

## Opportunities for Students

- Chorus for 4th grade students
- Community Chorus Performances
- Wellness nights
- LEGO Robotics Club for 3-4 grades
- 4th grade Science Partnership with Cummins through Planet Bonehead
- Reading Award Recognitions
- Bullying Prevention Programs
- Kaleidoscope After-School Program
- Recycling Team
- PBIS Top Dog Recognition
- PBIS Celebrations
- Career Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Reading Intervention
- Read Across America
- Mentors with Check-in Check-out
- Engaging Creative Minds School
- Guest artist assemblies provided by North Charleston Mayor's Office
- Dental exams and Dental services provided throughout the year on campus
- Eye exams , vision screening and glasses provided through Prevention of Blindness



## Our Shared Mission

Ladson Bulldogs will em“bark” on a journey to a bright and successful future by:

**B– Being a 21st Century Communicator**

**A– Actively solving problems**

**R– Reading and Writing effectively**

**K– Keeping a positive attitude**

One of our goals is to continue to provide clear and timely communication with our parents and stakeholders. We communicate in a number of ways:

Weekly Tuesday Red Folders  
 Daily Agendaas that are replaced each semester  
 Updated Community Marquis  
 School Messenger Phone Messages  
 Facebook  
 Twitter  
 Remind App  
 Quarterly Parent Conferences

## Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Ladson Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC and other accomplishments during the year."



Charleston > excellence is our standard  
 County SCHOOL DISTRICT



## **Ladson Elementary**

2017-18 Annual Report  
 to Parents

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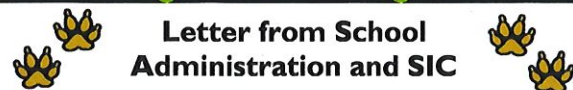


**Website:**

<http://ladson.ccsdschools.com>



**Letter from School Administration and SIC**



Dear Parents:

We are pleased to present to you our Annual School Summary Report. Along with our School Improvement Committee (SIC), we would like to formally share with the progress being made at Ladson Elementary School. Our success is the result of dedication, hard work and partnerships with home, school and community. We especially would like to thank the parents that volunteer at our school on a daily/weekly basis for their continued support.

Sincerely,  
The School Improvement Committee

**Ladson Elementary SIC Members:**

**Elected Members:**

- Michael Carey, Chair      Carrie Palomino, Parent
- Steven Harris, Teacher      Jessica Reidel, Parent

**Appointed Members:**

- Susan Moody, Teacher      Blaze Johnson, Community Member

**Ex-Officio**

- Celeste Spires, Principal      Monica Gaul, Asst. Principal

**Our Vision**

The vision of Ladson Elementary embraces the wide diversity of our community as we strive to provide a setting in which:

- Students are encouraged to become responsible, respectful, life-long learners in a safe nurturing environment.
- A coherent, enriched, challenging curriculum is provided.
- Diversity is respected and embraced.
- Skills, talents and the needs of the individual are honored and developed.
- Our school families and community members form strong cooperative relationships.
- Students are challenged to achieve academically, creatively, socially, and physically to their fullest potential.

**Opportunities for Families and Community**

- PBIS Family Night
- Literacy Family Night/Numeracy Family Night
- Online Education opportunities
- In- House Mental Health Counselors
- Book Fairs
- Construction, Jr. to benefit the Lowcountry Food Bank
- Lego Robotics Team Competitions
- Parenting Seminars/Parent Academy
- PTA Volunteer Opportunities
- Student Recognition Ceremonies
- Spanish Translators Available
- Parent Education Classes
- Kaleidoscope Afterschool Program
- Nutrition classes

**Plans for 2018-2019**

- Increase instruction using technology
- Continued Staff professional development in Literacy, Reading Workshop and Blended Learning
- Increase in reading intervention through the Charleston Literacy Initiative
- Continue implementation of Open Court Phonics
- Reduction in class size
- Continue Training in Differentiation to meet the needs of all students
- Increase instruction using STEM and STEAM activities
- Continued community outreach
- Fund the Parent Advocate and Lead Teacher
- Bilingual office and administrative staff
- Integration of the Arts through Engaging Creative Minds Initiative

**Ladson Statistics 2017-18**

Absolute Rating	Average
Improvement Rating	Excellent
Student enrollment HS-4	850
Child Development classes	4
3 yo Head Start Classes	3
ESEA Rating	B (83.8)
Member of the CEP (Community Eligibility Program)	

**Testing Data Information**  
SC Ready: Spring 2017

Performance levels	ELA		Mathematics	
	Meets and Exceeds	Approaches	Meets and Exceeds	Approaches
Ladson's 3 <sup>rd</sup>	33.3%	32%	51.3%	27.8%
Ladson's 4 <sup>th</sup>	21.6%	27.4%	25.9	36%
Our District	45.6%	28.8%	45.7	28.2%
State	40%	33.1%	42.1	31.6%

**PASS**

Performance levels	Science		Social Studies
	Meets and Exceeds	Approaches	Meets and Exceeds
Ladson's 4 <sup>th</sup>	22.3%	30.2%	65.5%
State	48.7%	26.1%	86.9%



**Palmetto Awards from SC Department of Education**



- 2014-15 Silver- Academic Achievement**
- Gold- Closing the Achievement Gap**
- 2011-12 Silver- Academic Performance**
- 2010-11 Gold- Academic Performance**
- 2005-06 Silver- Academic Achievement**
- 1998-99 School Incentive Award Winner**
- PBIS Exemplar School since 2007**
- LEGO League Champion 2013**
- Cool School March 2015**