### School Activity Offerings

- Drama Kids International
- German Club
- Accelerated Art
- Accelerated Dance
- Accelerated PE
- Ukulele
- Melodica
- Chorus
- Tennis
- Counseling Groups
- Strings
- School Musical

### **School Statistics**

Enrollment: 792 approx. (as of 4/16/24) Grades: CD-5<sup>th</sup> \*These statistics are from the 2023 Fall Data Dashboard.



#### Check out our academic growth and achievement!

2016	18.15	539 <sup>th</sup>
2017	29.44	462 <sup>nd</sup>
2018	28.95	450 <sup>th</sup>
2019	28.78	462 <sup>nd</sup>
2021	42.65	358 <sup>th</sup>
2022	52.92	289 <sup>th</sup>
2023	61.11	238 <sup>th</sup>

Average test score (3-5) State ranking for elementary schools

### SIC Membership

Angel Oak School Improvement Council is an action committee consisting of parents, teachers, and community members that strives to improve our school.



# Elected Members:

Chairperson James Teeple –Parent

Vice- Chairperson Kevin Sterling– Parent

Secretary Kristin Hackler-Parent

Parent Representatives Parent - Laura Dority Parent - Ivey Andersen

> Teacher Leaders Robyn Markovic Sara Hastings

Appointed Members: Barbie Johnson-Community

<u>Staff:</u> Waring Jordan-Family Service Advocate

<u>Ex-Offico:</u> Judith Condon- Principal Stephanie Hall-Assistant Principal

Parent Teacher Association President: Denise Williams

### Angel Oak Elementary School



## What?

2023-24 School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents and Community

This report is issued by the Angel Oak Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) 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 school year.



### School Highlights for 2023-24

-Owlventure Camp students had another great year! 97% of students reached progress towards annual typical growth in Reading and 96% did the same in Math! Several students grew an entire grade level!

-The Charleston Teacher Alliance once again named Angel Oak Elementary as a "Leadership Honor Roll School" based on their Spring 2023 survey. We were one of only twelve schools in the entire district to earn this recognition.

-Angel Oak Elementary SC Ready scores continue to rise! Our test score average in reading and math (combined) has increased 42.96 percentage points from 2016 to 2023. We have moved up 301 spots in our state ranking since 2016. Angel Oak Elementary ranks better than 63% of elementary schools in South Carolina. (schooldigger.com)

-We collaborated with St. John's HS to host an Elevate CHS Work-based Learning Internship program for students interested in Education as a future career choice. These high school students assisted our teachers in classrooms daily as a part of this valuable experience.

-We continued to serve as an ArtsNow Leadership school during the 2023-24 school year. We hosted Arts Integration Demonstration Days throughout the year to highlight our arts-integrated model. We welcomed special guests from districts around the Southeast. We were also awarded \$5000 to support teacher professional learning to continue our work!

-Our PTA has sponsored so many great opportunities for our students and staff including the Holiday Shop, restaurant spirit nights, staff meals and celebrations, family events, Movie Night on the Lawn, One School/One Book and much more!

-We have moved from BELOW AVERAGE in 2017-2018 to GOOD in 2022-2023 for Academic Achievement on our school's state report card.

• We were one of the top three elementary schools in CCSD whose students showed double

digit percentile growth on our ELA SC Ready scores from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

• We were one of the top twelve elementary schools in CCSD whose students showed positive percentile gains on our Math SC Ready scores from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

-We had a fantastic Hispanic Heritage Month! We celebrated with Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week and ended with our "Fiesta on the Lawn" which included food trucks, music, dancers and more! We had over three hundred attendees. Our pinata design contest was a hit!

-Angel Oak Elementary was featured as a "Cool School of the Week" during the Month of November on Channel 2 news. We were celebrated for our Arts Integration program, increase in enrollment, and increased academic achievement.

-We celebrated three students who scored perfect scores on their Spring 2023 SC Ready Math assessment! This is a huge accomplishment!

-Our SIC scheduled Internet Safety presentations for upper grades parents and students during the spring.

-Our fourth-grade students worked with their St. John's High School "Math Buddies" on Fact Fluency. These high school students were trained by our instructional coach to formatively assess students and to help them practice strategies to increase their math fluency.

-Our Winter iReady testing data was better than it ever has been before! All our grade levels placed in the high growth/high achievement quadrant! We celebrated all student growth with a prize cart visit and our highest achievement/growth students with a pizza/dance party!

-We celebrated Black History Month with a spirit week, a family project, and a celebration! Our celebration included Gullah performances, food trucks, a classic car show, student artwork, historical artifacts and more! We had great attendance.

-Our PTA Read-a-Thon and One School/One Book was a success! We read the book, <u>Fenway and Hattie</u>, as a school to promote reading in our school community! This was in

conjunction with Read-a-thon, our PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year!

-We teamed up with Our Lady of Mercy to offer Financial Literacy lessons to our fifth-grade students during the month of March. The two lessons were about why money matters/budgeting and making goals/saving money.

-We have experienced many arts performances this year including the Charleston Symphony, Bright Star Theatre, Land of Smiles, Palmetto City Ballet, Charleston Jazz, CofC Opera and Charleston Stage!

-Our students have experienced a Book Character Day, Career Days and more! Grade level field trips have included visits to the Dock Street Theatre, the International African American Museum, and the Gaillard with several more to come!

-Our teachers continue to complete research-based training in the science of reading (LETRs), arts integration, Math OGAP, Social Studies/Science standard alignment and assistive technologies.

-Still to come: our School Musical (Mary Poppins), Field Days, artist residencies and more!

The SIC goal for this school year was to focus on establishing a Birth-5 initiative in our school community.



In 2023-24, SIC supported the creation of "Little Owl Houses" with "Little Owl Learning Kits" throughout our community. SIC continues to collaborate with local daycares, churches, families and other D9 schools to support school readiness.