

Additional Information

Oakdale Elementary School welcomes and encourages ALL parents to become involved. There are a number of opportunities available such as:

- Mentoring students
- Parent workshops and Lunch and Learn events
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- PTO Green Dragon Donors Club
- Volunteering for events and activities



Purpose of Annual Report

This report is issued by the Oakdale SIC in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Oakdale SIC Members

Chair: Mniokhi Sims-Brewton, Parent
Vice Chair: Jennifer Welborn, Parent
Teacher: Ayanna Brice
Teacher: Ayenne Smith
Community: Al Leonard
Principal: Denise Khaalid
Assistant Principal: Christopher Eaton

SIC Web Site: <https://sic.sc.gov/>



Oakdale Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2020-2021



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Vision

Preparing ALL Students for a Successful Future!

Mission Statement

Oakdale STEAM Elementary School will ensure that ALL students are empowered to think critically, collaborate, and become lifelong learners in a positive learning environment.

SIC Annual Goals

In the fall, the Oakdale SIC members reviewed the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan. The group decided to collaborate to increase families' understanding of social emotional learning (SEL) and provide practical strategies to use at home. See activities below.

Social Emotional Learning Activities

- Participated in the Hayden Hurst Foundation Grant
- Implemented *In Focus* SEL curriculum school-wide
- Provided parent access to *In Focus* SEL at home activities
- Shared SEL topics during monthly PTO and SIC meetings
- Included SEL Segment with tips in Weekly Reminders email newsletter for families
- Collaborated with Tom McSheehy, author of *In Focus* to host family SEL workshop title "Oakie Connects"
- Piloted Abii Robot for SEL instruction

- Provided each family with emoji refrigerator magnet to support discussions about SEL
- Created and administered survey to determine needs and next steps for 2021-2022
- Started "Oakie Connects" SEL video series

Student Achievement

This year, Winter 2021 MAP testing results indicated growth across all grade levels in math and reading from the fall to the winter administration. Our Dragon Time was used to provide enrichment and intervention for students. Five tutors were also hired to provide support during the school day. Due to the COVID-related school closures, schools did not have report card ratings for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about report cards, go to SC Department of Education at www.ed.sc.gov.

Other School Achievements

- Continued Sunday Read Aloud program featuring staff and community readers
- Continued school-wide implementation of Class Dojo for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Opened online SOAR Store for students to order items using Dojo points earned
- Implemented "100 Books Challenge" to encourage students/classes to read
- Launched Oakdale YouTube Channel to feature school-created content such as Sunday Read Alouds and Movement Mondays
- Started DNN Writers Club for student reporters on location
- Presented virtual concert with music producer Brent Daniels

- Participated in Kids' Lab/You Be the Chemist event
- Created Virtual Career Fair featuring community members at job locations
- Continued as Winthrop Partner School to prepare future teachers
- Placed interns in music, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade classes
- Participated in ASPIRE grant with Winthrop University to provide intensive hands on experience for aspiring teachers
- Held the Annual STEAM fair for 4K-5th grade
- Competed and had five students place in Piedmont Region 3 Science Fair
- Hosted several virtual family engagement sessions such as Fall into Reading, Breakfast with Principals, Nifty Numbers, and Lunch and learn
- Completed community service projects such as collections of food for the Winter Wishes with South Pointe High School, toys for Tender Hearts, toiletries for the homeless
- PTO continued fundraisers and provided teachers with gift cards to purchase recess equipment and class supplies
- Received \$1,875 from Dragon Donors Program to support PTO projects
- Five teachers completed School Gardening for SC Educators course through Clemson University
- Stan Rhodes names RHS District Teacher of the Year
- Denise Khaalid named RHS first District Principal of the Year and SC Elementary Principal of the Year

Thank you for your continued support during this school year. We're stronger together. Watch us SOAR!