



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



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School Improvement Report

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Dear School Stakeholders,

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is a mandated group by the state of South Carolina, responsible for oversight of the School Renewal Plan, and acting in an advisory role to the school administration, teachers, and staff. Each year, the SIC is responsible for submitting an annual report to all parents. Within this newsletter, you will find important information about the school and the progress and challenges that we face in our school improvement efforts.

The goals of the SIC are to ensure that all students are successful academically and to close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school. As a school of choice, we are committed to providing an Arts Infused approach to learning. Additionally, it is our priority to foster a safe learning environment, provide transparent communication, and to facilitate strong partnerships with community shareholders.

Under the direction of the Beaufort County School District, and the leadership of Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent, the Creative Arts SIC Committee follows a School Renewal Plan spanning the 2019-24 school years. The plan is available for review at the school office upon request.

Our shared success as a school community is related to strong partnerships amongst all stakeholders. We encourage each of you to continue your involvement, or become involved in the school Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or SIC. It is by the collective commitment of everyone that we will best continue to improve our school's performance and practices.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela (Nikki) Lucas
Principal

Leslie Shaw
HHIESCA SIC Chair

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HHIESCA Vision Statement

It is our vision that Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts, in collaboration with an engaged community, is committed to actively ensuring that all learners will add value to their lives; developing potential by providing excellent education in a safe, academically rigorous, Arts-infused, and nurturing learning environment.

HHIESCA Mission Statement

As an Arts-infused school of choice, Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts strives to support the mission of the Beaufort County School District in such a way that will develop our community of learners into responsible, world class citizens through diverse curricula that fosters creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

Beaufort County School District Vision

Our vision is to work with families and our diverse community to ensure that students perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing and engaging.

Beaufort County School District Mission

The mission of the Beaufort County School District, through a personalized learning approach, will prepare graduates who compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

2022-23 Student Recognition

1. HHIESCA 4th grade student Aaron Zavala is recognized as August Student of the Month, for the character traits of Friendship & Kindness.
2. Seven students at HHIESCA met criteria for designation as Artistically Gifted and Talented in Fall 2022.
3. 5th grade students Kaia Bishop and Sawyer Blakeley Costello won the Palmetto Electric 2022-23 Enlighten SC Children's Book Challenge with their book *The Electric Trail*. They won first place locally, and at the state level.
4. The following 20 students had submissions of artwork or poetry published in the Spring 2023 BCSD River of Words Poetry and Art publication:

Art Submissions:

Amari Dietrich (1st Grade)
 Frida Bello Vega (1st Grade)
 Liam Calderon-Barahona (2nd Grade)
 Charley Jordan (3rd Grade)
 Rashaad "Trevor" Young (3rd Grade)
 Donovan Blankenship (5th Grade)
 Scarlett Garbade (5th Grade)
 Ja'Niyah Garvin (5th Grade)
 Mya Logan (5th Grade)
 Elizabeth Wells (5th Grade)

Poetry Submissions:

Prynnley Powers (3rd Grade)
 Da'Moni Bryan-Williams (4th Grade)

Dominic Carrabba (4th Grade)
 Zaiyah Edwards (4th Grade)
 Taniah Lee (4th Grade)
 Jerome Stewart (4th Grade)
 Liam Benson (5th Grade)
 Kaia Bishop (5th Grade)
 Alexis Bollino (5th Grade)
 Lila Farmer (5th Grade)

5. Students were selected from all grade levels each month and recognized for HHIESCA & Daufuskie Character Education of the Month

6. 3rd—5th grade Principals Honor Roll and Honor Roll recipients were honored following each grading quarter for their hard work and dedication in academics.

7. 5th grader Maddie Kabala is named the Palmetto Pride Littering Prevention Contest School Winner

Opportunities for Students

Afterschool Tutoring
 Birding Club
 Art Club
 Dance Club
 Fall & Spring Afterschool Drama Club
 (Rumpelstiltskin & Frozen, Jr.)
 Robotics and Coding Club
 Calypso Singers
 Fall & Spring Chorus

HHIESCA Performance Goals

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2022-23:

The five goals listed below follow the framework of the Beaufort County School District Five Year Strategic Plan. Within our School Renewal Plan are specific strategies and activities that are implemented, monitored and updated annually. A copy of the entire plan is on file at the school and available upon request for review.

