

Who We Are

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory committee comprised of parents, educators, and community members which provides an opportunity for parents to take an active role in ensuring a quality education for our children.

Parent Reps

Chair	Kira Swiger	Parent	Kira Swiger
Vice Chair	Kristina Roller	Parent	Ashley Claffy
Secretary	Lisa Church	Parent/PTO	Jody Gourley
		Parent/PTO	Megan DeWeese

Community Reps

Kiley Wynne	Kerri Doud	Dixon Gourley
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Teacher & Staff Reps

Principal	Jamie Pinckney	Kindergarten	Jennifer Fermin
Asst. Principal	Marva Neal	1 st Grade	Megan DeWeese
Literacy Coach	Laura Phillips	2 nd Grade	Jessica Douglas
Support Staff	Jan Samuel	3 rd Grade	Danielle Hunt
	D. J. Wilson	4 th Grade	Christine Lancaster
Related Arts	Jakob Lauffer	5 th Grade	Chelsea White
Counselor	Leslie Bauer		



2019-2020 Report to Parents A Beaufort County School of Choice "Learning Through Leadership"

*2013 National Blue Ribbon School
2014 SC Palmetto's Finest School
2014 Dick & Tunky Riley SIC Award
2016 AdvancED Certified (STEM)*



Purpose

This Report is issued by the Okatie Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting our goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



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Spreading Our Wings and Learning New Things

Vision

The vision of Okatie Elementary School is to provide leadership opportunities and experiences for students to develop 21st Century skills in critical thinking, decision making and problem solving that positively impact their world and future.

Student Growth & Mentoring



- Disaster relief- collected over \$2300 for the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian
- Rogue Rescue and Lovable Paws- 1st Grade Service Project- Collected supplies
- Jump Rope for Heart- Students raised \$6,286
- Students participated in annual Color Run- organized by Nikki Davis
- Backpack Buddies- provided 25 families with monthly food boxes
- Artist in Residency workshop- Sweet Grass Baskets- sponsored by Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
- Pennies for Patients -Beta Club partnered with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Monet's Garden Teacher Appreciation Tea- hosted by Callawassie Garden Club and our sensational second graders
- "OES Times" newspaper produced by Beta Club
- "Sweet Cases" filled by Lady Owls for foster children
- Australia's Wildfire victims- schoolwide collection- planted 100 trees and adopted two koalas
- Nursing Home Service Project- 2nd/3rd Grade Owls collected and filled 75 holiday care bags
- "Dance Fit" PTO Boosterthon – raised \$22,000 to support school initiatives and books
- Passport to Peace- hosted 28 cultural presentations from around the globe
- Students "traveled" round trip from Okatie to Argentina, then Japan, and back to OES, logging 23,188 miles through assigned physical activity for "homework" and daily Kids on the Run

School Achievements

Students



- Battle of the Bluff: 1st Place for all participating teams
- SC Ready – **Excellent** rating for Academic Achievement
- SC Ready – 12 students earned Maximum Scores:
 - 3rd Grade Math- Sophia Eayrs, Grayson Jacob, Marina Onofrio, Kaiya Rippey, Ava Robertson, Brennen Thacker
 - 4th Grade Math- Jordan Kasner, Rylan Paul
 - 5th Grade Math- Ryan Adkins, Ryan Goll
 - 4th Grade Math & Science- Kaden Claffy
- "Future Chefs" Winner, Parker Star (4th Grade) for his "Harvest Muffins," sponsored by Sodexo
- Students participated in Project Unify, River of Words Honor Choir, STEM Fair, Start with Hello Week, Author' Tea, Talent Show, Kids Club, Young Astronauts and Sunset Science Nights



Teachers & School



- Owlstanding Beaufort County School District Mentor of the Month: Laura Phillips
- Education Teacher Grant and TangerKid Grant for "Share Table" awarded to Dr. Bree Lauffer
- "Top Banana" Trophy Awarded to Sodexo Staff
- Clemson Grant awarded to Danielle Hunt
- Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Dr. Megan DeWeese; Support Staff of the Year, Debbie Bush; and Volunteer of the Year, Robert Dicioccio

Increasing Parent and Community Awareness



- Newsletters, Eblasts, Remind 101, Facebook, e-News, and Twitter
- Math & Science, ESOL, and Literacy Nights
- Town Hall & Beaufort County School Board meetings attended by SIC Members