



Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts Report to the Community



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School Improvement Report

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Dear School Community,

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of the school is mandated by the state of South Carolina for the purpose of overseeing the school renewal plan and acting in an advisory role to the school's administrative team. Each year the SIC is charged with making an annual report to the school's community. Included in this newsletter you will find important information about the school and the progress and challenges that we face in our school improvement efforts.

Our goals are to ensure that all students are successful academically, to close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school, to provide an arts infused approach to learning, to provide a safe learning environment, to provide good communication and to foster partnerships with our community.

We are fortunate at our school to have a team approach that includes the administrative team, staff, parents and the community. Our success is related to the commitment and focus of each of these groups. We have been proud to serve as the Principal, SIC and PTA chairs for the 2010-11 school year at HHIESCA. Our hope is that each of you will continue or become involved next year in either our PTA or our School Improvement Council. It will take everyone's commitment if we are to continue to see success and improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Keefner
Principal

Jennifer Jenkins
SIC Chair

Charlyn Page
PTA President

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HHIESCA Vision Statement

We envision that Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts, in collaboration with an engaged community, is committed to actively ensuring that each learner develops his/her potential by providing an excellent education in a safe, nurturing, learning environment through the arts.

HHIESCA Mission Statement

Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts, in partnership with parents and the community, will challenge all students to attain educational excellence. An Arts Integrated program creates a learning environment using state and national standards in Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Creative Writing and Multimedia Technology to promote meaningful connections between the curriculum, the children and the world around them. The focus is on academic achievement, the arts, character, citizenship, and life skills.

Beaufort County School District Vision and Mission

Vision

We envision that Beaufort County School District, in collaboration with an engaged community, is committed to actively ensuring that each learner develops his/her potential by providing an excellent education in a safe, nurturing, learning environment.

Mission

To ensure excellence in education for every learner that prepares each with the knowledge, skills and personal responsibility to compete in a rapidly changing global society.

2010-11 Awards Received

- HHIESCA was selected as one of five schools in the country to receive the 2010 John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education award.
- 2010-11 Palmetto Silver Award for Achievement – Presented by the State of South Carolina Department of Education for the fourth year in a row. HHIESCA is one of only four BCSD schools to receive a Palmetto Gold or Silver Award for four years in a row.
- 2010 John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts School of Excellence in Arts Education Award from the South Carolina Alliance for Arts Education and the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network for the second year in a row.
- Named as a Palmetto's Finest Award semifinalist by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. This award includes a comprehensive review of the school's student achievement, culture, instructional programs, faculty and staff and school leadership.
- President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition and the President's Challenge administrators recognized HHIESCA as a President's Challenge Demonstration Center based on the quality of our school's physical education program and our willingness to serve as a model for other schools in the state and throughout the nation for the next five years.
- Designated as a Bronze Level South Carolina Healthy School by the SC Dept. of Education and the SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control.
- HHIESCA students designed ornaments for the South Carolina Christmas tree for the 2010 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Ellipse in Washington, DC.
- The Korosi Vegetable & Herb Education Garden and the Butterfly Garden, supported by the Avid Gardeners of Hilton Head Plantation, won first place at the state level of the Garden Clubs of South Carolina and have proceeded to the National Level of competition.
- Pilar Kayser, fifth grade student, was named second place winner in a poster contest sponsored by BCSD's Foundation for Educational Excellence.
- Fourth Grader Sophia Kaup, placed second in the intermediate photography category at this year's state PTA *Reflections*

competition.

- Fifth grade student Lily Gallagher received the 2011 Daughters of the American Revolution, Captain William Hilton Chapter, Citizenship Award.
- 38 students or 25% of the fifth grade class were named Duke Talent Identification Scholars for scoring in the 95th percentile or above on state and/or local testing.
- 39 students or 24% of the fourth grade class were named Duke Talent Identification Scholars.

