

## Additional Information

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

- Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students)
- Parenting Partners Workshop Series (next session Fall 2016)
- Parent workshops and Lunch and Learn events
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Volunteering for events and activities or as a classroom helper, mentor, tutor, etc.



## Purpose of Annual Report

This Report is issued by the Oakdale Elementary School Improvement Council 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.



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## Oakdale Elementary School

## Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2015-2016



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## **Vision**

Preparing ALL Students for a Successful Future

## **Mission Statement**

Oakdale Elementary School STEM Magnet 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 2015-2016 School Improvement Plan goals. One specific goal area addresses school climate. The Oakdale SIC wants to support a positive school climate and increase achievement of all students. The Oakdale SIC decided to help support this effort by improving parent communication and increasing Oakdale's social media presence through Twitter and FaceBook, for example. The SIC met with Mychal Frost, Director of Communications for Rock Hill Schools, for input and to also learn more about the Rock Hill Schools app.

## **Power of Mentoring**

- Held orientation for mentoring program
- Received recommendations for student participants and parent approval
- Official launch of Power of Mentoring in October 2015 with 25 mentors
- Mentors include community members, local members of Army, and Call Me MISTER Program at Winthrop University
- Mentors meet with mentees weekly, usually for lunch
- Mentors have provided over 280 volunteer hours to date

## **Student Achievement**

This year was the first year that teachers had to write Student Learning Objectives (SLOs). Grade level teachers focused on reading achievement to coincide with the goal in our School Improvement Plan. We continued to have scheduled time for Response to Intervention (RtI) for all grade levels during the school day to accelerate and remediate students. For more information, you may view Oakdale's South Carolina School Report Card for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).

## **School Achievements**

- Received \$162,000 Math Science Partnership Grant to support STEM professional development; partnered with STEM Centers of SC, Winthrop University, York Technical College, Saluda Trail, South Pointe, St. Anne's, and Freedom Montessori for STEM learning
- 22 students competed in USC- Upstate Piedmont Regional Science Fair; three students placed out of 800 entries; Jordan Pierce, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, first place in physics; Treyton Moton, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, second place in physics; Jae Bron Belin, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, honorable mention in biology
- Kyle Drayton, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, recognized as finalist in the Sodexo Future Chef Competition
- Kewanis Wilmore, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, recognized as SC Economics Calendar Contest winner
- 2016 Science Bowl team made it to semi-finals
- Rock Hill Schools Honors Choir members – Jadon Fewell, Tiffanie

Caldwell, Chance Gilmore, Treyton Moton, Tamara Stewart, Carmela Thousand

- 17 students competed in the Duke Energy Invention Convention in Greenville, SC
- Established Student Council
- Started Dragon Fitness Club
- Held 1<sup>st</sup> Annual One School, One Book Initiative
- Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Literacy Picnic to encourage families reading together
- Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Related Arts Showcase featuring Asian art, music, and dancing
- Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Challenge
- Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Career Fair featuring over 25 community and parent guests
- Parenting Partners workshop series had 7 parent graduates in Fall 2015
- Teachers wrote and received over \$6,000 in grants from supporters such as the Rock Hill Education Foundation, Family Trust, and Donors Choose
- Six teachers participating in iSTEM Innovation Institute at Saluda Trail Middle that partners with industry and schools across the state
- Completed multiple community service projects (canned food drive, Giving Tree, Jump Rope for Heart, Humane Society, Pennies for Pandas)
- Held Arbor Day Ceremony and planted tree with special guest Mayor Doug Echols
- Refined Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to ensure consistent school-wide expectations
- Will officially be a STEAM school in 2016-2017 creating a K-12 program that includes Saluda Trail Middle School and South Pointe High School as feeder programs.