

## Additional Information

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

- Mentoring students
- Parenting Partners Workshop Series (next session Fall 2017)
- 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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## Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2016-2017



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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 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan goals. One specific goal area addressed reading achievement. The Oakdale SIC wanted to support reading at school and home to increase achievement of all students. The council decided to support this effort by helping organize a workshop for parents to see kindergarten and second grade guided reading lessons in action. The evaluation feedback was very positive, and next year we will provide opportunities to observe reading and math instruction in grades K-5.

## **Power of Mentoring**

- Continued Power of Mentoring with 25 mentors
- Mentors include local community members, Call Me MISTER Program at Winthrop University, and students from Clinton Junior College
- Mentors meet with mentees weekly, usually for lunch
- Mentors have provided over 276 volunteer hours to date for 2016-2017

## **Student Achievement**

This was the second 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**

- Became STEAM school creating a K-12 program that includes Saluda Trail Middle School and South Pointe High School as feeder programs
- Continued use of \$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, and St. Anne's Catholic School
- 19 students competed in the SC 4-H Engineering Challenge in Orangeburg, SC; received 1<sup>st</sup> place for energy house, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and honorable mention for energy oven out of 200 student participants
- One 5<sup>th</sup> grade student recognized as 2017 SC Economics Calendar Contest winner out of over 500 entries
- 2017 Science Bowl team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 16 schools participating
- 10 students competed in USC- Upstate Piedmont Regional Science Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Rock Hill Schools Honors Choir members
- Inducted 47 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Junior Beta Club
- Named a 2017 National Beta Club School of Merit which will be publicized at the National Beta Club Convention in Orlando, FL in June 2017
- Battle of the Books team made it to the Elite 8 in district competition
- Participated in 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) Drone Discovery
- Robotics Club participated in Wonder League Competition
- Started Art Club, Engineering Club, Honors Chorus Club
- Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual One School, One Book Initiative
- Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Literacy Picnic to encourage families reading together
- Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Related Arts Showcase featuring Mexican art, music, dancing, and readers' theater
- Held the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual STEAM Challenge
- Held 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair featuring over 30 community and parent guests
- Held multiple parent workshops and events such as Math Magic Night, Mind in the Making, Reading Safari Night, guided reading observations, and Lunch and Learn
- Completed community service projects such as canned food drive, collections for the homeless Giving Tree, Jump Rope for Heart, and school clean up days
- Became one several PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) pilot programs for Rock Hill Schools
- Teachers wrote and received over \$6,400 in grants from supporters such as the Rock Hill Education Foundation, Donors Choose, Home Depot, and PPG in Chester, SC