

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	Kayla Woodward
Secretary	Lisa Church	Parent/PTO	Jody Gourley
		Parent/PTO	Leigh Underhill

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	Wendy Cuthbertson
Literacy Coach	Laura Phillips	2 nd Grade	Taylor Cleland
Support Staff	Jan Samuel	3 rd Grade	Nikki Davis
Related Arts	Leigh Underhill	4 th Grade	Tina Summers
Counselor	Leslie Bauer	5 th Grade	Chelsea White



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.



Okatie Elementary School
53 Cherry Point Rd
Okatie, SC 29909



2020-2021 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)*



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.

School Achievements

Students

Student Growth & Mentoring



- Virtual Book Clubs for students and families
- Students introduced to ukuleles in order to continue music education safely
- Students participated in Jump Rope for Heart raising \$1230.54
- Library Challenges SC Picture Book Nominee Bracket with best brackets picked by Liz Skinner and Caydon Swofford
- Service Projects:
 - Pre-K/Kindergarten-Toys for Tots
 - 1st- Donations to local animal shelters
 - 2nd/3rd- Holiday Nursing Home Cheer
 - 4th/5th-“Hearts” delivered to local Rehabilitation Centers
- Students participated in River of Words, STEM Fair, Start with Hello Week, Authors’ Tea, 100th Day of School, Read Across America, Mock Presidential Election
- DanceFit Boosterthon raised over \$17,000
- Backpack for Buddies provided supported over 40 families



Increasing Parent and Community Awareness

- Newsletters, Eblasts, Remind 101, Facebook, eNews & Twitter
- ESOL Family Nights, Open House, Back to School Virtual Nights
- Town Hall & Beaufort County School Board meetings attended by SIC Members



- WordMasters National Challenge: 3rd Grade Team 1st Place in the Nation, earning perfect scores in first three meets.
- WordMasters Blue Division: Perfect Scores Gavin Altman, Thomas Banks, Henry Burbage, Iler Creech, Kaden Hasan, Sofia Elizabeth Jackson, Hudson Lawson, Lukas Mckenzie, Aaron Metropolis, Crosby Paul, Robert Saleeby and Christian Vazquez. Only 42 students achieved perfect scored nationally.
- Gifted and Talented Art: Avery Davis, Naomi Campbell, Elizabeth Koblitz, Caydon Swofford, Isabella Murphy, Baylor Davis, Emma Olsen



Teachers & School



- **Dr. Megan DeWeese, District Teacher of the Year, Awarded Dr. Wayne Carbiener “Above and Beyond” Grant**
- Bree Lauffer was awarded Tanger Grant - GEMS Club (Girls Excelling in Math and Science Club) for \$1500
- Bright Ideas Grant \$1000-Siobhan McCann for monthly Virtual Family Book Talks
- “Our Favorite Teacher” Easy FM- Kimberly Birman
- South Carolina Synod-ELCA Grant for Ukuleles -Leigh Underhill (\$3830)
- Mathnasium Favorite School Recipient
- Mrs. Bauer, School Counselor, recognized by Rotary Club

