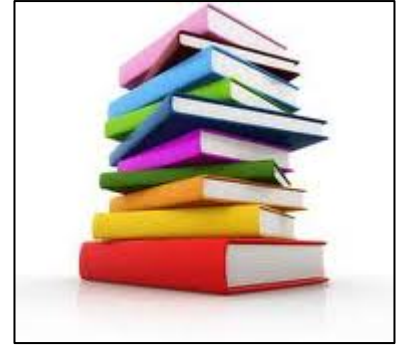




The Story
of
Ashley River
Creative Arts
Elementary

The Little School
that could...



Do you know how old *A.R.C.A* is?

Yes, even schools can celebrate “birthdays”.

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary



was created

31 years ago...

(in 1984)

Rose Marie Myers



Mrs. Myers is the creator of our school.

In 1984, she envisioned a school that would be different from all others.

Mrs. Myers wanted a school where all students would receive daily lessons of Music, Art, Drama, Violin, Ballet, P.E., Computers, and foreign languages, along with their regular classes: Math, E.L.A, Science, and Social Studies.

But she needed a building.

**Not
Available...**



**(at last!)A high school that was so old, it had
been closed for years...**



Mrs. Myers thought: *it may work...*

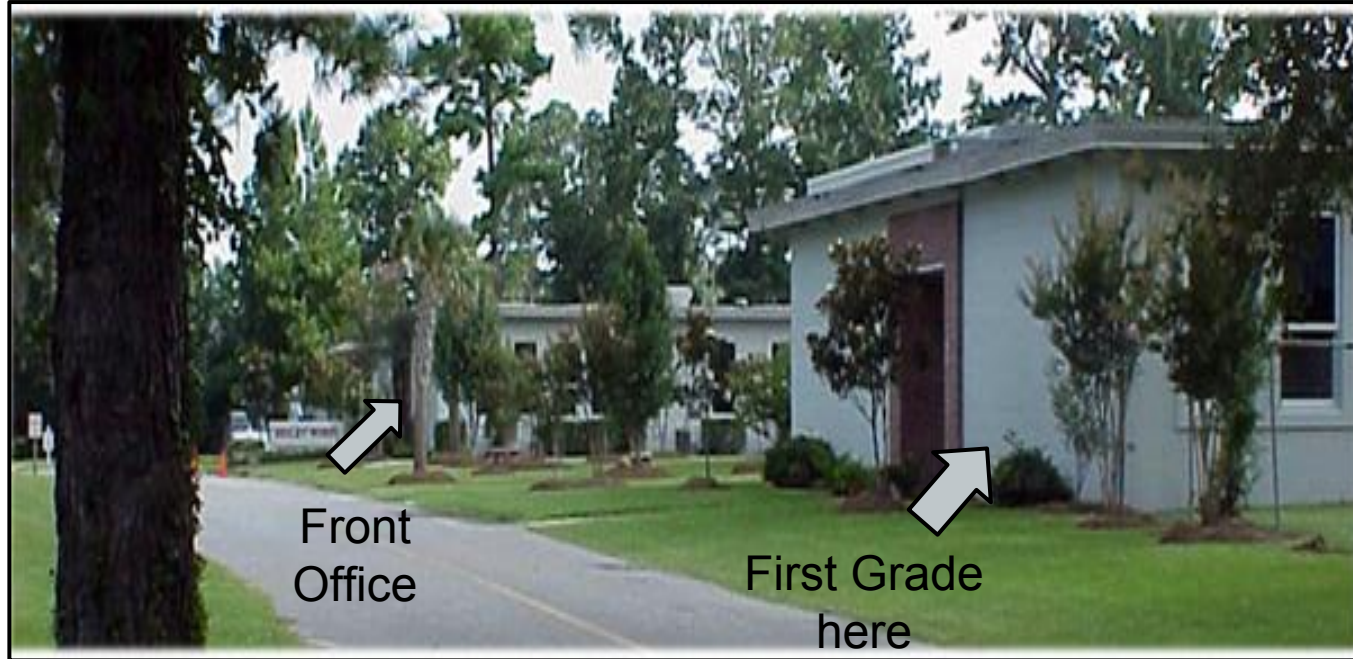


Not upgraded for at least 13 years

Eventually, Mrs. Myers (and the new faculty) did as much as they could, and the school opened its doors after a lot of painting and repairing



**This is a picture of the OLD “Ashley River”
It worked for another fifteen years (“kind-of”)**



and the fun began...



**“Little Red Riding Hood”
Special Needs and Mr Jordan**



The Unichorus is invited to Disney World to perform in "Tomorrowland"

**"The Three Billy Goats"
Drama Troupe**



**See? You can do it!
Even if you mess up,
it's OK**

**It's all about Process,
not Product!**

**Lose yourself
in the Arts!**



and the idea that sounded so strange at the beginning,
worked out...kids can learn anything!



more
repairs



Mrs Menick
teaching
Suzuki
Violin

This is the old “Ashley River”:
take a look at our OLD hallways...



**The first group of students in the
Creative Arts Elementary
picked the “Unicorn” as the school’s mascot**

**and the selected
school’s colors
were:
red, gray, and
white**



**The Unicorn is a
“Magical”
Creature**



Then, in 1989, Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston



It was a BIG mess...



