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## **LAKE CAROLINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINS PALMETTO'S FINEST**

Lake Carolina Elementary School is one of four 2008 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Schools. It is the only winning school in the Midlands. This makes the sixth consecutive year a Richland Two school has received this prestigious honor sponsored by Carolina First Bank and coordinated by the S. C. Association of School Administrators. Richland Two's Killian Elementary School was a finalist in the contest. In all, 12 district schools have won the award, with two schools winning twice.

Excited teachers, school supporters and education leaders representing the 12 finalist schools gathered Monday, March 3, at Columbia's Koger Center for the Arts. The schools had progressed through an intensive application process. The coveted awards are presented each year to two elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.

### *Other Richland Two Palmetto's Finest Award Winners:*

Forest Lake Elementary School	2006-07
Blythewood Middle School	2005-06
Keels Elementary School	2004-05, 1985-86
Bookman Road Elementary School	2003-04
Ridge View High School	2003-04
E.L. Wright Middle School	2002-03
North Springs Elementary School	2000-01
Dent Middle School	1997-98, 1987-88
Summit Parkway Middle School	1993-94
Conder Elementary School	1980-81
Nelson Elementary School	1978-79

Additionally, Lake Carolina is one of five South Carolina schools named as a National Blue Ribbon Finalist. Winners will be announced in the fall.

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