

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 its 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.

The Goals of the RCES SIC:

- **Advocate** the unique needs of our school to our elected School Board members as well as school district officials.
- **Communicate** effectively to parents, educators, and community members the curriculum changes taking place as well as the programmatic changes to come.
- **Foster and promote** a healthy learning environment essential to the academic success of our students.



Find your PTO and SIC on Facebook!

This report is issued by Red Cedar Elementary School'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 other achievements and accomplishments attained throughout the year.

School Improvement Council

Chair: Michel Claudio

Vice Chair: Victoria Noyes

Secretary: Whitney Sikora

Members: Debra Ryan, Teresa Ullman, Anthony Claudio, Cynthia Laizer

Principal: Dr. Kathleen Corley

Assistant Principal: Melissa Vogt

Congratulations to our
Classified Staff Member of the
Year: **Ms. Vicki Ratzel!**

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Champ: **Levla**

Red Cedar Elementary School

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Annual Report to the Parents

2013-2014



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Red Cedar Elementary School opened its doors in 2009 with 741 students. Today, our enrollment totals 779. With the opening of the new elementary school in Bluffton, our enrollment is expected to drop to a much more comfortable 559.

Your SIC has worked closely with the district and school board to make sure our needs are met with the upcoming student re-assignment plan. Next year, your SIC will focus on getting the information about the new attendance zones to all of our students and parents, as well as facilitate as smooth a transition as possible for all of the students being reassigned.

We created a 5 year School Renewal Plan (available here: [Plan](#)) based on the vision set forth by the school district and Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Moss.

This year also will also see our first school-wide musical performance *Fun on 42nd Street* showcasing the talents of over 50 of our students and the extraordinary amount of dedication of our teachers and staff.

Finally, something we take tremendous pride in: We are **Closing the Achievement Gap**! We have shown (through year to year comparison of student growth as measured by state PASS scores) a significant increase in the performance of historically under-performing groups of students. How did we do that? Well, by doing **Whatever It Takes**, of course! Our **WIT** program continues with the entire staff of our school participating in 45 minutes each day of concentrated student instruction based on the needs of each student.

Next year promises even more exciting opportunities for our students as we transition into a Project-Based Learning School, and a School of Choice in 2015-2016.

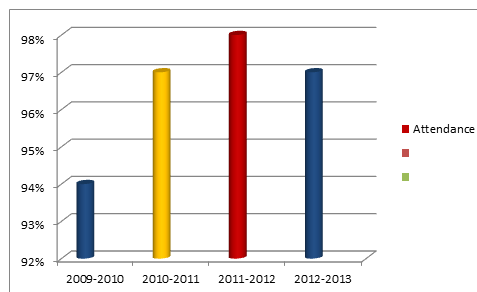
We are continually looking for more parents and community members to take part in our work with the School Improvement Council. Please stop by our meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm in the Art Room.

Vision Statement

We, the families, staff, and community of Red Cedar Elementary, strive to foster a love of knowledge, self, and others within each of our students, while empowering them to be life-long learners, innovative thinkers, and citizens of good character in an ever-changing world

Attendance

Red Cedar Elementary takes attendance seriously. We know we only have 180 days to teach and we want to take advantage of every day.



Helpful links:

2013 School Report Card: <https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/2013/elem/c/e0701034.pdf>

Beaufort County School District: <http://www.beaufort.k12.sc.us/pages/BCSD>

SC SIC: <http://sic.sc.gov>

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

We are so proud of the hard work that has gone into teaching our students:

- Closing the Achievement Gap - Palmetto Silver Award
- Made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - 5 years & counting...
- Earned the Highest Level of Achievement in the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP).
- Sue West Educator of the Year went to our very own Ms. Emalee Baker.

NEW AT RCES THIS YEAR

- **Mind up Program**
- **Thinking Maps**
- **School Musical**
"Fun on 42nd Street"

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Art Club ♦ Chess Club ♦ Craft Club ♦ Drawing Club ♦ Drum & Dance ♦ Girl Scouts ♦ Graphic Design ♦ GT Dance ♦ Hip Hop ♦ Honors Choir ♦ Jazz Hip Hop ♦ Kindness Club ♦ Robotics ♦ Running Club ♦ Sports Club ♦ Theater

