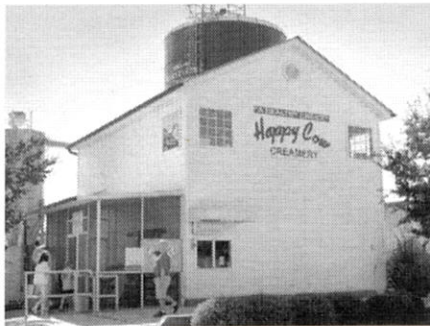


Extra Curricular Activities Include

- ◆Chorus◆Culture Club
- ◆Environmental/Recycling Club
- ◆Fork Shoals TV Show (Daily News)
- ◆Garden Club◆Good News Club
- ◆International Club◆Jr. Beta Club
- ◆Robotics Club◆Running Club
- ◆Piano Performers◆Fitness Club
- ◆Safety Patrol◆Student Council
- ◆Chess Club◆Golf Club◆Dance Club
- ◆Destination Imagination ◆Soap Carving
- ◆Chemistry◆Rocketry ◆Boot Camp
- ◆Water Color◆Charm Club◆Lego Club

Community Support

Fork Shoals School has great support from the businesses and community surrounding the school. Fork Shoals Baptist Church works with the Good News Club, Lowes has donated materials for a coat closet, Happy Cow has provided dairy products, and much, much more. Without everyone's continual support, Fork Shoals School would not be able to make the growth with our students that we have.



Student Achievement

Fork Shoals School administers national and state standardized tests every year. This past year our school received the Silver Award from the State for our achievement on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (2nd Grade)

- ◆ Scored above 61 percent of all second graders nationally in Reading
- ◆ Scored above 54 percent of all second graders nationally in Math

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

- ◆80% of 3rd-5th graders met standard in ELA (up 4% from last year)
- ◆76% of 3rd-5th graders met standard in Math (up 4% from last year)
- ◆79% of students on Free/Reduced lunch met standard in ELA (up 16% from last year)

Fork Shoals School Goals

PERFORMANCE GOAL 1

Improve student performance on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards to 79% of all students and subgroups will meet standard on English Language Arts and Mathematics.

♦Update: in 2010, 80% met standard in ELA and 76% met standard in Math

PERFORMANCE GOAL 2

All personnel highly qualified and specialized by 2005-2006 and maintain 100% Achievement until 2014.

♦Update: In 2010, all teachers are Highly Qualified

PERFORMANCE GOAL 3

Fork Shoals School will achieve an 85% overall approval rating on the state report card by parents annually until 2014.

♦Update: In 2010, 92% of parents rated the school as good or better

Achievements and Awards

State Teacher of the Year (2010) ♦Silver Award Recipient (2010) ♦
Greenville County Teacher of the Year (2009)♦ National School Public
Relations Reward of Excellence for PTA Newsletter (2009)♦ Authorized
International Baccalaureate School ♦Red Carpet Award Winner (2001 &
2008) ♦Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Recipient 2007-08 (\$5,000)♦
School Incentive Reward Winner ♦ PTA Volunteer Silver Award Winner for
SC ♦Certified Schoolyard Habitat ♦Golden Apple Teacher Recipients

School Profile

Number of teachers 46

Total Staff 70

Student/Teacher ratio 25:1

Percentage of Teachers with a Masters Degree: 62%

Number Nationally Board Certified Teachers: 7

Christopher Ross, Principal

Kim Reid, Assistant Principal

Chantal Masterson, SIC Chairperson

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