

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 2015)
- Parent Nights 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.



Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

May 5 – SIC meeting at 6:00 p.m.
May 7 and 8 – PASS Testing (4th and 5th grades)
May 14 – Game Truck for students who sold at least two boxes of World's Finest Chocolate
May 18 -22 – Scholastic Book Fair
May 19 – PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m.
May 21 – Related Arts Showcase 6:00 p.m.
May 25 – Bad weather make-up day
May 27 – Lunch and Learn; Parent sessions to review MAP test results
June 1 – Field Day
June 4 – Last day for students; report cards distributed

Oakdale SIC Members

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Purpose of the 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” 2014-2015



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Mission Statement

Oakdale will empower students with the ability to think critically and collaborate to solve complex problems. Oakdale students will develop strong work ethics and effective communication skills that will enable them to become life-long, innovative learners embracing science, technology, engineering, and math.

SIC Annual Goals

In the fall, the Oakdale SIC members reviewed the 2014-2015 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, but specifically male students, based on school data, and reduce discipline incidents among this group, as well. The Oakdale SIC decided to help support this effort by establishing a mentoring program – Mentoring Matters.

Actions taken in establishing the Mentoring Matters Program have included the following:

- Visited Leaphart Elementary School in Columbia, SC as a model program
- Created informational presentation on Mentoring Matters
- Created informational packet and guidelines for Mentoring Matters participants
- Held orientation for mentoring program
- Sent letters and email messages to various to parents, community groups/ members to solicit support

- Partnering with Call Me MISTER Program at Winthrop University for additional support

Student Achievement

On the 2014 SC Annual Report Card, Oakdale received an Absolute Rating of “Average” and a Growth Rating of “Average.” Oakdale’s Federal Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) rating was a “B.” We 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.

School Achievements

- Three former 5th grade students recognized for perfect scores on various 2014 PASS subject tests
- Richard Slack, 5th grade, and Briggs Lee, 1st grade, recognized as Fire Safety Award winners
- Olivia Oliver, 5th grade, recognized as finalist in the Sodexo Future Chef Competition
- Sean Miller, 5th grade, recognized as SC Economics Calendar Contest winner
- Added 4K class to support early childhood education
- Held 1st Annual Fun Run
- Started Art Club
- Started school newspaper *Dragon Times*
- Started Girls on the Run chapter
- Started FCA Huddle Group
- Started Kind Kidz Club
- Established Beta Club
- Participated in You Be the Chemist competition for second year
- Participated in the Duke Energy Invention Convention for the first time
- Art Club participated in and placed in Recycled Runway Competition
- Held the 2nd Annual STEM Challenge
- Held 2nd Annual Career Fair featuring over 25 community and parent guests
- Established Parenting Partners workshop series; had Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 parent graduates
- Alexis Moore, 2nd grade teacher, named as finalist for Rock Hill Schools Beginning Teacher of the Year
- Teachers wrote and received over \$6,000 in grants from supporters such as the Rock Hill Education Foundation, Family Trust, and Donors Choose
- Three teachers participating in iSTEM program in Spartanburg that partners with industry and schools across the state
- Completed multiple community service projects (canned food drive, Giving Tree, Jump Rope for Heart, Baby Bottle Benefit, St. Jude Math Marathon)
- Installed Little Free Library in partnership with Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods and ATC
- Updated interior – painting, murals, signage, media center and office furniture, tilework
- Updated exterior – new signage, vertical gardens
- Installed new playground equipment and artificial turf
- Partnering with Eagle Scouts to create outdoor classroom, update garden boxes, and plant fruit orchard
- Refined Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to ensure consistent school-wide expectations