

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	Past SIC Chair	Emily Bierman
Vice Chair	Dana Zendzian	Parent	Ashley Beebe
Secretary/5 th Grade	Chrissy Pope	Parent/PTO	Jody Gourley
		Parent/PTO	Dannie Wilson

Community Reps

Chad Cannon	Dale Moss	Dixon Gourley
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Teacher & Staff Reps

Principal	Jamie Pinckney	Kindergarten	Jennifer Ferguson
Asst. Principal	Marva Neal	1 st Grade	Karleen Farris
Literacy Coach	Laura Phillips	2 nd Grade	Michelle Block
Support Staff	DJ Wilson	3 rd Grade	Danielle Hunt
Related Arts	Jakob Lauffer	4 th Grade	Christine Lancaster

Business Partners

Crossroads Church	Timeline Productions	Callawassie Garden Club
Palmetto State Bank	First Federal Bank	Golden Coral
DMX Marketing Group	Bluffton Township Fire District	Bluffton Custom Images

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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2013-2014 Report to Parents

A Beaufort County Health & Science Infused School

*2013 National Blue Ribbon School
 2014 SC Palmetto Finest School
 2014 Dick & Tunky Riley SIC Award*



Spreading Our Wings and Learning New Things

Goals & Results

Health & Safety of our Students



- Increased efficiency and safety of car rider line
- Kids on the Run accumulated 9084 miles
- HOOT Boxes provided nutritious meals each month to 25 families

Student Growth & Mentoring



- Ladies Club
- Gentlemen's Club
- Out of school suspension reduced by 2%
- ESEA increased 1.6% to 98.7%



Increasing Parent and Community Awareness



- Newsletters and eNews
- School functions
- Town Hall meetings
- SIC officers and members were present at Beaufort County School Board meetings

Addressing & Communicating School District Issues



- District-wide attendance rezoning meetings
- Advocated for OES during town hall meetings
- Participated in process to bring two new schools in to Bluffton Cluster

Create a new 5 Year School Renewal Plan



- District strategic planning action committees
- Contributed to the design and layout of a new strategic plan and 5 year School Renewal Plan template
- Completed the new 5 year School Renewal Plan

School Achievements

Students



- Cash Masters, 2nd Place
- Jacob Himes, 1st place Sodexo's Challenge for Future Chefs
- Perfect PASS Scores
 - Adeline Rios
 - Riley Bodie
 - Asher Rowe
 - Ethan Lancaster
 - Parker Kline



Teachers & School



- 2013 National Blue Ribbon Award
- 2014 SC Palmetto Finest Award
- 2014 SC Palmetto Double Gold Award
- Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grant
 - Jennifer Helms (Robotics Kits)
 - Helen Goodman (Electronics Snap Kits and Circuits)
 - Valecia Whitfield (student books)
- BCSD Fall Foundation grant
- Lowcountry RC&D Grant
- BCSD Spring Foundation grant
- Foundation for Educational Excellence
- Teacher of the Year - Maryanne Cherry
- Support Staff of the Year - Mina Ortega
- Volunteer of the Year - Amber Creamer



School Improvement Council



- Dick and Tunky Riley Award
- Improved safety in car rider line
- Assisted with Palmetto Finest Application and Interview Process
- Guest appearance Doug Keel's SC Dept. of Education radio show, discussed trifecta awards in 2013-2014 school year