

# Council Members for 2011-2012

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## Introduction

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFC) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2011-2012 school year. Our School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community. St. Helena Campus believes that we must all work together because education is everybody's business thus we created the school theme "circle unbroken".

## School Mission

*"Students will explore life and academics to prepare them for opportunities beyond high school in a global society."*

## School Vision

*"Students will perform in all academic and social settings to master skills needed to be successful and an active participant in their learning."*

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# St. Helena Elementary School

"A Title I School Wide Project School"



# School Improvement Council Report

## 2011-2012

## Programs for the Year

- Extended school year from 180 days to 200 days
- Four Pre-Kindergarten full day classes
- Play Partners in Pre-Kindergarten with United Way
- Alphabet Junction for Kindergarten
- Thematic units created and written by teachers in grades Pre-K – 1 with a science focus
- After school programs with focus on math, reading, and writing
- Progress monitoring weekly in core subjects for pacing of standards and analyzing data
- Science Lab for grades 3-5
- Accelerated classes in science for grades one and two
- Promethean Boards for interactive learning in all classrooms
- Brain boosters for all 2nd graders
- Teacher assessment and professional development through TAP
- Flexible computer lab for scheduling individual students and small groups to ensure all students have multiple opportunities on the computer
- Four TAP mentor teachers to lead instruction
- Five literacy teachers
- Every Day Math in all classrooms
- Ten certified Tail Wagging Tutors for reading
- Mentoring programs provided by the US Marines of Parris Island, DJJ, and the Ministerial Association of St. Helena
- BHS ROTC partnership with science projects monthly
- Mentoring program for 4th and 5th grade boys
- 20% gains from Spring to Spring MAP scores from 1-3 levels

## Grants

- SHIP program for the arts in after school settings in partnership with The United Way
- Lowe's Greenhouse Project
- The Foundation for Educational Excellence

## Focus of Instruction

- To increase learning growth from one year to one and a half years in math and reading
- STEM for grades two through five with the arts
- To implement STEM units which incorporate science, technology, engineering, and math
- To incorporate Habits of Mind as a way of thinking and learning with (PBIS) Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
- Include Technology in all subject areas

## Community Outreach

- Raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in partnership for Lowe's
- Raised money for leukemia
- Collected cans of food for families in need
- Donated Christmas gifts to area families
- Raised money for Relay for Life

## Assessments

- Reading Assessments / MAP Benchmark Tests
- PASS for grades 3 through 5

### STATE SCORES

Absolute Rating—Below Average up from At Risk for meeting proficiency in 2014

Performance Rating—Average up from At Risk for meeting proficiency in 2014

Score of 5 on TAP Performance for Kindergarten through Fifth grades based on improvements on MAP and PASS, highest score attainable

## Special Activities

- Cookout greeting at the beginning of the year
- Third grade performance at library groundbreaking
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Family education nights with explanations of programs and community groups. Exceeded 300 people per night for six nights.
- Technology, Reading Under the Stars, Math is not Scary and Kinder Club Learning Nights
- Actors and actresses in play for Heritage Days
- Field Trips including The Citadel's Engineering Math and Science Departments, State Museum, and Charleston Aquarium
- Seven School dances sponsored by PTO
- Black History Month Program with the community
- Celebration of the Arts, four week series of arts including 2nd grade performances, talent show, and visual art show
- Back Pack Buddies
- Field day for all grades with End of the Year Bash
- Christmas Program School Wide
- Spring Festival
- Award ceremonies each nine weeks
- PBIS store with rewards for weekly behavior
- Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Ecology and Gardening Clubs
- Student Government
- Building a School of Readers