

## 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.



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& 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:** Shannon Harwell  
**Secretary:** Lauren Brooks  
**Members:** Gwen Taylor, Teresa Ullman, Anthony Claudio, Cynthia Laizer  
**Principal:** Dr. Kathleen Corley  
**Assistant Principal:** Melissa Vogt

## Red Cedar Elementary School

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### Annual Report to the Parents

**2015-2016**



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Red Cedar Elementary School has had another great year! We have been busy building on all of the great work and achievements that lead us to 2015's Palmetto's Finest Award.

We transitioned smoothly into our first year as a school of choice insuring all new zoned and opt-in students and families adjusted to "fox-life" here at RCE.

As you may know, Red Cedar Elementary is a Project Based Learning School. Project Based Learning is an exciting way for students to investigate and collaborate while learning to solve problems. Some projects are large, some are small, but all provide an opportunity for our students to apply what they learn to the world around them.

This year, as part of their PBL curriculum, our fourth graders planned a 5k road race. The route was measured, water stations planned, logos designed, and even a charity selected to benefit from the proceeds.

Our Specials team worked with every grade level on The Lion King Jr. production making sets and costumes designing marketing materials and tickets. This ensured that every student had a part in the production, and knows just how much we can accomplish when we work together!

You can read more about PBL here:  
[http://bie.org/about/what\\_pbl](http://bie.org/about/what_pbl)

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 first Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm in the Art Room.

### 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.

Congratulations to our  
Teacher of the Year:  
**Kelly Bausher**

Support Staff  
Member of the  
Year:  
**Michaela Sykes**

Outstanding  
Crossing Guard:  
**Laura Lewis**

Sodexo  
Future Chef:  
**Sara Laizer**

### Helpful links:

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:

- Palmetto Gold - Overall Achievement
- Palmetto Silver - Closing the Achievement Gap
- Fuel up to Play 60 - MVP School
- Peggy May Performing Arts Grant recipient
- Multiple Foundation for Educational Excellence grant winner
- Community Foundation of the Low Country grant recipient
- Touchcast Green Screen Winner

## NEW AT RCES THIS YEAR

- Tech Night
- Maker Faire
- The Lion King Junior

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Art Club ♦ Chess Club ♦ Craft Club  
♦ Drawing Club ♦ Drum & Dance  
♦ Girl Scouts ♦ Graphic Design  
♦ GT Dance ♦ Hip Hop ♦ Honors Choir ♦ Jazz Dance  
♦ Planeteerians ♦ RAKtivists  
♦ Tap Dance ♦ Robotics ♦ Running Club  
♦ Sports Club ♦ Red Cedar Gazette  
♦ First Tee Golf

