

# Okatie Elementary School

## 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	Kiley Wynne	Parent	Lisa Church
Vice Chair	Kira Swiger	Parent	Leigh Underhill
Secretary	Ellen Andreoletti	Parent	Jody Gourley

### Community Reps

Randy Wynne	Dale Moss	Dixon Gourley
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### Teacher & Staff Reps

Principal	Jamie Pinckney	Kindergarten	Mary Crosby
Asst. Principal	Marva Neal	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Megan DeWeese
Literacy Coach	Laura Phillips	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Nikki Davis
Support Staff	Jan Samuel	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Richelle Youmans
Related Arts	Jakob Lauffer	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kim Birman
Counselor	Leslie Bauer	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jackie German

### Business Partners

Church of the Palms	Five Guys	Callawassie Garden Club
Palmetto State Bank	South State Bank	Golden Corral
CrossFit Port Royal	Bluffton Township	Bluffton Custom Images
Heritage Dental Spa	Fire District	Longhorn
Bluffton Sign Co.	Bloom Senior Living	Chick Fil-A

## 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  
<http://oes.beaufort.k12.sc.us>



## 2017-2018 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.*

# Goals & Results

## Health of our Students



- Annual Fun Run raised almost \$14,000
- 1st Grade, Ms. Fermin: Top Classroom Winner
- Kids on the Run to Queensland, accumulated over 18,000 miles
- Jump Rope for Heart raised \$4100
- Increased efficiency and safety of car rider lines through “No Cell Phone” Policy

## Growth of our Students



- Authors’ Tea was attended by 325 parents
- Read Across America – 400+ students and staff represented their favorite book characters
- Heritage Classic Foundation’s Plaid About Reading Contest –288,795 total pages, Mrs. Matz’s class was our overall winner with 30,690 pages
- Markerspace Cart: Floating creative outlet
- Passport to Peace – 24 different countries were represented

## Care of our Community



- Christmas Cheer Care Packages for the Ridgeland Nursing Center collected by 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders
- Three truckloads of water and supplies sent to Texas for Hurricane Harvey Relief
- Chemo Care Bags – 32 comfort packages to Chemotherapy centers in the Lowcountry provided by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beta Club
- Monet’s Garden Teacher’s Tea, annually hosted and supported by Callawassie Garden Club and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders
- Raised over \$1,200 for March of Dimes



## Increasing Parent and Community Awareness



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

# School Achievements

## Students



- River of Words Art Winners:
  - McKenzie McBeth- 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Mia Yemec- 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Dietrich Shuford-5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Shelby Davidson- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Massiel Romero- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Michayla Chufo-3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Character Award for Respect, District Winner: Elijah Gaynor
- Honor Choir: Emarie Toirkens, Mia Yemec, Hayden Lewis, Langston Stingley, Aubrey Davis, Beatrice Spencer, Lillian Brown, Joanna Eaton
- Finalist in the Sodexo Young Chef Competition: Naomi Campbell
- Invention Convention:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jordan Kasner & Brayden Tourout
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jahmell Rollins & Aaron Canela
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Rylan Paul & James Pfuhl
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Parker Henderson
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ethan & Brodie Blackmon
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Brooks Faucett, Willow Lowe, and Tessa Robinson
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Dietrich Shuford and Drew Salyer
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Brandon Solorza
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Talan Brown and Keagan Claffy
- Special Olympics – 60 students attended, 24 participated in events
- Participated in the Bluffton Christmas Parade

## Teachers & School



- Rewards for Excellence Publication Award for Okatie Brand
- Rewards for Excellence Publication Award for 2016-2017 Report to Parents
- Pets in the Classroom Grant: Angela Rossillo
- Teacher of the Year: Emily “Nikki” Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Classified of the Year: Siobhan McCann, Computer Lab Professional
- Volunteer of the Year: Ellen Andreoletti