

# HIGH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**Grades:** 4th - 5th  
**School Colors:** Yellow and Black  
**School Mascot:** Panther  
**School Theme:** "A School That Works"  
**Enrollment:** 504  
**Average Class Size:** 26

## **Brief Summary of Instructional Program**

High Hills Elementary School strives to develop the whole child through exceptional academic, social and emotional experiences. Our student population is made up of military dependents from the nearby Shaw Air Force Base, US Army Central Command, and students from the surrounding rural communities. We have a highly transient population; however, our school and district personnel, parents, community members and students work effectively together to create a positive and inviting learning environment. High Hills has a strong parent-volunteer support system that we continue to foster and appreciate. Many local businesses have contributed to and partnered with the school's programs.

High Hills Elementary School continues to provide a quality education program, which includes world class skills and life and career characteristics

needed to graduate and become responsible and productive citizens. Our goal is to create a lifelong community of learners through strong academics and meaningful extra-curricular activities.



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### **Outstanding Instructional Programs and Features**

- One-to-One Global Technology
- STEM Cohort School
- Blended Learning
- Academic Assistance
- Balanced Literacy
- Science Fair
- STEM Night
- Student Recognition Programs
- Awards Assemblies
- Instructional Coach
- Math Coach
- Reading Coach
- Full-time Nurse
- Art, Music, PE, Library and Computer
- Full-time Speech Therapist
- Classroom Guidance and Guidance Services
- Gifted & Talented Program (QUEST)

### **Recent Awards and Honors**

- 2016 Clean Schools Award Winner
- Past Palmetto Gold and Silver Winner
- Superior Rating for Chorus in State Competition
- Chamber Teacher of the Year Finalist
- 2017-2018 District Induction Teacher of the Year Winner
- 2018-2019 District Teacher of the Year Finalist

### **Extracurricular Activities**

- Student-led Welcoming Committee
- Award-Winning Chorus
- Award-Winning STEP Club
- Yearbook
- Student Council
- Clubs
- Field Trips
- School Safety Patrol Team
- 4th Grade Camp Bob Cooper Trip
- 5th Grade Washington, DC Trip
- 5th Grade StarBase STEM Participation
- Team Building Day
- Spirit Days (Wear school shirt or school colors and show that Panther Pride.)
- Spirit Nights (Marco's Pizza, Chick-fil-A and Moe's)

### **School Incentives**

- Academic Honor Awards
- Birthday Recognition
- Attendance Recognition
- Panther Plaudit
- Positive Behavior Recognition
- Trophy of Respect

### **Community Involvement**

- Career Fair
- Strong Volunteer Program
- PTA
- Title 1 School
- School Improvement Council (SIC)

- Parent Workshops
- Parent & Child Interactive Workshop
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- United Way Campaign
- Relay for Life
- Heart Walk
- Pennies for Patients
- Kindness Campaign
- School-Business Partnership Program
- School Newsletter
- Guest Presenters
- Open House
- Military Deployment Group
- Sumter Reads

### **Faculty Profile**

HHES's staff consists of 27 teachers, one assistant principal, one instructional coach, one reading coach, one STEM coach, one math coach, one media specialist, one guidance counselor, one behavior interventionist, two paraprofessionals, one registered nurse, one speech therapist, one secretary, one bookkeeper, one registrar, five custodians, six cafeteria workers and one principal.