North Springs Elementary

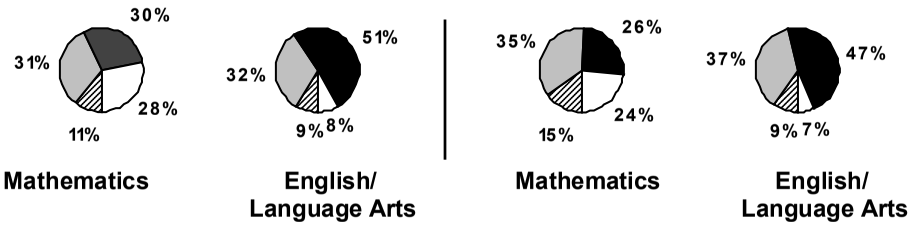
RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Excellent
2002	Excellent	Good
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School | Schools With Students Like Ours



Mathematics | English/ Language Arts | Mathematics | English/ Language Arts

Advanced | Proficient | Basic | Below Basic

DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science and social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=247)	91.5%	89.5%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities(n=8) Other than Speech	25.0%	37.5%		
Students without disabilities (n=236)	94.9%	92.4%		
Gender				
Male (n=136)	88.2%	86.0%		
Female (n=111)	95.5%	93.7%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=104)	84.6%	79.8%		
Hispanic (n=6)	100.0%	83.3%		
White (n=134)	96.3%	97.0%		
Other (n=3)	I/S	I/S		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=45)	84.4%	86.7%		
Pay for lunch (n=199)	94.5%	91.5%		

SCHOOL PROFILE: North Springs Elementary

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	$6,741	Up 8.2%	$5,362	$5,509
• Prime instructional time	83.9%	Down from 90.6%	90.8%	90.4%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 19.0 to 1	19.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=491)				
• Attendance Rate	97.4%	Up from 97.0%	97.0%	96.4%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	4.5%	Up from 3.5%	1.8%	5.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	4.5%	Up from 3.1%	0.9%	4.0%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 98.6%	95.1%	96.6%
• Retention rate	1.4%	Up from 0.8%	1.7%	3.4%
TEACHERS (n=42)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.3 Days	Up from 7.5 Days	9.4 Days	10.1 Days
• Attendance Rate	89.0%	Down from 94.9%	95.4%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Up from 48.6%	55.6%	48.6%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Down from 91.9%	87.2%	85.3%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.1%	Up from 74.0%	89.3%	86.2%
• Average teacher salary	$40,407	Up 5.0%	$41,322	$39,333

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	67.3%	Up from 65.5%	67.3%	66.5%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	Down from 3.0	4.5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99.0%	No change	99.0%	99.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	14.4%	Down from 22.8%	18.9%	37.5%
• On academic probation	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.4%	1.2%
• Suspended or expelled	0.2%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
• Gifted and talented	37.2%	Up from 31.9%	30.4%	12.6%
• With disabilities other than speech	5.4%	Up from 5.1%	5.3%	7.8%

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA
N/A - Not Applicable
N/C - Not Collected
N/R - Not Reported
I/S - Insufficient Sample

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

North Springs Elementary School faculty and staff provide exemplary instruction in a caring and safe environment for ALL children. Our faculty and staff share the same high expectations as the parents: a safe, clean environment where ALL children experience academic success. Our community actively seeks a role in the education and celebration of our children. Our children benefit from this strong partnership with our community as has been evidenced by being named a Carolina First Palmetto's Finest School in 2001, a Richland School District Two Distinguished School in 2000, 2001, and 2002, and a Palmetto Gold School.

Our Academic Team was named first in the state in 1998, 2001, and 2002. We received recognition as an Exemplary Writing School for 2001-2002, in addition to being a Hall of Fame Exemplary Writing School. Our physical education teacher, Mrs. Kathy Manos, was named South Carolina Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. North Springs was named an Honorable Mention School by the South Carolina Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. We are certified as a National Backyard Habitat. A $20,000 TIPS grant provided additional technology resources for every grade level. We provided students with success alternatives through after school tutoring, Extended Learning Year, Floating Teaching Assistant Model, and the Science Discovery Center.

Students are provided a myriad of enrichment activities which include a fifth grade trip to Florida to swim with the manatee. Our newest Crickets this year were the three and four-year-old children in the Child Development Program. Our North Springs Family read over 36,000 books and logged over 9000 miles in our Fit and Lit Project. Fifteen classrooms were named Reading Renaissance Model Classrooms over the last three years and our PLAYERS After school program provided homework help in addition to classes in dance, karate, and gymnastics. Eight of our teachers earned National Board Certification and nine others are awaiting their results.

Our Number One Goal at North Springs is Academic Achievement. Our percentage of students meeting standard on PACT exceeded the district and state in both Math and English Language Arts. Our CSAB scores exceeded the district and state average on percent testing ready. We implemented MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) in grades two through five. This computerized test indicates growth in student learning for individual students, classes, schools and districts. North Springs students scored above the district average at all grade levels. Using our Garden of Learning theme, we celebrate the academic achievement of all children and work as a unified team to prepare our children to lead in the 21st Century.

Mrs. Denise L. Barth

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of Surveys Returned	45	80	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	98.8%	97.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.8%	97.8%
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	100.0%	97.5%	93.2%

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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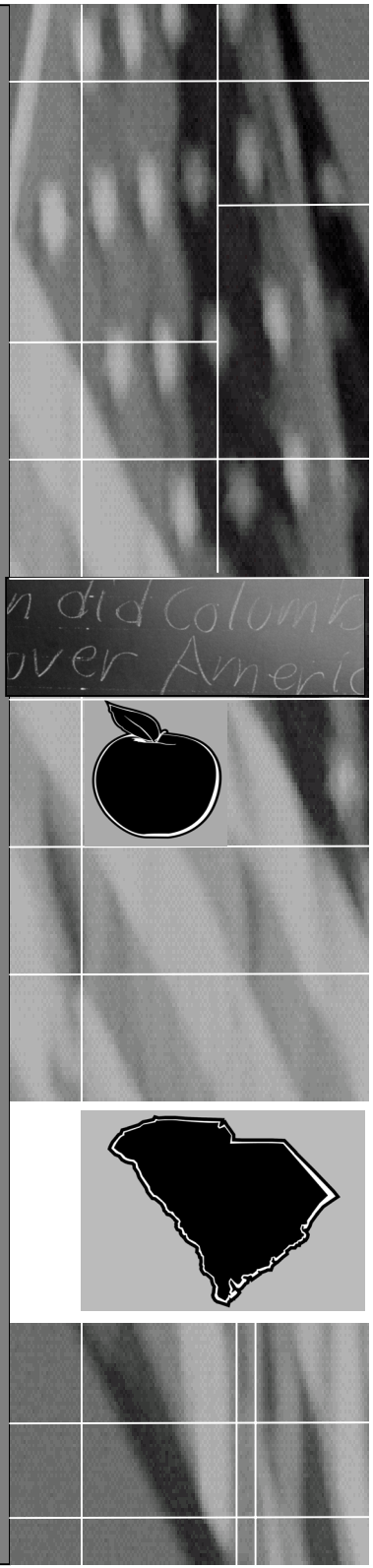

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1300 Clemson Road
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Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 491 Students

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Michael Montgomery 803-779-3500

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card	2002

Absolute Rating:
Excellent

Improvement Rating:
Good

Absolute Ratings of Similar Schools

Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
0	0	1	5	27

South Carolina Performance Goal:
By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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