



# Spann Elementary Panda Paws



“On our way, on the MOVE every day, to be WORLD class.”

Mission: Spann Elementary provides opportunities to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all learners.

Vision: Spann Elementary desires to prepare all students for the world by valuing diversity, opening their minds through personalized learning and encouraging them to be lifelong learners in the global community.

We are excited to kick off our Spann Superhero Sprint on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to raise \$12,000 for Classroom Furniture and Flexible Seating, Grants, and PTA-funded activities and to strengthen our school community.



Our school has always relied on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities to enhance student learning.

We completely understand if your family is not in a position to financially support the school right now. You can still be involved by simply SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and extended family online at [mybooster.com](https://mybooster.com). Sharing IS supporting!

Just as we worked to safely begin school this year, we are also safely hosting this essential fundraiser based on our school’s current guidelines. We’ll send more details, as we get closer to our kick off.

Key dates to remember:

REGISTRATION OPENS - 1/31 Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://MYBOOSTER.COM)

Spann Superhero Sprint Kick-Off Off - 2/14

Event Day - 2/24 Outdoor Fun Run

Requirements to be Counted Present for the School Day

Students must attend school for 50% of the instructional day to be counted present.

Explanation/Clarification

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) states that a school year consists of 180 days of instruction. In Dorchester School District Two a day of instruction is 7 hours long. Students must be present for 3½ hours of instruction for the instructional day to count as one of the 180 days required by the SCDE. This includes “Early Release” days. An “Early Release” day only consists of 3¾ hours of instruction. Therefore, even on the “Early Release” days a student needs to be present for 3½ hours of instruction to be counted present for the instructional day.



February calendar items

- 2nd: PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 7th: 4th Grade PTA Program
- 9th: Class Picture Day
- 13th: School Board Meeting
- 17th: NO SCHOOL - Staff Day
- 20th: Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL
- 24th: SPANN SUPERHERO SPRINT
- 24th: Spann Spirit Day & Terrific Kids

We would like to congratulate our:

Teacher of the Year: Ms. Kelli Brosnan (Art)

Rookie Teacher of the Year: Ms. Reagan Dutton (2nd Grade)

STAR Performer of the Year: Ms. Melodee Tant (Receptionist)

Way to go!!! You represent Spann well!



Coming in March



Career Day

We are looking for volunteers to come and share about their occupations. Please contact Kristin Tanner ([ktanner@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:ktanner@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)) or Deitra Gibbs ([deigibbs@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:deigibbs@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)) for more information or call the school at 843-873-3050.



Kiwanis Terrific Kids  
December      January

PD am	-	Trevor Verkerke
4KA	Tian Murray	Andy Huynh
4KB	Alan Alvarez Ortega	Paul Stone
PDK	Samuel Cassidy	Mason Wolfe
KA	Shane Prizzie	Iker Juarez-Vasquez
KB	Justin Pollard	Madeline Jones
KC	Kingston Dais	Kennedy Kerr
1A	Farrah Baud	Thiago Chiche-Carretero
1B	Parker Perasso	Layla Granger
1C	Shane Dudley	Vivian Lovin
1D	Annabeth Cox	Micah Davis
2A	E’va Ervin	Kayleigh Phillips
2B	Kaiden Tellez	Patterson Lloyd
2C	Tyler Brothers	Lismar Paredes Dugarte
2D	Zyonna Solomon	Bradley Kirkland
2E	Kylee Mason	Ava Solomon
3A	Zoe Koubenek	Ethan Everett
3B	Alanna Wheaton	B.J. Scott
3C	Jay’ron Grant	Ashlyn Mitchell
3D	Kuame Wine	Jackson Chapman
3E	Avah McDuffie	Ry’zel Pryor
4A	Keaton Klimovich	Jude Deitch
4B	Jackson Thompson	Olivia Beard
4C	Blakely Young	Jaylen Wiley
5A	Elijah Milam	Josh Osteritter
5B	Isabella Haven	Shakai Prioleau
5C	Trey Wright	Tay’len Liston
5D	Matthew De La Rosa	Layla McGuire
Cross Cat	Alanna Mitchell	Jaylen Williams
R180	Rebecca Eve Garcia	Christian Middleton-

### WHAT DOES "PERSONALIZED LEARNING" MEAN?

#### WHAT?

Personalized Learning is the individualization of curriculum and pacing for each student to reach mastery of all learning standards while allowing them voice and choice in their learning environment as well as their evidence of learning.

#### WHO?

Students at Spann are taking ownership over their learning and building confidence in their skills.

#### HOW?

Your student's teacher may implement some of the following:

- Pretests - Check for Prior Knowledge
- Pathways - Personalized Learning Plan for each standard based on Pretest scores
- Checkpoints - One piece of evidence for students to show mastery of the content
- Flexible Seating - Seating/Workspace options

#### WHY?

Every student has their own strengths and needs as a learner. They all learn at their own pace and have individualized learning styles that impact how they learn best. Personalized learning emphasizes mastery of the content, which in turn builds student confidence and ownership of their learning.

#### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Ask your child's teacher about the different ways learning is being personalized in their classroom.

South Carolina Book Award  
Voting Day is Friday February  
24th!

K – 2 students will be voting for the South Carolina Picture Book Award. They are reading the books in their class.

3rd-5th graders must read 3 books from the list to be eligible to vote.



Congratulations to our  
Reflections winners  
Award of Excellence

Joaquin Diaz – Music Composition  
Matthew Gomez – Literature  
Zyonna Solomon – Visual Arts

Award of Merit

Hillary Wolf – Literature  
Naomi Colter – Visual Arts  
Alexandra Trahan – Visual Arts

The **American Heart Association** would like to thank Spann for taking the Kids Heart Challenge and raising over \$8,000.00. A special thank you to our Heart Warrior, Chloe Terry who was our top fund raiser this year.