SIC Members

Chair

Jennifer Jenkins

Vice Chair

Bob Cooke

Secretary

Debbie Meyers

Parents

Kim Molloy

Melissa Babcock

Michael Sanz

Teachers

Karen Cauller

Barbara Elkins

Community

Laura Grandt

Flora Wallman

Ex-Officio

Charlyn Page-PTA Pres.,

Mimi Burlingame, Holly Hicks,

Kelley Littell

HHIESCA Performance Goals

Goal 1: First and second graders will meet 60% growth target and students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will meet 70% growth targets in Reading and Math as measured by Fall to Spring growth on MAP (Measure of Academic Performance) computer based tests.

| Results: | Fall 2010 to Spring 2011 % of students meeting growth | Fall 2010 to Spring 2011 % of students meeting growth |
|----------|---|---|
| | Reading | Math |
| Grade 1 | 64.5% - met | 59.9% - not met |
| Grade 2 | 62.8% - met | 62.5% - met |
| Grade 3 | 63.1% - not met | 67.6% - not met |
| Grade 4 | 62% - not met | 74.7% - met |
| Grade 5 | 63% - not met | 67.8% - not met |

Goal 3: Third, fourth and fifth grade students will exceed the state average of students scoring met or exceeds on Writing, ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies as measured by PASS.

Goal 2: The attendance rate for students, teachers and administrators will be at least 96% each year.

| Results: | Average attendance rate per 2010 State School Report Card | Goal met or not met |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| Students | 96.6% | Met |
| Teachers | 95.2% | Not Met |



| WRITING Results: | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|---------|------|-----------|---------|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| | Number | % | % | % | % | | % | % | |
| | Tested | Not Met | Met | Exemplary | Pass | | Pass | Pass | |
| Grade | | | | | HHIESCA | Met Goal State | State | Beaufort | Met Goal Beaufort |
| 3 | 167 | 35.9 | 28.1 | 35.9 | 64.1 | No | 71 | 65.5 | No |
| 4 | 143 | 21 | 31.5 | 47.6 | 79 | Yes | 72.3 | 69.1 | Yes |
| 5 | 129 | 25.6 | 28.7 | 45.7 | 74.4 | No | 74.5 | 73.1 | Yes |

| READING Results: | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|---------|------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----|
| | Number | % | % | % | % | | % | % | |
| | Tested | Not Met | Met | Exemplary | Pass | | Pass | Pass | |
| Grade | | | | | HHIESCA | State | Beaufort | | |
| 3 | 164 | 25.6 | 19.5 | 54.9 | 74.4 | No | 80.7 | 77.3 | No |
| 4 | 145 | 26.9 | 31 | 42.1 | 73.1 | No | 76.5 | 75.6 | Yes |
| 5 | 120 | 21.1 | 31.3 | 45.7 | 78.9 | Yes | 78.1 | 77.9 | Yes |

| MATH Results: | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|---------|------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----|
| | Number | % | % | % | % | | % | % | |
| | Tested | Not Met | Met | Exemplary | Pass | | Pass | Pass | |
| Grade | | | | | HHIESCA | State | Beaufort | | |
| 3 | 164 | 30.5 | 24.4 | 45.1 | 69.5 | No | 70 | 64.4 | Yes |
| 4 | 145 | 19.3 | 42.8 | 37.9 | 80.7 | Yes | 76.7 | 77.9 | Yes |
| 5 | 128 | 17.2 | 43 | 39.8 | 82.8 | Yes | 71.3 | 71.6 | Yes |

| SCIENCE | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----|
| | Number | % | % | % | % | | % | % | |
| | Tested | Not Met | Met | Exemplary | Pass | | Pass | Pass | |
| Grade | | | | | HHIESCA | State | Beaufort | | |
| 3 | 81 | 56.8 | 22.2 | 21 | 43.2 | No | 55.7 | 48.4 | No |
| 4 | 145 | 26.9 | 55.2 | 17.9 | 73.1 | Yes | 69.3 | 66.7 | Yes |
| 5 | 64 | 29.7 | 40.6 | 29.7 | 70.3 | Yes | 66 | 63.6 | Yes |

| SOCIAL STUDIES | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|---------|------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|------|-----|
| | Number | % | % | % | % | | % | % | |
| | Tested | Not Met | Met | Exemplary | Pass | | Pass | Pass | |
| Grade | | | | | HHIESCA | State | Beaufort | | |
| 3 | 83 | 24.1 | 37.3 | 38.6 | 75.9 | Yes | 73.2 | 61.3 | Yes |
| 4 | 145 | 19.3 | 42.8 | 37.9 | 80.7 | Yes | 76.2 | 73.7 | Yes |
| 5 | 64 | 25 | 54.7 | 20.3 | 75 | Yes | 66.1 | 66.3 | Yes |

**** Note:**
HHIESCA met or exceeded Beaufort County School District's average in 11 of 15 areas and 9 of 15 areas as compared to State averages.

