

Academic Progress

Report Card Rating

Absolute Rating	Good
Growth Rating	Average

2015 ACT Aspire RESULTS

Reading Ready & Exceeding	37.8%
Math Ready & Exceeding	62.3%
English Ready & Exceeding	70.0%
Writing Ready & Exceeding	29.9%

2015 PASS RESULTS

Science Met & Exemplary	54.8%
Social Studies Met & Exemplary	67.8%

WINTER MAP RESULTS

(% meeting or exceeding national norm)

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>
Read: 72.7%	Read: 53.1%	Read: 58.6%
Math: 75.8%	Math: 56.3%	Math: 62.1%
<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>
Read: 61.7%	Read: 75.8%	Read: 63.0%
Math: 67.6%	Math: 75.8%	Math: 51.9%

*End of year results not available at the time of publication.

Grade Level Field Experiences

- Pre-Kindergarten: Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC
- Kindergarten: Coastal Discovery Museum & Walking Trips to the Cyprus Wetlands and The Sands Beach in Port Royal, SC
- 1st: Beaufort High School's Rendition of Alice and Wonderland & Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC
- 2nd: Weather Station at WSAV, Walking Trip to the Cyprus Wetlands in Port Royal, SC, Hunting Island State Park, & El Galeon Ship Tour
- 3rd-The South Carolina Aquarium & Walking Trips to the Cyprus Wetlands and The Sands Beach in Port Royal, SC
- 4th: Weather Station at WSAV & The Georgia Southern University Planetarium
- 5th: STARBASE & Hunting Island State Park

2015-2016 SIC Members

Chavon Browne, Principal

Rebecca Polk, Chair

Ellen Nix, Teacher

Caroleen Hodge, Teacher

Ida Williams, Teacher

Theresa Merchant, Teacher

Sara Tanner, Teacher

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**School Improvement
Council's**

2016 Report to Parents

Chavon Browne, Principal

Marvin Fowler, Asst. Principal

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2015-2016 Year In Review

ABOUT OUR SIC

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments during the 2015-2016 school year.



Our School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements, challenges, and successes during the school year, and reports the progress to our school family of students, parents, teachers, and our community.

At Port Royal Elementary School, we believe in Staying On COURSE until we reach our destination—EXCELLENCE!

Current SIC GOALS

- 1) Increase parental and community involvement in addressing the academic needs of struggling students by building positive relationships.
- 2) Increase and promote community engagement and collaboration to revitalize the role of Port Royal Elementary School as an outstanding academic neighborhood school for the 21st Century by providing an academic school choice of Project Based Learning.

The 2015-2016 school year has certainly been one to remember! We have had many accomplishments and launched a variety of new initiatives in order to work toward our SIC goals. We launched our school of choice option; Project Based Learning, launched two parenting programs; Watch D.O.G.S. & Parenting Partners, and began utilizing Responsive Classroom to create a strong link between academic success and social-emotional learning.

Every student was given the unique opportunity to investigate and respond to an engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge through the use of our Project Based Learning initiative. A children's lending library was unveiled to school and community members as a result of the Pre-Kindergarten students' study of communities. After talking with local architects and town council members, 4th grade students presented ideas to the Port Royal Town Council to improve the structure of the school building in order to withstand severe weather. These, along with other PBL units, increased collaboration between the school and the community, while giving students the opportunity to learn with real-life experiences.

Our School Improvement Council worked together with school personnel to increase parental involvement by implementing Watch DOGS & Parenting Partners. Watch DOGS encouraged Dads Of Great Students to get involved and join us for a full days worth of learning. The Parenting Partners program allowed a group of parents to interact and learn how to best support their child and create success in school and life through a series of 8 weekly workshops. Both programs were successful in building positive relationships between school and home.

The Responsive Classroom approach was embraced by the School Improvement Council in order to foster academic success by providing a high-quality education for students by creating a safe and joyful learning experience. The use of Responsive Classroom strategies each day at Port Royal Elementary includes starting and ending each day with a positive tone for learning and a sense of community, and a shared purpose is developed throughout the school and community, and effective, positive language promotes academic and social growth.

HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

- Curriculum Fair (Literacy, Math, Technology)
- Project Based Learning Showcase
- Read Across Port Royal Week
- Fall PRES-tival
- 4th Annual Sweetheart Breakfast
- 3rd Annual Superhero 5K Run
- "Real Champions" from The Link Mentoring Program
- Thumbs Up After School Tutoring Program
- School Wide Winter Celebration
- First group of parents graduated from our 8 week Parenting Partners program.
- Launched the Watch DOGS program inviting dads to come to school and volunteer for the day

STUDENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 8 students' artwork and poetry published in the River of Words Anthology
- Raised \$2317.05 for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart
- Port Royal's first Children's Lending Library was unveiled as a result of a Pre-K Project Based Learning Unit
- 4th graders presented architectural models to Port Royal Town Council as part of a Project Based Learning unit on our school building withstanding severe weather.

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES BY:

- Kyle Jarrard-Magician and Entertainer
- The Port Royal Police Department presented a show featuring Curby the Litter Robot
- The Fripp Island Audubon Society presented "Birds of Prey".
- Aunt Pearl Sue-World Renowned Gullah Storyteller