Goal 1: Student Achievement in Reading: *By Spring of the 2023-24 school year, 55% of Creative Arts second-grade students will score at or above the 50th percentile as measured by the NWEA MAP Assessment, as compared to the 50% of students doing so on the Winter, 2023 MAP assessments.*

Goal 2: Student Achievement in Reading: *By the end of the 2023-24 year, the percentage of students in grades 3 through 5 who score Meets or Exceeds Expectations in English/Language Arts (ELA) as measured by SC Ready will increase from 40.2% on the 2018 SC School Report Card to 55%.*

Goal 3: Student Achievement/Closing the Achievement Gap in Reading and Math: *By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the achievement gap that exists between the white subgroup of students at Creative Arts and both the Hispanic and African American subgroups will be reduced 12 percentage points at each grade level in both reading and math (or three percentage points annually).*

Goal 4: Teacher and Administrator Quality: *By the end of the 2023-24 year, HHIESCA will increase the teacher retention rate from the current rate of 83% to 90% through initiatives that support strengthening of school climate by implementation of PBIS and consistent best practices across the school environment.*

Goal 5: School Climate/Parent, Teacher, Student Relations and Engagement: *By the end of the 2023-24 school year, HHIESCA parent, student and teacher satisfaction ratings from SC School Report Card survey data will increase from 50% satisfaction by parents to 70%; 92.1% by students to 95%; and 71.7% to 75% by teachers.*

Grateful for our Community Partners!

1. The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
2. The Hilton Head Orchestra
3. Hilton Head Public Library
4. Coastal Discovery Museum-Honey Horn Plantation
5. Port Royal Sound Foundation - Maritime Center
6. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association Center
7. Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry - HH Club
8. Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC)
9. Island School Council for the Arts
10. Rotary Club of Hilton Head - VanLandingham
11. Hilton Head Rotary Club
12. Savannah College of Art and Design
13. Gullah Tours
14. United Way of the Lowcountry

Community Partners for Education (continued):

15. Hilton Head Island Historical Society
16. Heritage Library Foundation
17. Daufuskie Island Fire District
18. Daufuskie Community Farm
19. The Daufuskie Island Community
20. Avid Gardeners Club of Hilton Head Plantation
21. Cornerstone Church
22. First Tee of the Lowcountry



2022-23

School Improvement Council

The School Renewal Plan was reviewed and updated by the SIC. School safety and facilities were reviewed collaboratively by SIC shareholders inclusive of school administration, staff, parents and community members. All staff completed updated annual safety training and participated in monthly drills, semester drills for active shooter/intruders, and the annual earthquake and tornado drills during the 2022-23 school year. All students received opportunity for age-appropriate CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association) lessons via the BCSD partnership with CAPA Beaufort during HHIESCA classroom guidance time.

The 2021-22 School Report Card rating for the school scored in the Below Average range, with a total point value of 39. Efforts have been implemented in 2022-23 to boost student achievement in academics, as well as school climate. A specific focus is placed on moving progress forward for underperforming subgroups, receiving an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement designation based on academic performance in 2021-22. The school has adopted Single School Culture practices to streamline and norm procedures throughout the building as they pertain to academics and behavior. In Spring of 2023, students and teachers participated in the school climate survey regarding current conditions and students in grades 3-5 will participate in SC READY testing to determine current academic growth measures.

Our school continues in its focus to provide a rich, Arts-infused environment as a school of choice on Hilton Head Island, and the SIC partners with internal and external stakeholders. The goal is to promote a school climate characterized by exceptional student academic achievement, teacher retention/morale, and communication.

HHIESCA administrators, teachers, and staff have adopted a focus dedicated to streamlining behavioral and academic practices consistently across the school. The school SIC continues to support the endeavors of staff in working with all students to facilitate academic, social, and emotional growth and works together to determine ways in which the community may engage with the school to support all learners.

Parent and Community Involvement

- Meet and Greet for all classes at start of 2022-2023 school year. (August 2022)
- Fall Open House (September 2022)
- 5th Grade Performance of "Go, West!" (October 2022)
- Thanksgiving Lunch for Families (November 2022)
- Winter Wonderland Literacy Night (December 2022)
- 2nd and 4th Grade Animal Arts Adventure (January 2023)
- 3rd Grade Performance of "Best Self, Best Work, Best World" (February 2023)
- 1st Grade Performance of "Hats!" (March 2023)
- "Pi in the Sky" Numeracy Night (March 2023)
- BRAVO Celebration of the Arts and Science Fair (May 2023)
- Virtual Title I Parent Feedback Nights in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 —Facilitated through SIC
- HHIESCA & Daufuskie PTO Supported Events:
 - PTO Fun Run Fundraiser (November 2022)
 - PTO Thanksgiving Craft (November 2022)
 - PTO Sweet Treats Bar for Staff (December 2022)
 - Back to School Coffee Bar for Staff (January 2023)
 - First Friday Monthly Treat Cart for Staff
 - Monetary Donations for Classroom Supplies
 - School Spirit Wear & Shop with Scrip Fundraising
 - Support of Arts Staff Appreciation following Spring Theater Performance, 2023
 - Facilitation of 2022-23 HHIESCA & Daufuskie Yearbook
 - PTO Spring Silent Auction Fundraiser (April 2023)
 - Facilitation of Staff Appreciation Week, May 2023
 - Support of Teacher and Staff Member of the Year, May 2023
 - Support of Spring Water and Field Day, May 2023
 - Support of 5th Grade Stepping Up Initiatives, Spring 2023
 - Fall Festival, Daufuskie PTO (Fall 2022)
 - Valentine's Day Event, Daufuskie PTO (February 2023)
 - Daufuskie Gardening & Beautification Initiative
 - Courtyard Cleanup & Beautification Effort at HHIESCA by the Avid Gardeners Club of Hilton Head Plantation

Events

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. We value facilitation of activities that will broaden the experiences of our students in the Arts and strive to partner with all community shareholders to provide arts-infused academic opportunities to strengthen preparedness of students as they grow in an ever-changing global society.

