

# 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...

- \* All students will learn and succeed in an inviting and safe school environment
- \* Our roles in educating students are without boundaries
- \* Excellence is the result of high expectations and continuous improvement
- \* Learning must be meaningful, challenging and engaging: Quality instruction is innovative and research-based
- \* The home, the school, and the community share in the education of our students
- \* In meeting the personal and educational needs of each student while building positive relationships
- \* Our school community should exhibit trustworthiness, accountability and individuality



**Putting Children First**

**Striving for Excellence**

**Building Strong Relationships**

## Let us Introduce Ourselves!

*Sugar Creek Elementary  
School Improvement Council Members*

Shane Cacciatore- Chair

Michele Mediavilla- Secretary

Michelle Gritz, Principal

Brigitte Wagner, Assistant Principal

Agaisha Granger, Teacher

Megan McNinch, Teacher

Craig Willers-Community Member

Rhonda Blackmon- Parent

Jennifer Collings-

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Tara Thompson, Parent



School Improvement Council

**Report to Parents  
2013-2014**



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## 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 A on the ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System.

**2013 South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)** The table below shows the percentage of our students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" on during the 2012-13 school year.

	Writing	Lang. Arts	Math	Science	Soc. Studies
3rd	82.1	91.9	74.0	78.0	96.9
4th	90.6	86.9	89.2	89.2	93.1
5th	87.1	94.7	86.3	93.8	80.3

## 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.

## 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 fourth 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 Jill Fuller, music teacher, as the 2013-14 Teacher of the Year and chose Terri Misenheimer, Kindergarten assistant, as the 2013-14 Support

Staff of the Year. We were also honored to have the District Teacher of the Year, Lipi Pratt, serve with us as a GT teacher this school year.

Our teachers participated in a variety of professional development opportunities this year, including a district-wide writing course, implementation of innovative technology, teacher-led book studies, co-teaching workshops, mentor training as well as workshops on math, English Language Arts, and other areas of need.

## Building Strong Relationships

We have been recognized as a No Place for Hate school for the third year in a row. As a school, we have participated in many spirit days to raise awareness for issues impacting our school community, including breast cancer, apraxia, MPS, OI and others.

To celebrate our school's diverse community, the Cultural Fair was hosted in February. It continues to be highly attended by SCES families.

To help parents understand the

transition to new standards, SIC sponsored a Curriculum Night focused on standards implementation.

## Putting Children First

Our PTO tirelessly raises money to support students through events like Spirit Nights, Sharkathon, and Spring Luau.

Clubs like SNN News, Striders, 5th Grade Mentors, Safety Patrol, Choir and Chimes allow our students to demonstrate their talents and leadership potential.



## School Improvement Council Goals

The Sugar Creek Elementary School Improvement Council continues to place importance on promoting student achievement and fostering the positive relationship between the school and the families it serves. To meet these goals, SIC focused its support on two events: the Cultural Fair and Curriculum Night. For the Cultural Fair members of the SIC provided volunteer labor to set up and staff several of the food vendor tents. The Curriculum Night was focused around standards, an area of concern expressed by the community. The members of SIC invited teachers to a council meeting to learn more about standards and then decided that a parent night would be an effective way to share this information with families. Survey data was collected following the Curriculum Night to determine the effectiveness of the presentation and to identify additional needs.