



### Mission Statement

Sand Hill Elementary School will inspire our children, parents, and staff to learn, grow, and serve.

### Vision Statement

Sand Hill Elementary School will create lifelong learners who exemplify

Character, Leadership, Achievement, Safety, and Service.

**Learn, Grow, and Serve** defines our instructional focus. Sand Hill Elementary School is dedicated to maintaining high expectations with rigor and relevance while supporting strong relationships among students, families, and school community. Our talented teachers utilize best practices and effective instructional techniques to prepare students for college and career readiness.

The combined collaboration of our teachers, staff, families, PTA, SIC, and community partners continues to be the driving force behind our school's successes. Through our initiatives to strengthen our core curriculum, problem-based learning experiences, and goal setting opportunities, our students develop 21st Century skills in critical thinking, decision making, and problem solving that positively impact their world and future.

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The School Improvement Council Annual Report to the Parents is issued in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

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# Sand Hill Elementary School

## School Improvement Council's Annual Report to Parents 2022-2023



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**Learn Grow Serve**

## Family Opportunities

- Meet the Teacher
- Open House
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Fall Book Fair
- Spring Book Fair
- Sleep Tight Sundays
- Camp Read-A-Lot
- Future Sandpipers Literacy Events
- Kiwanis Terrific Kids
- Virtual Grade Level Fine Arts Nights
- Guest Readers
- PTA Trunk or Treat
- PTA Ball for All
- Chorus and Steel Drums Performances
- Fit Night
- Math Night
- Sandpiper Scurry
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sand Ceremony
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Drive-Thru Farewell

## Student Opportunities

- 8' x 40" Rock Wall
- Chorus and Steel Drums
- After School Tutoring
- Awards Ceremonies
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Kiwanis Terrific Kids
- Morning News Show
- Flag Patrol
- Safety Patrol
- Library Helpers
- Career Week
- One to One Devices
- PBIS
- PTA Reflections Arts Program
- Spelling Bee
- Field Day
- Career Week
- Storybook Character Day
- PTA Glow Run
- Holiday Shop
- Field Day
- Read Across America



## School Achievements

Mrs. Lauren Snyder was named 2023 SHES Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Brooklyn Kleiber was named 2023 SHES Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Lauren Davis was named 2023 SHES STAR Employee of the Year.

Sand Hill had several school and district level winners in the District 23 PTA Reflection contest.

Based on student performance on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), Sand Hill Elementary demonstrated the greatest academic growth of all schools in the district from Fall to Spring in both math and reading

The SHES PTA raised over \$40,000 for support of academic programs. Grants were funded for teachers. In addition to a book vending machine purchased by the school, the PTA utilized part of the funds to purchase a book vending machine to accommodate the amazing student population growth.

The SHES community is thankful to have over 50 business partners for the 2022-2023 school year who have donated to support teachers and students throughout the school year.

## School Improvement Council

### Mission

SHES SIC Committee will focus on school improvement by establishing relationships and making learning relevant and rigorous by encouraging all stakeholders to learn, grow, and serve.

### Annual Goals

SHES SIC Committee will focus on service initiatives to support the Sand Hill Community for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Sand Hill Elementary School** was proudly established in 2016 and is one of fifteen elementary schools in Dorchester District Two. 54 certified teachers and 38 classified staff members proudly serve approximately 1170 students. We have a thriving SIC and PTA who work together to ensure a quality educational experience for all students. We welcome you to visit our beautiful campus, nestled in the Summers Corner Community.