

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: Debra Ryan, 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

2014-2015



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Red Cedar Elementary School has had quite a year! We are the honored recipients of the 2015 Palmetto's Finest Award. The extraordinary efforts of every teacher, administrator, staff member, volunteer, and student were put on display for a series of interviews and visitations, and we were able to show off just how special our school really is.

Your SIC has worked closely with the district and school board to make sure our needs are met with the new School of Choice options available to all students. Next year, your SIC will focus on transitioning or newly re-zoned and "opt-in" students and parents to full-fledged foxes!

We created a 5 year School Renewal Plan based on the vision set forth by the school district and Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Moss.

This year also saw our fifth grade field trip to Washington D.C. A year in the making, this trip spanned multiple days and created memories for our students (and staff!) to last a lifetime.

Red Cedar's community partnerships brought even more invaluable opportunities with a concert by the Hilton Head Orchestra for our older students and a visit from Rolando Alejandro of the Hilton Head Piano Competition for our younger students.

Our new Media Center 2.0 is up and running featuring state of the art smart boards and tables, a performance space, and a very popular Lego wall.

Next year, we will continue as a Project Based Learning school. PBL is an exciting way for students to investigate and collaborate while learning to solve problems. You can read more about PBL here: 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 second 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:

Support Staff Member of the Year:

Future Chef Competition Winner:
Loncelle

Helpful links:

2014 School Report Card: <https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/2014/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:

- Palmetto's Finest
- Absolute grade of "Excellent" on the 2014 SC School Report Card
- "A" ESEA Grade
- "Fuel up to Play 60" grant for recess equipment and Salad Bar
- Foundation for Educational Excellence grant for our Robotics Club
- Community Foundation of the Low Country grant recipient

NEW AT RCES THIS YEAR

- **Media Center 2.0**
- **Genius Hour**
- **Fifth Grade trip to Washington D.C.**
- **Project Based Learning**
- **Partnership with First Tee**

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
♦ Planeterians ♦ RAKtivists ♦ Tap Dance
♦ Robotics ♦ Running Club ♦ Sports Club ♦ Red Cedar Gazette

