

What is the School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory committee of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. The purpose of the committee is to work collectively as stakeholders in the community to improve all areas of student achievement at Red Cedar Elementary School.

The Role of the SIC:

- Participate in the development of the five year School Improvement Plan.
- Assist in the implementation of the plan and evaluating progress.
- Write the Annual Report to the Parents about the progress of the school in achieving the objectives of the plan.
- Serve as liaison between the school, community, and school board members.

RCES 16-17 SIC Goals

- The SIC will increase and retain parent, staff, and community involvement in school-based decisions as part of the School Improvement Council.
- Staff will create and implement in-house professional development to showcase best practices in all academic areas as well as classroom management.
- We will deepen staff understanding and knowledge of how to differentiate socially/emotionally/academically for all learners and sharing that knowledge with the school community through multiple outreach opportunities.

This report is issued by Red Cedar Elementary's School Improvement Council, in accordance with South Carolina state law, to communicate the school's progress in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the five year plan. We also hope to highlight the many others achievements and accomplishments attained throughout the year.



Palmetto's Finest 2015

Character Ed Students of the Month:

Jeffrey Baughman, Norah Laizer,
Kaelynn Cox, Cameron Davis, Amiee
Roblero Bonilla, Hunter Dail,
Joshua Angulo Lopez

School Improvement Council

Emalee Baker, Chair
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Alissa Stripling, Teacher
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Rebecca Hannahs, Teacher
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Red Cedar Elementary School

Annual Report to the Parents 2016-2017



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Dear Foxes,

Our eighth school year is filled with much to celebrate. Academic achievement through Project Based Learning and differentiation remains our focus. We work to grow 21st century learners via technology, Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM), and by developing problem solving skills on a daily basis. Students find choice in their own learning through Genius Hour, as they research and explore topics of their independent interests.

Health and fitness has been a common thread of celebration this school year. Our 7th Annual Foxes Trot 5K was again a success that resulted in donations to provide clean water and food within our school, our community, and also globally. Students are treated to a Food of the Month via "Project Produce" to grow their tastes in nutrient rich fruits and vegetables. Fuel Up to Play 60 has again rewarded RCES as a model school that resulted in a pep rally with the Carolina Panthers!

With the earlier school start and dismissal times we have implemented after school care for first thru fifth graders. Foxes Til Five has given our fox families an option for affordable after school care for all that need it.

Join our SIC! We would love to have more community members and parents join us as we work to make RCES the best it can be!

Red Cedar does Whatever It Takes!

Teacher of the Year: Polly Gump (16-17) New TOY—TBD	Support Staff Member of the Year: Helena Williams
Fuel Up to Play 60 Southeastern Model School—visit from Carolina Panthers	Sodexo "Project Pro- duce" Food of the Month Grant Recipient
Music Bridges Partnership with Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra	Best In Show! Bluffton Christmas Parade
Rewards for Excellence sponsored by The South Carolina Nation- al School Public Rela- tions Association	Sodexo Future Chefs: Mia Campbell Sophia Blackwell
5th Grade overnight field trip to Camp Bob Cooper	1st Grade was granted a field trip to the SC Aquarium
RAKTivists become fans in the stands at The Special Olympics	Cranford Hollow and Foxes Jam on stage together



Palmetto Gold for
Overall Achievement

Palmetto Silver for Closing
the Achievement Gap

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Vision Statement: We will do whatever it takes to ensure all students find success.

Mission Statement: We empower our students to be life-long learners, innovative thinkers, and citizens of good character in an ever changing world.

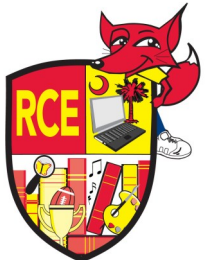
NEW to Red Cedar: Foxes Jam,
Foxes Til 5, Peer Mediators, La Lectura

Clubs: Art, Choir, Craft, Dance, Drawing,
Drum & Dance, First Tee, Planeteers,
RAKTivists, Robotics, Running, Sports

Community: Coastal Empire Mental Health,
Pennies for Patients, lending libraries, Backpack
Buddies, Happy Feet, Ronald McDonald dental
mobile, South State Bank student banking

Volunteers: United
Way, Red Cedar
Gazette, WIT, Lions Club,
Champion Mentors

Extras: Foxes Chill,
Fox Tales Literary
Magazine,
monthly Chic-Fil-A nights



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