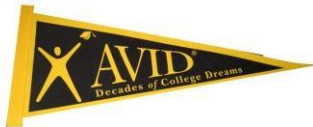


## School Achievements

During the 2020-2021 school year we have had a great number of volunteers and mentors which included: Cedar Creek Community Church, Grace Christian Church, Mt. Olive On The Hill, Kappa Lambda Chi Military Fraternity, Columbia Psi Chapter of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, North Main Monticello Leadership Coalition, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

FHES will again apply for the Farm to School Grant which focused on developing healthy eating habits and vegetable gardening.

FHES had 4 S.C. Regional Science Fair winners.



***Eagles Fly High...  
No Matter What!***

## Forest Heights SIC Members

*Principal: Dr. Winnie Johnson  
Chair: Dominique Brown  
Vice Chair: Richard Keith  
Secretary: Christia Haynes  
Maria Quintinilla  
Moneshia Murray  
Nathalie Brown  
Kaitlyn Derrick  
Amanda Amsinger  
Katherine Chain*

*\*Will update when elections are completed*

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### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Forest Heights 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.”*

## Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2020-2021



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through education, empowering all students to  
achieve their potential and dreams.***

## SIC Annual Goals

### Forest Heights Elementary School teachers and staff will enhance learning by:

- Demonstrating care and concern for the special needs of each child
- Providing quality teaching and leadership
- Providing parents with regular assessments of their child's progress
- Encouraging a positive home-school relationship

### Forest Heights Elementary School Principal will promote public education and support our teachers and students by:

- Making education the top priority of my administration
- Reading to students in their classrooms and my office
- Visiting South Carolina schools to hear firsthand from teachers and students
- Reading to my own children in our home and meeting my obligations under this agreement as a parent

### Forest Heights Elementary parent or guardian will encourage their child's learning by:

- Requiring regular and punctual school attendance
- Supporting school rules and procedures
- Making reading at home a priority
- Providing a quiet, well-lighted study area
- Keeping up to date with my child's progress
- Attending parent-teacher conferences and other school activities
- Supporting a positive home-school relationship

## FHES Student Achievement

During the 2020-2021 school year, the school commenced with the continuation of the administrative team. Previous data indicated the need for addressing overall climate at Forest Heights. This has resulted in positive change within the culture and climate of our school. The priority for the present school year was on student academic teaching and learning. There is a renewed focus on Student Growth where students take responsibility for their own learning.

Forest Heights Elementary is equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning with wireless internet capability throughout the school. All students in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> have one on one access to digital learning devices. The devices are utilized in a variety of ways from Reading A to Z and 1<sup>st</sup> in Math to Mastery Connect. Every classroom in the school has a Smartboard and several classrooms have document cameras.

On the 2018-2019 school report card Forest Heights went from unsatisfactory, the previous year, to average. Which is accomplishment we are proud however, we have more growth to gain. According to Reading Inventory test our students made many gains in reading, but the math inventory tests show that math is an area of weakness for Forest Heights' students.

School Climate, overall is showing improvement. Parent involvement and engagement has declined during this school year. However, the remaining PTO and SIC members are continually seeking ways to work hand in hand with our teachers and school community for the betterment of Forest Heights Students.

*"For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov)."*

## Additional Information

Forest Heights Elementary School is a rural Title One School located in Richland School District One. Forest Heights serves approximately 397 students, 200 male and 196 female, in grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The student body has 322 African American students (167 males and 155 females), 51 Hispanic/Latino (22 males and 29 females), 12 two or more races (5 males and 7 females), and 12 Caucasian students (6 males and 6 females). There are 31 students in special education services. (20 male and 11 female) This number includes speech, resource, or self-contained. There are 47 ESOL students (19 males and 28 females) in grades PreK-5<sup>th</sup>. We are currently serving 146 students virtually (131 from Forest Heights, 15 from other R1 schools). Forest Heights has 36 certified teachers on staff. The highly qualified staff consists of 3 National Board Certified Teachers and 56.25% have advanced degrees. All 36 of our teachers are certified in their area of instruction and considered highly qualified.

During the 2020-2021 school year we have had a great number of volunteers and mentors that were coordinated by our School Counselor. The volunteer and mentor partnerships include: Cedar Creek Community Church, Grace Christian Church, Kappa Lambda Chi Military Fraternity, Columbia Psi Chapter of Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Mt. Olive on the Hill, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority These volunteers and mentors serve FHES during the school day, during after-school programs, and some even participate in weekend events. All students are instructed through the use of South Carolina College and Career-Ready Standards for ELA and Math, the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science and Social Studies and South Carolina Academic Standards for Health and Safety Education for health.