

SCES Mission & Beliefs

Our Mission

The Mission of Sugar Creek Elementary is to put children first by positively supporting diversity within a safe learning community while in pursuit of excellence through an engaging curriculum and a love of learning.

Our Beliefs

At Sugar Creek Elementary, WE BELIEVE...

Putting Children First

We will commit to

- High expectations for our students
- Forming personal relationships with students
- Treating children with respect
- Recognizing positive behavior and hard work
- Creating a safe school environment
- Innovative and engaging instruction
- Creating a trustworthy learning environment

Striving for Excellence

We will commit to

- Having a positive attitude
- Modeling life-long learning
- Having high expectations of ourselves and our students
- Being prepared to meet the needs of our students
- Holding ourselves and our students accountable
- Reflecting and improving our practice
- Embracing and celebrating diversity

Building Positive Relationships

We will commit to

- Having an open mind
- Fostering a friendly and inviting school community
- Communicating clearly and effectively
- Providing positive feedback to stakeholders
- Respecting each other as valued team members
- Collaborating with families
- Working together towards our school's vision

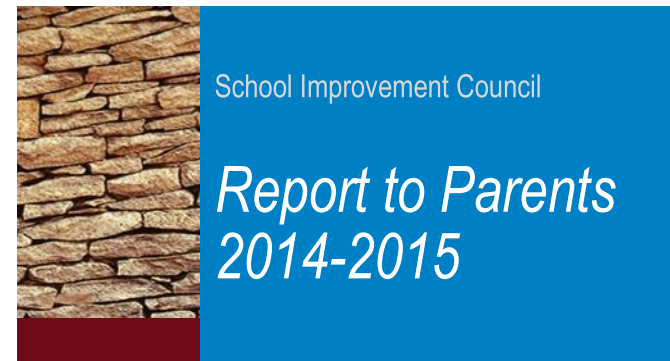
Let us Introduce Ourselves!

Sugar Creek Elementary School Improvement Council Members

Michelle Gritz, Principal
Brigitte Wagner, Assistant Principal
Shane Cacciatore— President
Michele Mediavilla— Secretary
Craig Willers— Community Member
Tara Thompson— Parent
Stacia Heeney— Parent
Takesha Pollock— Parent
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**Our Vision at Sugar Creek Elementary is
Putting Children First, Striving for
Excellence, and Building Strong
Relationships.**



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The Department of Education for the State of South Carolina releases report card information annually on each school's performance. View the full report card at: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/index.cfm>

Performance Update

South Carolina School Report Card Sugar Creek Elementary received an Excellent ABSOLUTE rating and a good OVERALL rating on our most recent school report card. These ratings indicate that our school performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision. In addition, our school received an B on the ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System.

2014 South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS) The table below shows the percentage of our students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" during the 2013-14 school year.

	Writing	Lang. Arts	Math	Science	Soc. Studies
3rd	90.1	90.8	82.5	86.3	90.0
4th	87.0	84.8	81.9	81.2	96.4
5th	91.6	87.0	81.4	74.7	91.5

Purpose of Report

This report is issued by the Sugar Creek Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) in accordance with South Carolina law to share information regarding the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other notable accomplishments from this school year.

A Year in Review

Using the Fort Mill School District Strategic Plan and the SCES School Improvement Plan, our School Improvement Council, Parent-Teacher Organization, faculty and staff worked together to establish goals for improvement this year. Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the profile of the SC graduate by:

Striving for Excellence

Sugar Creek Elementary is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and maintains an All Clear status from the State Department of Education. For the fifth year in a row, our school earned the Palmetto Gold Award for high student achievement and the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap.

Our school selected Jenny Barnett, 2nd grade teacher as the 2014-15 Teacher of the Year and chose Kara Jones, Power school clerk, as the 2014-15 Support

Staff of the Year.

Our teachers participated in a variety of professional development opportunities including conferences that focused on teacher needs, school led workshops that focused on implementing technology in the classrooms, and utilizing data notebooks in Kindergarten.

Sugar Creek Elementary was recognized as "Champions of Character" by the Carolina Panthers. To celebrate this honor we hosted a Panther's pep rally, participated in Play 60 Fitness Camp and awarded \$2,500.



Our PTO tirelessly raises money to support students and teachers through Spirit Nights, Sharkathon, and school Luau.

Clubs like SNN News, Striders, 5th Grade Mentors, Safety Patrol, Girls on the Run, Archery, Environmental Club, 5th grade-Nutritional Team Choir and Chimes allow our students to demonstrated talents and leadership.



Building Strong Relationships

We have been recognized as a No Place for Hate school for the fourth year in a row. To celebrate our school's diverse community, our annual Cultural Fair was hosted in February. It continues to be highly attended by SCES families. This event is directly correlated with our character program of being a No Place for Hate School.

We celebrated a school-wide #PositivePostItWeek. The purpose is to promote kindness and respect. Students, staff and parents wrote uplifting post-it messages to one another throughout the week.

Putting Children First

Implementing physical fitness into the curriculum has been a goal at SCES. Our P.E. teachers have been visible on the morning news show modeling a variety of exercises for students to practice in class. They have also developed Fun Fitness Friday's once a quarter where students participate in a variety of physical activity rotations.

To continue meeting the needs of our students our math and reading specialists invested their teaching towards co-planning and co-teaching to create model classrooms in 1st through 5th grades.



School Improvement Council Goals

One of our main goals as a school is to make decisions that are aligned with our vision, mission and beliefs. Our decision making process involves a variety of stakeholders including our SIC, PTO, teachers, staff and parents. Utilizing feedback from our stakeholders is a critical process to our success at Sugar Creek Elementary. Our accomplishments are directly tied to our vision of putting children first, striving for excellence, and building positive relationships. The SIC met monthly to discuss topics that focused on the vision of Sugar Creek Elementary. The topics related to student growth included discussions regarding the school budget, Cultural Night, school accreditation.