

## 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**

**Brittney St. Cere, 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

Marvelle Ulmer, Principal  
Jason Osborne, Assistant Principal  
Andrea Murray, Chair, Parent  
Brittney St. Cere, Vice Chair, Teacher  
Robin Johnson, Secretary, Parent  
Carol Dawson, Arts Teacher  
Denise Smith, Community Member  
Mike McFee, Community Member  
Lori Alford, Teacher  
Savasah Cummings, Teacher

## Lady's Island Elementary School

### Report to Parents

## School Improvement Council 2017-2018



**Principal**  
Marvelle Ulmer

**SIC Chair**  
Andrea Murray

### Mission Statement

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

# 2017-2018 at Lady's Island Elementary

## From the SIC

The SIC meets each month to present and discuss a variety of initiatives to enrich the lives of our students, based on needs identified in the strategic renewal plan.

The priority focus area this school year was on refreshing and renewing our school climate and thereby increasing student achievement. The staff read *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon. Presentations were made by various members of the staff and the school newsletters and communications to staff reinforced concepts presented in the text. In an effort to boost staff gatherings, the SIC sponsored a special gathering for all staff in March. The SIC also supported the adoption of a Harry-Potter inspired house system for student teams developed by Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. The entire school is divided into five houses with distinct themes that combine African language with low country symbols. The PTO purchased t-shirts for the staff and continue to research a source to fund student shirts. Through pride and positive competition, the houses have nurtured relationships between staff members across the school who would not normally intermingle or collaborate on various academic and socio-emotional matters.

SIC was also in the school's mission to increase reading school wide and improve student comprehension. In an effort to accomplish this goal, posters were created and placed throughout the school. The Reading Challenge was met during the second semester. Students devoured books and recorded the number of minutes read nightly. Specific goals were designated and accompanied by extrinsic rewards to include ice cream, a field trip, and a block party when the school reached the goal.

Garden club continued to be a popular during the first semester. In fact, the group was divided into two groups to accommodate the number of students with green thumbs and a heart for gardening. Cabbages and lettuce were planted in raised beds. Gardeners did not have an opportunity to harvest their crop and enjoy it, because nothing remained after frequent visits by deer, which SIC is actively engaged in remedying!

## 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 **Miming** focus areas.
- The **BETA Club** sponsored the HELP food drive.
- **Reading Bus Literacy Initiative** themed to Jon Gordon's *The Energy Bus* book to increase reading stamina and minutes.
- 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 18th Annual Patriotic Program** honored parents as well as community members.
- Our **Garden Club** continued to thrive.
- Local police officers, firefighters, and military enjoyed lunch with our students at the **Heroes Luncheon**.
- **Osprey News**
- **Science Fair**

- **Field Day** at the end of the year is themed to allow houses to compete against each other for house points.
- **iReady incentives** for students who completed the most activities
- **Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)** celebrations and block party.
- Educational Field Trips to **artistic and academic** venues such as Barefoot Farms, Magnolia Plantation, USCB Performing Arts Center, and Riverbanks Zoo.
- **Holiday Concert** returned to Beaufort High Performing Arts Center **and Roadshow**
- **Book Clubs** were available at lunchtime for interested students.
- **Black History Program** featured a special broadcast of the Osprey News with heroes from the past.
- **Artist in Residence** taught third grade students basket weaving.
- **Jeff Lambdin** introduced all students to "Miming" and body control through a week long residency.
- **African Drumming** was a favorite during after school clubs.
- **Community performances enjoyed by our students** included Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and Dr. Seuss' Christmas Carol.

