

School Improvement Council (SIC)

The school improvement council is an advisory committee to the principal and school leadership comprised of parents, educators, and community members. Working together collaboratively, our SIC reviews and monitors school initiatives, student data, and programs to focus on the success of students and the school.

SIC extends an invitation to all parents to take an active role by attending as many monthly meetings as possible.

Andrea Murray, Chair

Tracey Garcia, Vice Chair

Robin Johnson, Secretary



State of SC Annual Report Card Ratings over a 5-year Period

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Average	Average

*New ratings to be released in 2018

Our SIC

"I am proud of the work accomplished by the School Improvement Council this year. Amazing things happen when a group of people focused on student needs put their minds together in collaboration. I look forward to working with the SIC next year to accomplish many more great things."

—Andrea Murray, SIC Chair

Lady's Island Elementary School

Report to Parents

School Improvement Council 2016-2017



Principal

Marvelle Ulmer

Assistant Principal

Jason Osborne

Mission Statement

We prepare students to be productive citizens of the 21st century by creating a child-centered, arts-integrated, standards-based learning environment.

From the SIC



The SIC meets each month to present and discuss a variety of initiatives to enrich the lives of our students.

There were two focus areas during the school year—continuing support for our garden club and gathering information and resources to begin the process of trans-

-forming into an arts

-integrated STEM school (AIS).
The school garden continues to blossom thanks to a grant from Lowe's and a USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable grant. Garden Club students have harvested radishes, rutabegas, and intended to harvest leafy greens, but nearby deer were too hungry. Faced with this problem, the students created scarecrows and investigated how to animal-proof their garden beds.

With grant funding, students across the school receive 3 fresh fruit or vegetable snacks each week, some of which is locally grown and delivered. Next year, the team plans to create additional sections of the garden club so that more students may participate as well as create raised landscaping beds outside of each classroom for individual class gardens.

Our school partnered with the S2TEM Center in Goose Creek, a part of the SC Lowcountry Math and Science Collaborative to begin implementing STEM into our arts-integrated curriculum. A leadership team was identified of administrators, teachers, arts teachers, students, and community members.

Our first steps were to explore the AdvancED certification process by collaborating with district staff and learning about what our sister schools in the BCSD have already done to achieve the certification. The team is ending the year working on gathering evidence of existing STEM practices to present to AdvancED so that a formal visit may take place. Additionally, the leadership team will spend several days over the summer creating integrated units of study that involve problem-based learning.

The SIC was also instrumental in helping the school community develop a new combined mission-vision statement that better reflects what we are doing to reach our goal of student achievement and success.

The SIC also included representation from the fine arts staff at our school at each meeting. SIC members attended district arts strategic planning sessions several times during the school year.

School Sponsored Activities and Programs

- **Connect2Learn**— enhanced learning with iPads for each student in grades k-5
- Artists in Residence with **African Drumming & Dancing** and **Beginning Guitar** focus areas.
- The **BETA Club** sponsored **Pennies for Patients** and the HELP food drive.
- **March Madness** challenge to read 6500 books during the month of March.
- Our **Full Time Literacy Coach** provided ongoing professional development, model lessons, and monitored the implementation of Reader's and Writers' Workshop.
- Students qualified for the **SC Elementary Honor Choir & BCSD Elementary Honor Choir**.
- **Read Across America Week** promoted reading school wide.

- **First Books of Beaufort** visited early childhood classes to promote reading.
- After school programs (D'Arts) included something for everyone with **Dance Ensemble, Visual Arts Club, Theater, Osprey Ovation Show Choir, Young Ospreys Choir, Sport Stacking, Coding Club, Running Club, and Robotics**.
- **The 16th Annual Patriotic Program** honored parents as well as community members.
- Our **Garden Club** thrived after starting last spring.
- Local police officers, firefighters, and military enjoyed lunch with our students at the **Heroes Luncheon**.
- **Osprey News**
- **Science Fair**
- **Osprey Invitational Run and Field Day** at the end of the year
- **Compass Odyssey Incentives** for students who completed the most activities
- **Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)** celebrations every quarter
- Educational Field Trips to **artistic** and **academic** venues such as Savannah Children's Theater, Barefoot Farms, Port Royal Sound Foundation Museum, and more!
- **Holiday Concert and Roadshow**
- **Book Clubs** were available at lunchtime for interested students.