Parent Involvement

- 31% of parents are members of the school PTA (Parent Teacher Organization).
- 99.7% of students had parent/teacher conferences.
- PTA supported the Arts Program at HHIESCA by donating \$500.00 per grade level performance for costumes, props and supplies.
- PTA organized parent support with set up and tear down of grade level performances.
- PTA donated \$7.00 per student to attend a field trip.
- PTA organized and sponsored *See Our Spirit* fundraiser and student carnival
- PTA organized local PTA *Reflections* Art Contest as part of the schools winter chorus performance.
- PTA organized Staff Appreciation Week in May.
- PTA participated in Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year Recognition Program.
- PTA participated in submission of articles for monthly school newsletter.

Opportunities for Students

- Strength Team
- Walk One World
- Garden Club
- Singers
- Chorus
- Before/After School Drama
- Strings
- Student Council
- Project REACH
- Before/After School Tutoring

Staff Accomplishments

- Fourth Grade Teacher, Tennille Scheriff, was selected as the 2010-11 BCSD Teacher of the Year.
- Computer Lab Asst., Annette Rothwell, was named Beaufort County School District Support Staff Member of the Year for 2011-12.
- Music Teacher, Melinda Smith, was selected to receive the Teacher of the Year Patriotism Award from the HHI, Bluffton, Hardeeville and Ridgeland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- Erin Duffey, Bel Gallagher, Lauren Olivari and Barbara Sheeley were selected to pursue Master Degrees as part of BCSD's Math and Science Cohort.
- Michelle Brockway and Heidi Neeson were selected to pursue Master's Degrees in through BCSD's Administrative Cohort.
- Theatre Teacher Harry Culpepper, Jr. was named to the Board of the South Carolina Theatre Association
- Second Grade Teacher, Laurie Keniry, received National Board Certification
- Physical Education Teacher Jackie Wheeler was named HHIESCA Teacher of the Year for 2010-11
- Literacy Coach, Karen Cauller, completed BCSD Administrative Cohort.
- 100% of HHIESCA certified staff is highly qualified.
- Dance teacher Patti Maurer, art teacher Sylvia Pitts and Media Specialist Barbara Elkins presented at the South Carolina Alliance for Arts Education Conference.
- 64% of HHIESCA staff is SIOP trained to improve skills in working with second language learners.

Events

Belief: It is our belief that as an Arts focused school, students should display/exhibit their work in a variety of venues both in the school and the community.

- **HHIESCA students performed at the SC Alliance for Arts Education Conference.**
- **Students performed at the SC Arts Alliance annual luncheon meeting.**
- **Beaufort County Dance Festival** – 35 students
- **Elementary Drama Festival** (3rd year) with Beaufort County Schools
- **Youth Arts Fest** at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
- **100% of HHIESCA students participated in the BCSD River of Words project enabling over 100 students' writing and artwork to be displayed and/or published.**
- **Audition Chorus** performed at various nursing homes and Penn Center Days
- **Arts Center of Coastal Carolina** – Art Expo
- **Care Core National** - Student art work displayed by invitation by local business
- **Island School Council for the Arts: "Promising Picassos"** Art Exhibition at Shelter Cove Mall
- **PTA "Winter Reflections"** – School-wide Arts Exposition in Visual Art, Photography
- **Choreography, Music Composition, Creative Writing and Chorus Concert**
- **BRAVO Celebrate the Arts** – School-wide Arts, Science, Social Studies and Creative Writing Exposition that is open to the community as part of the Chamber of Commerce's Arts and Cultural Committee Program
- Annual community/school-wide performance by each grade level