



**Hilton Head Island Elementary School** is a rigorous, inquiry based school. We offer a standards-based curriculum with an international perspective. We teach students through purposeful, guided inquiry. We have held our authorized status as an International Baccalaureate School since 2001. In 2009, we received THE PALMETTO SILVER AWARD, a certificate of excellence from the state department for excellent end of year PASS test performance and growth in student achievement.

**UNITS OF INQUIRY**

**WHO WE ARE**

**WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME**

**HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES**

**HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES**

**HOW THE WORLD WORKS**

**SHARING THE PLANET**

\* Students inquire into and learn about these globally significant issues in the context of each unit of study. Each addresses a central idea relevant to a theme, leading to an enduring understanding of the big idea.

**THE PYP LEARNER PROFILE**

- COMMUNICATORS
- CARING
- THINKERS
- BALANCED
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- RISK-TAKERS
- INQUIRERS
- REFLECTIVE
- OPEN-MINDED
- PRINCIPLED

**RECOGNITION**

In January 2001, Hilton Head Island Elementary School was one of the first schools in the United States to be authorized as an IB School. In accordance with International Baccalaureate Organization standards, the school was reauthorized in 2009 and continues to be one of 709 PYP World Schools around the world, 245 of which are in the United States. The IB curriculum is articulated from the elementary school through the high school, with the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme. The Hilton Head Cluster offers all three programs to students.

**AN IB SCHOOL:**

- Utilizes a standards-based, challenging curriculum, requiring study across a broad range of subjects. (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies)
- Focuses on developing the skills of learning; encouraging students to be responsible members of their community.
- Has a strong international dimension with the opportunity to learn Spanish five days a week for 3rd, 4th & 5th grades.
- Provides time for individual and collaborative planning and research for students and faculty.
- Provides students with a nurturing and creative learning environment with opportunities for hands on laboratory experiences to enrich learning.

**MANDARIN CHINESE IMMERSION LANGUAGE CLASSES (1st & 2nd GRADES)**

We offer the option for parents to select the Mandarin Chinese Immersion Class in first grade. This class will grow together in future years. Hilton Head Island Elementary is the first public elementary school in the state to offer this option.



**OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to be a school where students, teachers, staff and families create world citizens who are active, compassionate, life-long learners and who demonstrate the IB attributes as they take their place in the global community.

**OUR VISION**

We envision one school where caring, knowledgeable adults teach all children to love learning; to become honorable and responsible citizens; where academic excellence and respect for others are the standards; where teachers and students are positive contributors to the local and global communities; where teachers, parents and children have a voice and a choice in their educational environment and curriculum.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In addition to an excellent academic curriculum, our school offers our students and their families a wide variety of activities to enrich their lessons and to expand their interests.



- Gifted and Talented Art
- School Clubs (before and after school)
- Grade Level Performances- tied in with Units of Study
- Juried Art Shows- local & national
- Chorus – students individually recognized by the state
- Student Book Clubs
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Scout Groups
- Student Talent Show
- Strive To Excel
- Continental Math League
- River of Words
- 5th Grade Exhibition
- Otter Morning News
- Before School Math Tutoring
- Science Fair
- Literacy Nights
- Math Nights
- Artist in Residence Programs
- Parent Education Programs
- ESOL Family Nights
- Festivals/Celebrations
- Governor’s Writing Contest
- Single Gender Class Options (4th and 5th Grades)
- Student Government
- Health & Wellness Field Day
- Student Health & Nutrition Team

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

Our Visual Arts teacher is a member of the Beaufort County Arts Council and is the only adjudicator on Hilton Head Island for the Gifted and Talented Arts Program. The school invites artists, authors, and performers to work with students.



(Students selected for the 2010 South Carolina Honor Choir)

**WE ARE PROUD...**

- Authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization since 2001.
- Recipients of The 2009-2010 Palmetto Silver Award.
- Recipients of 4 Palmetto Electric Grants in 2010.
- Red Carpet Recipient from the SC Department of Education.
- Recipient of a BCSD Foundation for Educational Excellence Committee Grant.
- Proud business partners with “Project Connect” through the Chamber of Commerce
- Partners with The Coastal Discovery Museum



## MEET OUR LEADERS



### JILL MCADEN, Principal:

25 years in Education

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- BA in Early Childhood & Elementary Education, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.
- MA in Administration, Cambridge College, Cambridge, MA.
- Teacher for 20 years, Teacher Leader for 1 year, Assistant Principal for 4 years, and Principal for 5 years
- Member of ASCD
- S.C. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- SIOP Trained
- IB/PYP National Trainer and Site Visitor since 2004

### DONALD CLENDANIEL, Assistant Principal:

6 years in Education

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- BS in Elementary Education, University of Delaware
- MS in Educational Leadership, Nova Southeastern University
- United States Coast Guard – Boatswains Mate
- Middle School Social Studies/Lead Gifted Specialist/Testing Coordinator
- IB/MYP Trained

### SARAH OWEN, Assistant Principal:

16 years in Education

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- B.A.S in Elementary Education, Fitchburg State College, Ma.
- M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, University of Texas, Texas
- Doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership, SC State University, South Carolina
- ESOL Coordinator
- Adjunct Instructor, Winthrop University, Tarrant County Community College
- National Board Certification, English as a New Language
- PYP Trained

## TEACHING STAFF

We are very proud of our teaching staff. We hold ourselves to high standards, the most important of all being that we serve the children entrusted to our care well. Of our 64 teachers, 38 hold advanced degrees. Eleven of our teachers are National Board certified, education's most prestigious certification process. Currently, five staff members are qualified to be IBPYP trainers or mentors for other schools interested in becoming an IB school.

We provide classes in Spanish, music, fine arts, technology, physical education, and math and science laboratories.



## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- Beaufort County School District [www.beaufort.k12.sc.us](http://www.beaufort.k12.sc.us)
- Hilton Head Island Elementary <http://hhe.beaufort.k12.sc.us/>
- International Baccalaureate Organization: [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)
- Compass Learning <http://odyssey.beaufort.k12.sc.us/>
- Everyday Math Online [www.everdaymathonline.com](http://www.everdaymathonline.com)

## CONTACT US

We are available for visits at any time from families considering enrolling their children. Please contact our school at 843.342.4100 or Jill McAden at 843.342.4209 for visitation dates so that we can welcome you to the school.

## LOCATION

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# Hilton Head Island Elementary School

**An Authorized International Baccalaureate School**

**Where Today's Learners are Tomorrow's Leaders!**



**Authorized since 2001 by the International Baccalaureate Organization to teach the Primary Years Program**