

# Okatie Elementary



## School

**2015-2016 Report to Parents**  
**A Beaufort County School of Choice**  
**“Learning Through Leadership”**

*2013 National Blue Ribbon School*  
*2014 SC Palmetto Finest School*  
*2014 Dick & Tunky Riley SIC Award*  
*2015 Palmetto Gold/ Gold 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 Representatives

Chair	Jennifer St. Clair	Past SIC Chair	Dana Zendzian
Vice Chair	Ashley Claffy	Parent	Kiley Wynne
Secretary	Ellen Andreoletti	Parent	Stephen Brown

### Community Representatives

Chad Cannon	Dale Moss	Dixon Gourley
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### Teacher & Staff Representatives

Principal	Jamie Pinckney	Kindergarten	Kelly Andersen
Asst. Principal	Marva Neal	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Megan DeWeese
Literacy Coach	Laura Phillips	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Michelle Peterson
Counselor	Leslie Bauer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Danielle Hunt
Support Staff	Janet Samuel	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ashley Beebe
Related Arts	Ellen Latimer	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Chelsea White

### Business Partners

Publix	Show Services, Inc.	Callawassie Garden Club
Family Promise	Food Lion	Bluffton Self Help
Palmetto State Bank	First Federal Bank	Golden Corral
DMX Marketing	Parker's	Bluffton Custom Images
Taylor's Landscaping	Liquid Assets	Chick-Fil-A
Backpack Buddies	Moe's	Outback

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

## 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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The mission of Okatie Elementary School staff, parents and community is to help cultivate, guide and foster student confidence, imagination, responsibility, respect and knowledge to promote experiential learning. Our students will have a greater respect for their community and their environment by engaging in leadership and service learning.

***“SPREADING OUR WINGS AND LEARNING NEW THINGS”***

# Goals and Results

## Health & Safety of our Students



- Increased efficiency and safety of the car rider line
- Kids on the Run accumulated 13, 616 miles to India
- Monthly Backpack Buddies packing/distributing food to 25 families
- Science Based Fieldtrips & Family Science Nights
- Daily Salad Bar open during Student Lunch
- Relocation of Okie Acres Garden
- Promoting Student Hydration
- Okie 500
- Okatie Safety Squad/Student Led Hall Monitor Team

## Student Growth & Mentoring



- Lady Owls and Gentlemen's Club
- National BETA Club, BETA Mentoring
- Young Astronauts Club, Spirit Squad, Chorus and Band
- Photography, Art, Drama, Garden, Recycling and Tek Clubs
- Spanish Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- Rosetta Stone offered in 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Connect to Learn - iPads grades K-5, take home 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Math Buddies - K-5 monthly collaboration
- Classroom guidance with ASCA model (over 200 classroom lessons)
- New Student Monitoring System - Flight School
- Living Leaders in History
- Grade Level and Staff Service Projects (Thanksgiving Basket Canned Food Drive, Stuffed Animals for Police Officers, Caring Hearts for Kids, Chemotherapy Survival Kits, Maranatha Farms Pet Awareness, Family Promise, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Hurricane Relief for SC Families, Jump Rope for Heart)
- Conservation Project with Cub Scout Troop 213
- Beautification Project with Callawassie Island Garden Club
- Hosted Guest Artists via the Art Center
- Passport to Peace
- Project Unify

## Increasing Parent and Community Awareness



- Eblasts, ENews, Twitter, Text Alerts, and Facebook
- Grade Level and School Newsletters
- School Choice Fairs
- Town Hall meetings
- Participation at Beaufort County School Board meetings
- Real Champions
- Church of the Palms Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- Callawassie Island Ladies Garden Club Tea
- Author's Tea, End of Year Picnic, Back to School Nights
- Kids Club, ESOL and Literacy Family Nights
- 9-11 Ceremony and Emergency Service Provider Recognition

## School Improvement Council Goals



- Monitor and Update School Renewal Plan
- Analyze SCPASS and Aspire Data
- Write Annual Report
- Assist with School Budget
- Improve Car Rider Line Safety
- Monitor implementation of new student monitoring system
- Address Lunch line concerns and deficits
- Enhance Recognition for Respect and Responsibility Recipients
- Increase Student Leadership Opportunities

# School Achievements

## Student Accolades



- BCSD Honor Choir Members: John Baker Toirkens, Aiden Harvey, Emily Henderson, A'Niya Mallory, Jenna Moxley, Samantha Ortega, Kailee Smith, and Parker St. Clair
- SoBA Art Show Winners - Kaley Claffy, Langley Ruth Hogshead, Charlotte Rios, Sarah Fries, Callum Price, Ryne McClure, Emarie Toirkens, Annaliese Germany, Thaddaeus Rios, Ella Bruggeman, Mitchell Leroux, and Tobey Willis
- River of Words Publication for Poetry: Camryn Darling, Sam Degroat, Carson McDowell, Balfre Suastegui
- River of Words Publication for Art Work: Ella Bruggeman, Julia Delgado, Christina Lin, Brady Mahoney, Tanon Mankowski, Ella Price, Jones Saylor, Olivia Schoenstra
- Virtual Summer School Awards: Caralynn Scott, Elizabeth Koblitz, Vincent Lin, Ryne McClure, Holly Moody, Brooks Faucett, Christina Lin, Noah Daniel, Preston Hufstetler, and Jenny Lin
- School Wide Science Fair Winner: Olivia Schoenstra
- Jacob Newton won Gold Medal in Basketball Skill Competition with Bluffton Lightning Sharks
- Monthly Character Education Student of the Month
- Raised money for Lee Jean who was in the top 8 of American Idol

## Teachers & School Awards



- Mrs. Lauffer received an Innovative Classroom Project grant (It's a Small World...the Microscopic World)
- Mrs. Rosen received an Explore Learning Grant
- Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Rosen received the Reflex Grant
- Mrs. Samuel and Mrs. Martin received a Century Link grant
- Mrs. Peterson received Teacher of Month recognition and gift card
- Mrs. Heaton's class won Plaid About Reading Program for OES and received a Gift Card
- Palmetto Gold /Gold Recipient (general achievement and closing the achievement gap)
- AdvancEd Top 10 District
- Teacher of the Year - Bree Lauffer
- Support Staff of the Year - Marylynn Workman
- Volunteer of the Year - Jennifer Parrott

