

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	Parent/PTO	Jody Gourley
	Andreoletti	Parent/PTO	Megan DeWeese

Community Reps

Kathy Capuano	Robert Dicioccio	Dixon Gourley
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Teacher & Staff Reps

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

Business Partners

Adventure Pediatric Dentistry	Dr. Peter Rippey, Sports Medicine	Bluffton Township Fire Dept.
Back Pack Buddies	Berkeley Hall	Bluffton Sign Co.
Bannon Law Group	Bishop Eye Care	Bluffton Veterinary
Callawassie Garden Club	Church of the Palms	Creative Church
G'Ma Ice	Coastal Pediatrics	Golden Corral
South State Bank	Peacock Subaru	Star Family
Bloom Senior Living	Longhorn	Mathnasium
Jack Frost	Heritage Dental Spa	Walmart
Cross Fit, Port Royal	Elite Painting	GoStoreit Self-Storage

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

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2018-2019 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 & Safety of our Students



- Efficiency and safety of car rider line and bus congestion continues to improve
- 41 Jacob's Kits generously donated by Rhett and Jenni Livingston
- Students "traveled" all the way to Phuket, Thailand through nightly exercise and Kids on the Run
- Jump Rope for Heart raised \$6,286
- Life-sized Chess Board and awning added outside
- Boosterthon Fun Run raised \$20,000
- Backpack Buddies supported 25 families

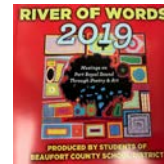
Student Growth & Mentoring



- "Start With Hello Week"-Taught students to look out for those who may need a friend
- Beta Club students published first ever school newspaper, written entirely by the students
- Fishing Club was started this year by Mr. Roberts
- Service Learning projects provided by students:
 - Donations to those affected by Hurricane Florence in New Bern and Wilmington, NC
 - Pet supplies to local shelter
 - Assembling Chemo Care Packages for cancer centers
 - "Sweet Cases" for homeless families and nursing homes by Lady Owls
 - Sent gifts overseas through Operation Christmas Child
 - Food Drives
 - Holiday Help
- Career Day introduced over 25 different careers were represented by parents and community volunteers

School Achievements

Students



- Emily Chiafolo and Kaden Claffy received perfect scores and were two of the top national student leaders for our region at the Continental Math League
- Invention Convention: 99% Student Participation
- Maggie Maine and Ben McCullough were honored district-wide for character awards.
- Honor Choir: Eliana Magee, Makiah Waddell, Tessa Robinson, Turner Johnson, Holly Moody, Daniel Jaramillo, Esther Oh, and Anna Rossillo
- Tutor's Doctors Writing winners: 1st place McKenzie Merck and 3rd place Isabella Walker
- SOBA – Jordan Heaton, Ryne Mclure, Charlotte Rios, Parker Henderson, Kayla Privette, Cynthia Zepeda, Massiel Romero, Amdeo Viva, Cameron Goodwin, Jenna Schoenstra
- 2019 River of Words Publication:
 - 5th Grade Poetry: Ryan Adkins, Blake Burke, Elise Hunt, Willow Lowe, and Camdyn Mole
 - 3rd Grade Poetry: Isabelle Bailey
 - 2nd Grade Artwork: Owsley Gammon, Olivia Legrande
 - 1st Grade Artwork: Stella Eiden, Crosby Paul
- Plaid About Reading: 592 Students Participated
 - 358, 535 total pages read-- **District-Wide School Winner**
 - Mrs. Dale, 3rd Grade 28,033-Class Winner
- STEM Fair Winners
 - David Knicely-Brown, 1st Place – 5th
 - Lillian Blomgren, 1st Place – 4th
 - Dominic Aiken – 1st Place – 3rd

Teachers & School



- Live School Introduced: Online Behavior tracker focused on positive incentives for grades 3-5
- Innovative Teacher Grant received by Bree Lauffer, Corey Slater, and Megan DeWeese
 - What Goes Around Comes Around: awarded for composting leftover lunch food to use in school-wide garden