- 1st Grade Field Trip to Honey Horn/Coastal Discovery Museum (February 2023)
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Port Royal Maritime Center (December 2022)
- 3rd and 4th grade field trip to the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra at HH First Presbyterian Church (April 2023)
- 5th Grade Field Trip to the Mighty Eighth Museum in Pooler, GA (February 2022) and the Beaufort Air Show in Beaufort, SC (April 2023)
- 3rd grade Sweetgrass Basket event through Artists in Residence Dino Badger and Michael Smalls (February 2023)
- 4th grade students participated in Artist in Residence opportunities with Artisan Hobey Ford, in preparation for the Hilton Head Island Lantern Parade (November 2022)
- All students of grades 1-5 participated in construction of lanterns for the HH Lantern Parade in Fall 2022, in partnership with HH Office of Cultural Affairs and Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
- HHIESCA Honor Choir Performance in Bluffton (March 2023)
- Winter & Spring Chorus Concert—Grades 1st—5th (December 2022 and May 2023)
- HHIESCA Singers Club performed at the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina (November 2022)
- HHIESCA & Daufuskie School held winter holiday programs (December 2022)
- Afterschool Drama Club community presentation of *Rumpelstiltskin* (November 2022) and *Frozen, Jr.* (April 2023)
- Seven (7) students met criteria for designation as Artistically Gifted and Talented (April 2022)
- BRAVO Celebration of Arts and Science Fair—May 2023

Accomplishments and Special Activities

- HHIESCA was awarded \$12,000.00 grant for the 2022-2023 year in Fall 2022.
- HHIESCA had 20 students publish entries in the Spring 2022 River of Words Art and Poetry book for Beaufort County School District.
- All HHIESCA teachers participated in arts-integrated planning between January and April 2023, in partnership with Related Arts teachers.
- Ms. Bray and Mrs. Jeffords attended and presented at the Palmetto State Arts in Education (PSAE) Insight Conference in October 2022.
- Mrs. Lucas attended the Arts Now conference for school administrators in Greenville, SC in February 2023;
- Mrs. Lucas, Ms. Bray and Mrs. Jeffords attended the Arts in the Basic Curriculum Spring meeting at Howe Arts Magnet Academy in Goose Creek, SC in March 2023.
- Mrs. Lugo, Ms. Ridley, Ms. Costly and Mrs. Lambourne attended the state Literacy conference on Hilton Head Island in March 2023.
- Mrs. Lugo, Mrs. Flores, Ms. Costley, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Steese, Ms. Mowery and Ms. Jones attended the Arts Now Demo Day presentation at Angel Oak Elementary School on St. John's Island in April 2023.
- Mrs. Friend-Kerr secured grant funding from the Foundation of Educational Excellence ("Training the Brain"); and Palmetto Electric Cooperative Bright Ideas ("Drone of a Kind").
- Mr. Bauman and Ms. Black facilitated participation of students of the intensive support classroom in the Hilton Head school cluster Special Olympics activity (May 2023)
- Mr. Bauman facilitated community partnerships in student health and wellness initiatives by scheduling a rotation of tennis lessons for 4th & 5th graders with Public Tennis, Inc.; swimming lessons for 2nd & 3rd graders with Island Recreation Center; and Lacrosse lessons with Hilton Head Island High School.
- Mr. Bauman and Mrs. Friend-Kerr partnered to provide Pickleball instruction to students. HHIESCA is the only elementary school in the school district to currently house a Pickleball court on campus.
- All 2nd grade students at HHIESCA and Daufuskie participated in swimming lessons in partnership with the Hilton Head Island Recreation Center
- United Way of the Lowcountry volunteers partnered with the school to provide mentorship and reading sessions with students in grades 1-5.
- The HHIHS National Honor Society partnered with HHIESCA to provide tutoring and mentorship opportunities with 4th grade students in Spring 2023.
- In partnership with the Hilton Head Office of Cultural Affairs, a beautiful mural was painted on the wall of Arts hallway by Artist Lauren Andreu.
- The school hosted a Volunteer Appreciation breakfast for parent and community volunteers in May 2023.

Respectfully Submitted by 2022-23 SIC Committee Members

Chair: Leslie Shaw

Vice Chair: Amber Cole

Secretary: Miranda Lambourne

Parents: Shavonda Edwards—Amanda Edwards—Amber Cole—Jennie Cerrati—Joey Varin