

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

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| Chair | Dana Zendzian | Past SIC Chair | Kiley Wynne |
| Vice Chair | Jennifer St.Clair | Parent | Emily Bierman |
| Secretary | Ellen Andreoletti | Parent/PTO | Lori Leonard |

Community Reps

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| Chad Cannon | Dale Moss | Dixon Gourley |
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Teacher & Staff Reps

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| Principal | Jamie Pinckney | Kindergarten | Jennifer Ferguson |
| Asst. Principal | Marva Neal | 1 st Grade | Jan Samuel |
| Literacy Coach | Laura Phillips | 2 nd Grade | Nikki Davis |
| Support Staff | DJ Wilson | 3 rd Grade | Rosemary Rosen |
| Related Arts | Ellen Latimer | 4 th Grade | Christine |
| 5 th Grade | Chelsea White | | Lancaster |

Business Partners

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| Crossroads Church | Timeline Productions | Callawassie Garden Club |
| Palmetto State Bank | First Federal Bank | Golden Coral |
| DMX Marketing | Bluffton Township FD | Bluffton Custom Images |
| Taylor's Landscaping | Outback Steakhouse | Chick-Fil |

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.

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 SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Okatie Elementary School



2014-2015 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



The mission of Okatie Elementary School staff, parents and community 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 & LEARNING NEW THINGS"



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Goals & Results

Health & Safety of Our Students



- Expanded the sidewalk to and from playground
- Kids on the Run accumulated 11348 miles, to Kazan Russia
- Assisted Backpack Buddies with packing and distributing food to over 250 ES families
- Career/Health Fair
- Science Based Field Trips & Family Science Nights

Student Growth & Mentoring



- Spanish Club for 2nd graders
- Rosetta Stone offered in 3-5th grade
- Increased classroom guidance by 50% using ASCA model
- Formalized the Student Council
- Connect2Learn - Implemented iPads in grades 3-5, take home iPad's in grade 5
- All grade levels completed service projects
- Math Buddies-K-5 monthly collaboration to solve math together
- Photography Club

Increasing Parent and Community Awareness



- Newsletters, Twitter, ENews and Facebook
- Increased participation via E-Blasts
- Rezoning and Choice Fairs
- SIC officers and members participated in School Board Meetings

School Improvement Council Goals



- District-wide attendance rezoning meetings
- Calendar and school day meetings
- Participated in process to open new River Ridge Academy
- Monitor and Update School Renewal Plan
- Analyze SCPASS Data
- Write Annual Report
- Assist with School Budget



School Achievements

Student Accolades



- Six students under District Team Leader and Founder, Leigh Underhill, were selected for the Beaufort Co. Honors Choir
- SoBA Art Show Winners-5th-Mason Proie & Malaysia Porter, 4th-Samatha Ortega & Nicholas Pugliese, 3rd-Anna Fuge & Lauren Sanders, 2nd- McKenzie McBeth & Andrew Salyer, 1st-Serena Arsenault & Ava Zakrewski, K-Spenser Bobian & Jake Holland
- Angie Lopez, Ethan Arsenault, Oscar Szczepanski & Samuel DeGroat's poetry was published in the River of Words
- Perfect PASS Scores
 - Jack Dewey
 - Joseph Humphrey
 - Morgan Okupski
 - Nathaniel Rios
 - Cameron McClure
 - Timothy McCrosson
 - August Rios
 - Corbin Wiltse

Teacher & School Awards



- "A" rating for ESEA earning 100 up from 98.7
- Excellent/Excellent on school report card
- Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grant-Laura Phillips (WHOOS Reading books)
- WTOC spotlight Award-JulieAnn Aaron
- Seaside Dental-Teacher Spotlight-Corey Slater
- Seaside Dental-Teacher Spotlight-Marlayna Tracy
- BCSD Fall and Spring Foundation
- Teacher of the Year - Chrissy Story
- Support Staff of the Year - Jody Gourley
- Volunteer of the Year - Lori Leonard
- Sean Greiner, Eagle Scout created "Little Libraries" which includes 4 lending library boxes outside of the school

