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# This Week

A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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**MISSION STATEMENT of FLORENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE:**

The mission of Florence School District One is to prepare students to become productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners who are able to succeed in an ever-changing society.

## The School Foundation Joins National Network of Nonprofit Organizations Working to Ensure a Quality Public Education for All Children



**Jeff Helton, Chairman, School Foundation Board**



**Wendy D. Puriefoy, President, Public Education Network**

Signaling its commitment to improve public education for all children in Florence School District One, **The School Foundation** announced that it has joined Public Education Network (PEN), the nation's largest association of community-based organizations working to ensure that all children benefit from a quality public education. The School Foundation joins 81 other local education funds in 34 states, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and 5 countries—Peru, Mexico, the Philippines, Tanzania and South Africa—that operate in unique partnership with their public schools and their communities.

“Our membership in this national network will help us as we pursue our strategies to improve our local public schools for all children in Florence,” said **Debbie Hyler**, Executive Director of The School Foundation. “We’ll certainly learn from the experiences of diverse communities throughout the nation.”

Public Education Network is dedicated to improving public school quality for all children, but especially for those in low-income communities nationwide. “Our members help the public understand that each and every one of us is responsible for the quality of public education in our communities,” said **Wendy D. Puriefoy**, president of Public Education Network. “Organizations like The School Foundation play a critical role in helping the public act on their responsibility by promoting strategies that lead to increased student achievement, so that every child, and every community, gains the benefits of quality public education.”

“Strengthening our schools is the responsibility of our entire community,” **Jeff Helton**, Chairman of The School Foundation Board, said. “Here in Florence, community-based organizations, the school district, teachers, students, families, and the business community must work together to ensure a quality system of education for all our students.”



## March Teacher Feature Winners

The Teacher Feature Program recognizes one teacher from each school, voted on by the staff, to honor excellence in education. Honorees receive a free meal courtesy of **FATZ**, and recognition in their school.

- Eve Bell, Adult Ed.
- Linda Thompson, Briggs
- Jeannie Jordan, Carver
- Melissa Marsik, Delmae
- Tracie Davis, Dewey Carter
- Beth Morris, Flo. Career Ctr.
- Shannon Shealy, Greenwood
- Jessica Crowson, Lester
- Kim Rezzuti, McLaurin
- Myra Bennett, Moore
- Alesha Brewer, North Vista
- Angela Neal-Williams, RN Beck
- Karen Jordan, Royall
- Katharine Bobbitt, S. Grove
- Terry Robinson, Sneed
- Jeannine Franco, S. Florence
- Sarah Brown, Southside
- Debra Purvis, Timrod
- Yakima Spain, Wallace-Gregg
- Chandra Howard, Williams
- Carolyn Arнемann, W.F.
- Dorothy Fleck, Wilson

March is **Music in Our Schools Month**, and in recognition, Florence School District One is showcasing its music students. The students recently performed at Magnolia Mall. These performances will air on Channel 12, the Government Access Channel, daily at 2 pm through March 15. □

### Florence District One Celebrated National School Breakfast Week, March 2-6

Mayor Stephen Wukela and WMBF-TV 10 meteorologist Rob Hatchell, both former Wallace-Gregg students, as well as Mayor Kenney Boone, celebrated



National School Breakfast week at Wallace-Gregg Elementary. Sherri Owens is the Cafeteria Manager.

Manager Pam P. Davis and the Carver Elementary Cafeteria Staff served brunch for lunch to celebrate the occasion with a menu which included: grits or



pancakes with sausage, applesauce, a vegetable cup (celery and carrots), and juice. □



## FSD1 People in the Spotlight

*Congratulations to:*

•Patrick Wang, a kindergarten student at Delmae Elementary School, recently named the South Carolina Kindergarten Chess Champion. Patrick won four of five competitions recently held in Columbia.



•Lester Elementary School and Florence School District One: United Way Campaign Chairman Buddy Brand (right) congratulates top giving Lester Elementary School representatives: Curriculum Coordinator Melanie Garand and United Way school representative Janet Grant. Lester Elementary raised over \$5,000 for United Way, making it a platinum honoree. Superintendent Larry Jackson, left, represents Florence One employees, winner of the silver award.



### Support Habitat for Humanity - Win a Picnic Table

Raffle tickets for the picnic table are available at the Florence Career Center and at the front desk of the Florence District One Administration Building. The cost is \$2.00 per ticket (or 3 for \$5). The drawing will be held on **March 20**, and participants do not have to be present to win. □