

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

Community Reps

Chad Cannon Dale Moss Dixon Gourley

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	Michelle Peterson
Support Staff	Jan Samuel	3 rd Grade	Adriana Sooknanan
Related Arts	Jakob Lauffer	4 th Grade	Christine Lancaster
Counselor	Leslie Bauer	5 th Grade	Chelsea White

Business Partners

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.



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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



- Hearts for Seniors – 4th & 5th Grade provided Valentine Cards for local nursing homes
- Operation Christmas Child – Pre-K & K filled 205 boxes with toys & supplies for families in need
- Support Staff collected pet food and supplies for Palmetto Animal League
- 2nd & 3rd Grade collected stuffed animals for Beaufort County Sheriff's Office to provide to children during emergencies
- Cancer Care Packages – Beta Club 4th & 5th Graders provided 25 comfort packages to Chemotherapy centers in the Lowcountry
- Hurricane Matthew Relief – Beta Club 4th & 5th Graders donated 30 bags of supplies to Bluffton Self Help
- Callawassie Garden Club mentors students through gardening, 2nd 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
 - Lauren Sanders, Overall Winner
 - Christina Lin, 1st Place – 5th
 - 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

