### 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	Ashley Claffy	Parent	Kira Swiger
Vice Chair	Kiley Wynne	Parent	Ashley Beebe
Secretary	Ellen	Parent/PTO	Jody Gourley
	Andreoletti	Parent/PTO	Megan DeWeese

### **Community Reps**

Dale Moss	Dixon Gourley
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### **Teacher & Staff Reps**

Principal	Jamie Pinckney	Kindergarten	Mary Crosby
Asst. Principal	Marva Neal	1st Grade	Megan DeWeese
Literacy Coach	Laura Phillips	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Michelle Peterson
Support Staff	Jan Samuel	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Adriana Sooknanan
Related Arts	Jakob Lauffer	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Christine Lancaster
Counselor	Leslie Bauer	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Chelsea White

#### **Business Partners**

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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			
Sound	Fire District	Longhorn			
Back Pack Buddies	Kona Ice	Chick Fil-A			
Bluffton Sign Co.					

# **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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# Okatie Elementary School



# 2016-2017 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.

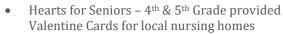
# Goals & Results

### **Health & Safety of our Students**



- 1st Annual Fun Run raised over \$10,000
- Increased efficiency and safety of car rider line and relieved congestion with buses
- Kids on the Run accumulated 17, 235 miles
- Jump Rope for Heart raised \$2,235.03

### **Student Growth & Mentoring**





- Support Staff collected pet food and supplies for Palmetto Animal League
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade collected stuffed animals for Beaufort County Sheriff's Office to provide to children during emergencies
- Cancer Care Packages Beta Club 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
  Graders provided 25 comfort packages to
  Chemotherapy centers in the Lowcountry
- Hurricane Matthew Relief Beta Club 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
   Graders donated 30 bags of supplies to Bluffton
   Self Help
- Callawassie Garden Club mentors students through gardening, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders hosted Annual Teachers Tea in Garden
- Family Promise Packages for Homeless Families 1st Grade, Gentlemen's First & Lady Owls helped families in need
- 1st and 4th coordinated March of Dimes, collected \$1032
- Career Fair in October 2016 provided an opportunity for students to interact with 17 different professionals in the fields of engineering, healthcare, public safety, hospitality, food service and more

### **Increasing Parent and Community Awareness**



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

# School Achievements

### **Students**



- Heritage Classic Foundation's Plaid About Reading Contest – Okatie won 1st Place for reading 232,156 pages, Mrs. Bailey's class was our overall winner with 16,706 pages
- Caziah Gaynor won overall Courage Award
- Jacob Newton earned overall Perseverance Award, in addition to, third place in the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
- Science Fair Winners
  - o Lauren Sanders, Overall Winner
  - o Christina Lin, 1st Place 5th
  - o Kate DuBose, 1st Place 4th

### **Teachers & School**



- AdvancED STEM Certified, September 11, 2016
- OWLSOME Incentive Program was presented the SCNSPRA Golden Achievement Award
- Okatie's 2016-2017 Student Agenda Book was recognized with a SCNSPRA Publication Award
- Science Cohort Program through Discovery Education year 1 of 2 was completed by:
  - Amanda Hogshead
  - Danielle Hunt
  - Bree Lauffer
- Elizabeth Goodwin was awarded the Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grant for iPads and Art supplies
- DJ Wilson and Lindsey Mulligan received grants for intervention assessment kits
- Teacher of the Year Leigh Underhill
- Support Staff of the Year Lynn Nagel Graham, Administration Assistant
- Volunteer of the Year Ana Cristina Tuzzo