In the storm, “Ashley River” lost:

- . The cafeteria
- . The library
- . The computer lab



We spent 2 years eating in our classrooms: cold sandwiches in brown paper bags...and walking in the rain in order to get to “Specials.”

After ‘Hugo’, Mrs Myers retired.

Mrs. Ellicott, the former assistant principal, became the new principal.

She worked hard to keep us safe while the new school was built



A.R.C.A before the renovation



Ashley River *after* renovations

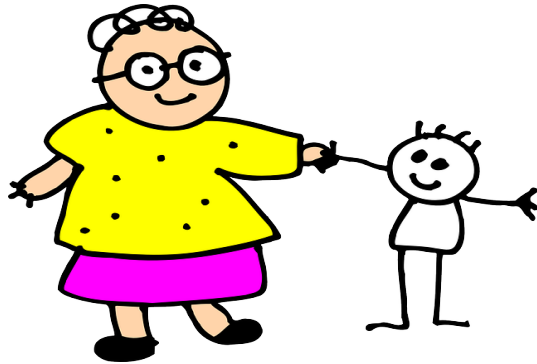


Plans for the new Ashley River



Mrs Ellicott did her best to make the new ARCA the best school (AS LONG AS *there were no changes to the stage!*)

**We were told that we will
have more than 1 bathroom
for the teachers!!!**



Wait, are there two floors???



The Day before the school opened

Final painting

touches...

and lots and lots of

bathrooms!



Check out our new place!

Whoa!

We have an elevator!



This is the day we moved into the new building (only 5 years ago)

Mrs. Ellicott, Mayor Riley,
and Dr. McGinley during
the opening ceremony



We have done so many cool things since we moved in!

Ms. Trott:

Teacher of the Year for
Charleston County!

2012-13



Look at you!



“Le Cirque De Fromage”

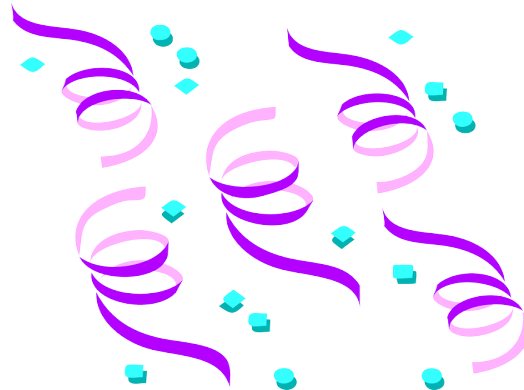
Third grade planting tulips

Class of 2014-15



Palmetto's Finest Award

Although it took 3 years
of preparation, we finally
won *The Palmetto's Finest*
Award in 2001



Making movies in fourth grade for the News Show



Green Team: Growing Our Own Food

Ashley River Chorus and the Charleston Symphony Orchestra

We are singing in German
for The Spoleto Festival!



African Drumming

Laura Rich comes to
visit!



Mr Jordan:

Teacher of the month
for Charleston County

2013-14





**Mr. Carrington,
our 2015-16 *Teacher
of the Year*, and our
new area
Superintendent:
Gerrita Postlewait**

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**First Graders on a visit to The
Gibbes Museum of Art**



**PTA Meetings
We love and thank
you for your
continued Support!**

**Ashley River's
First Robotics
Team at a
competition**

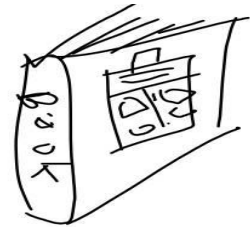




Creative Minds Institute and Ashley River at work

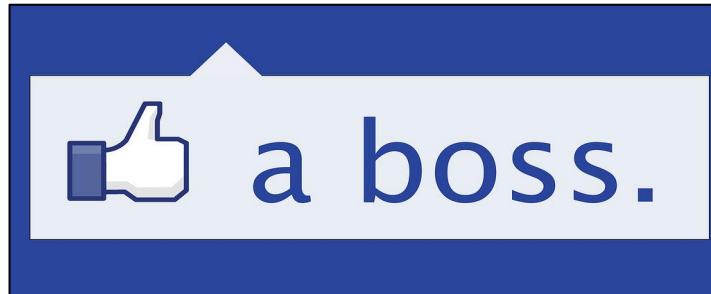


**Claudia Cornett and a
group of First
Graders**



and finally, four years ago:

Mrs. Middleton, our
former assistant principal,
became our new fearless
leader!



And Mrs. Connor became the new Assistant Principal

Since 2015



These are the teachers that have worked at ARCA for a LONG time:

(15) or more years:

Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Rozzi, Mrs Horres, Mrs Hines, Ms. Leonard, Ms. Dent, Mrs. Sires,

Ms Kearney, Mrs Beaudrot, Mrs. Laban, Ms Elsey,

Mrs. Menick, Mrs Baker, Mrs Ferguson, Ms Trott, Ms Hanson, Mrs Brandon

Even Ms. Rivera! (she was a former student)

The 3 leaders that *Could...*

