



# Cape Hatteras Elementary School

Welcome to Cape Hatteras Elementary School. CHES invites our parents and community members to join us in fostering a culture of caring and inspiring our children to new heights for a fulfilling life in the 21st Century.

As we learn from and build on our successes, CHES continues to use school improvement goals to challenge our students. Our goals also address the changes Hatteras Island is experiencing in our population, our economy, and our landscape.

We have an outstanding staff of nurturing, devoted teachers. One hundred percent are fully certified and are recognized as highly qualified.

Our mission is to provide a safe, stimulating learning environment which will encourage students to pursue knowledge throughout their lifetimes. We accept the responsibility to teach all students and to offer opportunities to achieve the highest possible standards. As a result, our students receive the best instruction and excel in academics.

Thank you for taking time to read about our 2010-2011 achievements. I am proud of all of our students and their progress. As we celebrate our accomplishments, we acknowledge the dedication and contributions of our staff, parents, community members, and business partners. We look forward to continued success in the 2011-2012 school year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sherry Couch'.

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Total CHES students: 289 EC: 14% AIG: 7%



Dare County Schools

# CHES

**ABCs Accountability Outcomes**  
High Growth  
School of Distinction  
**Met all targets under AYP**

### **School Improvement Goals:**

- Every student excels in rigorous, relevant core curriculum.
- Students, parents, teachers and community collaborate for continuous improvement, and establish an after-school enrichment program.
- Every faculty member and administrator possesses skills and knowledge to provide quality instruction through best practices and participation in professional learning communities.

### **2010-2011 Accomplishment Highlights:**

- For the second consecutive year, CHES was nominated for Title I Distinguished School for Sustained Student Achievement by the NC Association of Compensatory Educators.
- At the end of 2010-2011, of students in grades K-2:
  - 78% were on or above grade level in math; in reading, 72% were on or above grade level.
- At the end of 2010-2011, of students in grades 3-5:
  - 92% were on or above grade level in math; in reading, 81% were on or above grade level.
- 100% of Hispanic and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students in grades K-5 were proficient in math on end-of-grade tests.
- All students participated in a cultural arts program presented by Dr. Paula Melton from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
- All students, together with 40 community members, participated in *What a Character*, a two-day social studies event based on the *This I Believe* book study sponsored locally by Dare Education Foundation.
- Eighty percent of students in grades 3-5 participated in the Fiction Diggers program. The CHES team won the district silver medal.
- Thirty-five fourth and fifth grade students participated in National Novel Writing Month with the goal of writing a 7,400-word novel. Twelve students completed and published novels.
- First grade teacher Kristin Gray was selected as Dare County's Math Teacher of the Year in a program sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics.