



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



Year 14

Proud To Be A Title 1 School

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School Improvement Report

Dear School Community,

The School Improvement Council (SIC) continues to be 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, close the achievement gap between subgroups in our school, as a school of choice; provide an Arts Infused approach to learning, provide a safe learning environment, provide good communication, and to foster partnerships with our community.

Under the interim Superintendent, Dr. Herbert Berg, a new district plan has been written for the 2019-24 school years that will be a new framework for our school's plan. Our Creative Arts SIC Committee has also written a new school's plan for the 2019-24 school years. This new plan is available for review at the school office and the SCA Media Center.

A strong team approach that includes the administrative team, staff, parents, and the community continues to be in place. 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 PTO chairs for the 2018-19 school year at HHIESCA. Our hope is that each of you will continue or become involved next year in either our PTO or our School Improvement Council. It will take everyone's commitment if we are to continue to see success and improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 all learners will add value to their lives developing their potential by providing excellent education in an Arts Infused, safe and nurturing learning environment.

HHIESCA Mission Statement

As an Arts Infused School of Choice, Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts strives to support the mission of the Beaufort County School District in such a way that enables all students to be competent, competitive and successful in an ever-changing global society.

Beaufort County School District Vision

We will 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 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.

2018-19 Recognition

1. Fifth grade students Katie Gutierrez and Abigail Pratt in Mrs. Velder's gifted and talented class both achieve a perfect score on the spring Word Masters Challenge.
 2. SCA Literacy Teacher Lyn Raichle is named 2019-20 HHIESCA Teacher of the Year.
 3. HHIESCA Social Worker Kate Todd is named 2019-20 Support Staff Member of the Year.
 4. SCA Dance Teacher, Georgia Haygood, is a presenter at the National Dance Education Organization's National Conference in San Diego, California.
 5. Thirty-eight SCA teachers completed the second class towards their SC Read to Succeed Teacher Endorsement.
 6. SCA first grade student Kaia Bishop is selected as the September Beaufort County School District Character Education Student of the Month for Acceptance.
 7. Fifth grade students Cole Howard, Abigail Pratt, Aminah Ward and Jane Lynch are winners of the Martin Luther King Day Essay Contest and are awarded certificates and gift cards.
 8. 5th grade students had their artwork or poetry published in the District's River of Words publication:
 - Bryanna Brinley - Artwork
 - Kian Casey - Artwork
 - Sailor Charles - Artwork
 - Lawton Crose - Artwork
 - Meadow DiGiovanna - Artwork and Poetry
 - Sarah Hill - Artwork
 - Cole Howard - Artwork and Poetry
 - Olivia LaMountain - Artwork
 - Jane Lynch - Poetry
 - Ava Pankuch - Artwork
 - Abigail Pratt - Artwork and Poetry
 - Mateo Ramirez - Artwork
 - Aminah Ward - Poetry
 9. Fifth grade student Cole Howard received a perfect score on his 2017-18 fourth grade SC Science PASS state test.
 10. The following SCA students were selected to perform in the 2018-19 Beaufort County Honor Choir Concert:

Cailey Brown	Pierce Lynch
Jack George	Lucy Riley
11. Third grade SCA student Mia Jaquiss and fifth grade SCA students Pedro Lopez Alvarado and Escarlett Galo Cruz are finalists in the 2019 Sodexo Future Chef Competition. Escarlett was second place winner and Pedro was third place winner.
 12. Students from after school club "Inspire Dance" participate at BCSD Dance Festival, Youth Day at the Arts Center and the Gullah Festival.
 13. Four students from each homeroom were selected monthly for either behavior, effort, attitude or teamwork and recognized at a monthly BEAT celebrations as part of the schoolwide PBIS(Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program.
 14. Creative Arts bus drivers are recognized for their commitment to the students and collaborative efforts with the Creative Arts administration with coffee and donuts.

Opportunities for Students**Before School**

- Chorus 1-5
- Calypso Belles

After School

- Rotary Early ACT Club
- Robotics Club
- Garden Club
- Singers
- Calypso BOOM
- Inspire Dance
- Rak-tivists Club (RAK-Random Acts of Kindness)
- After School Drama
- Seahawk Girls Basketball and Cheer Camps
- Lego Club
- Exact Path Computer Class
- Chess Club

HHIESCA Performance Goals

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2018-19

The five goals listed below followed 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: Purpose and Direction: *As part of the Beaufort County School District, Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts maintains and communicates at all levels of the organization a purpose and direction for continuous improvement that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.*

Goal 2: Resources and Support Systems: *Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts as part of Beaufort County School District has resources and provides services in all schools that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.*

Goal 3: Teaching and Assessing Student Learning: *Beaufort County School District's curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses.*

Goal 4: Documenting & Using Results for Continuous Improvement: *Beaufort County School District implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and system effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.*

Goal 5: Governance and Leadership: *Beaufort County School District operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and system effectiveness.*

Community Partners for Education

We are grateful for the opportunities afforded to our students and staff with our community partners.

1. The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
2. The Hilton Head Orchestra
3. Hilton Head Public Library
4. Hilton Head Avid Gardeners Club
5. Coastal Discovery Museum-Honey Horn Plantation
6. Port Royal Sound Foundation - Maritime Center
7. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association Center
8. Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry - HH Club
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



2018-19

School Improvement Council

A new School Renewal Plan was written and reviewed as required by the Council.

School Safety procedures were reviewed and re-examined. All staff completed updated annual safety training and participated in monthly drills for fire, semester drills for active shooter/intruders, and the annual tornado drill.

Creative Arts received an "Average" rating on the 2018 South Carolina School Report Card. We are proud that all subgroups made annual growth in the area of achievement.

The entire Creative Arts staff's commitment to creating classroom communities through daily class meetings and school-wide assemblies had a significant effect on student participation and behavior in every classroom. In addition, a well organized Parent Teacher Organization supported teachers and students and through fundraising efforts and partnership with the District were able to build a greenhouse in the SCA courtyard.

In addition to monitoring the School Renewal Plan, the Council elected to investigate and then plan for a way to engage parents and the community in activities that support teachers, and their classroom needs, as well as a school-wide project, for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. This project will be an online opportunity for parents and the community to donate supplies and materials to teachers and support projects that fill a school need.

The Council also continued to focus on issues relating to being a quality Arts-Infused STEAM school of choice, student academic achievement, school climate, teacher retention/morale and communication.

Parent Involvement

- New incoming first graders and parents had a light dinner and scavenger hunt to “get to know” Creative Arts staff and the school.
- Meet and Greet before start of school
- Open House
- Active PTO
- 97% of students had parent/teacher conferences.
- STEAM Cardboard Arcade Parent Night
- ESOL Parent Education Program
- PTO supported the arts program at HHIESCA by donating funds for students to attend field trips
- PTO organized and ran Calypso’s Closet for school supplies and uniforms.
- PTO organized parent support with set up and tear down of performances.
- PTO organized and sponsored fundraiser
- PTO organized Staff Appreciation Week in February
- PTO participated in Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year Recognition Program.
- SIC SCA Uniform Policy review and update
- Informational Parent Nights were held.

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.

- Grade-level performances for all students in grades 1 and 5.
- Initiated parent/student grade level “Letting Off Steam” days for Grades 2, 3 and 4 (Grade 3 due to Hurricane days)
- Family Reading Night - “Readers Under the Stars”
- Family Math Night welcomed over 500 students and parents
- All grade levels had opportunity to work with one or more Artist in Residence Programs
- Participation in Beaufort County Dance Festival
- Beaufort County Honor Choir Performance
- Bravo and Spring Choral Concert: Annual community/school-wide performance and expo of student work
- After-school Theatre Club presented “The Enchanted Bookshop” and “Madagascar”
- HHIESCA students participated in the BCSD River of Words project enabling students’ writing and artwork to be displayed and/or published.
- Winter Choral Program featured Calypso Boom, Calypso Belles, Singers and over 150 students grades 1-5
- Audition Chorus - Singers
- HHIESCA Garden Club participated in a School Arbor Day Program
- Monthly BEAT Celebrations to recognize students for behavior, effort, attitude and teamwork.

Accomplishments

- HHIESCA is Proud to be a Title I School
- HHIESCA is recognized by the South Carolina Arts Commission as an “Arts in the Basic Curriculum” school and is awarded a \$8,125.00 grant.
- The Foundation for Educational Excellence awarded 4th grade teacher Sandra Courtney and 3rd grade teacher Jennifer Kerr individual teacher grants totaling \$2,064.75.
- SCA received \$2250.00 from Parkers
- All grade levels have Artist in Residence Programs
- Teachers in grades 2 - 5 participated in the Hilton Head Orchestra’s Outreach Program “Music Bridges”.
- Creative Arts partnered with Hilton Head Rotary organization to initiate Rotary Interact Club for service and leadership opportunities.
- VanLandingham Rotary provided dictionaries to all fifth graders, and continued Rotary Reader Program for students in grade four and helped to organize a Rotary Early Act Club at Creative Arts.

Respectfully Submitted by 2018 - 19 SIC Committee Members

Chair: Mike Quigley Vice President: Jenny Cerrati

Secretary: Roxanne Dzendzel

Parents: Sheri Bishop - Mike Quigley - Maxhayane Rios - Jenny Cerrati - Roxanne Dzendzel

Teachers: Jayme Wilson Jennifer Lozan Georgia Haygood Ashley Hardwick

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