

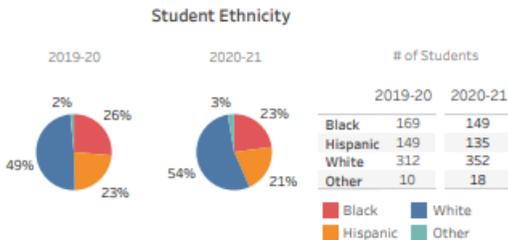
## \*School Club Offerings

\*all clubs on hold for 20-21 due to pandemic

- Drama Club
- Boys Club
- School Musical
- Dance Club
- Robotics
- Girls Club
- Tennis
- Cooking Club
- Yearbook
- Art Club
- Student Council
- Spanish Club

## School Statistics

Enrollment: 650 approx.  
Grades: CD-5<sup>th</sup>



\*These statistics are from the 2021 Fall Data Dashboard.

## SIC Membership

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



### Who?



Elected Members:  
Chairperson  
Leslie Boyer –Parent

Vice- Chairperson  
Paul Sebestyen– Parent

Secretary  
Stephanie Becks – AP

Scott Appleby-Parent  
Elli Whitcomb-Parent  
Brad Taggart-Parent  
Michelle Faust-Parent  
Susan Batts-Parent

Appointed Members:  
Ryan Vrba- Community  
Barbara Griffin-Community

Ex-Officio:  
Judith Condon- Principal  
Tara Mande- Teacher of the Year  
Anna Stokes-Teacher  
Valerie Grant-Secretary/Bookkeeper

Parent Teacher Association Representative:  
Stephanie DeRosa

## Angel Oak Elementary School



### What?

2020-21 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 2020-21

- AOE was outfitted with plexiglass table partitions, hand sanitizing stations, a new air filtration, water bottle filling stations and more as a part of our SafeSchool guidelines for reentry during the COVID pandemic
- Teachers were successfully trained in new online platforms including Canvas and Zearn to support temporary remote learning at home
- Implemented a week long “Meet and Greet” event for over 640+ parents and students to acclimate students back to school while still maintaining health and safety protocol established by CCSD and MUSC
- Began school on Sept. 8 with both in-person and temporary remote classes. Successfully brought students back in “waves” every 10 days to reach over 70% in person capacity by Oct. 5
- Ms. Anderson’s third grade class created a “Free Little Library” for students placed at the school’s entrance to give and receive books in an effort to further promote our reading initiatives.
- Hosted a Q&A session specifically for our Spanish-speaking families in September to continue our efforts to enhance communication with all stakeholders
- Ms. Parry’s first grade class was featured on the Zearn Math Twitter feed noting successful implementation of NumberBonds to problem solve and for connecting hands-on and digital learning.
- Began Cultural Competency training with teachers and staff during staff meetings each month
- Participated in the “International Dot Day” celebration in September in connection to our school theme of “Make Your Mark” by Peter Reynolds. This included the creation of our class banners.
- Celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through class projects, daily announcements, book readings, art- integrated projects.
- Held Family Data conferences in all grades (both in person and virtually) in October with high rates of attendance
- Maria Hernandez, 5th grade, who was surprised as a winner in the Palmetto Pride 2019-2020 art contest! The theme was “Litter Trashes Everyone”.
- Celebrated our annual “Book Character Dress Up Day” to promote literacy and a love of reading
- Sheila Garth, our new K-2 school counselor, received an award for Writer of the Year for Cobb County Schools District School Counseling Program during the 2019/2020 School Year. Her publications include a counselor workbook resources called Arts Integration in School Counseling and is published through Youthlight Inc.
- Grammy award winning musician, Charlton Singleton, gave our 3rd & 4th-grade students a history lesson on Lowcountry music in October. He explained how our city has played a major role in the beginnings of Jazz. He discussed our area’s Gullah

Culture and how it influenced his award-winning band Ranky Tanky.

- Participated in a district-wide “Hero Week” to honor our teachers and staff for all of their hard work.
- Wesley United Methodist Church and Camp Hi Hopes contributed funds to help support our students with supplies for learning and STEAM enrichment activities during the 2020-21 school year.
- Berkeley Electric Cooperative announced nearly \$10,000 in classroom grants to local teachers as part of its Bright Ideas program. This year’s winners included: Sara Hastings, Angel Oak Elementary – Arts Integration in Math & Science
- Teachers and staff participated in a Kickball game/competition as a fun team building activity
- Celebrated Veteran’s Day through a social media blast of photos and recognitions honoring those who served in our US military branches
- Continued into 2nd quarter supporting both in person and temporary remote class models. We had 80%+ in person capacity by Nov. 11. We joined with other schools to create Regional Temporary Remote classes to ensure all students could continue be served in a virtual model.
- AOE received special recognition as a “Hero of COVID” (part of Auburn University’s Annual Quality of Life Awards that recognize significant and lasting contributions to individual, family and community well/being).
- Ms. Mande’s class was featured on the SecondStep twitter feed for integrating arts and social emotional learning in lessons.
- As part of the Year 3 SmART Literacy grant, teachers continue to receive professional learning and training with ArtsNow consultants online through Zoom. Arts Integration Teacher Leaders have been identified and were sent arts integration kits to distribute to students. The students then experienced virtual Artists in Residency demonstrations.
- Added a “Testing Resources for Parents” folder to our online Parent/Family Resource folder
- Hosted our first ever Fall “Virtual” Book Fair for students and families allowing for profits to purchase more books for our school library
- Our PTA hosted a Virtual Holiday Shop to raise money for special projects throughout the year
- The Kiawah Island Club invested in an Outdoor Enhancement project at Angel Oak Elementary during the last week in November. They sent out volunteers who created a new outdoor learning space, rebuilt our greenhouse, improved our garden areas and covered play area, added a mobile sound/music discovery wall and built benches and picnic tables.
- Mr. Jordan, our Parent Advocate, created a Parent/Family Virtual Classroom that will be updated monthly with engaging activities for families, social-emotional resources, a Counselor’s

Corner, a Parent/Family Library, mindfulness exercises/tips for Adults, and upcoming events

- Mr. Charlie Brown (Former St. John’s HS graduate and celebrated Football Pro) brought several of our students (and students at other island schools) new bikes as gifts during the holiday season!
- PTA hosted Spirit Fundraiser Events at local restaurants in the community: Sunrise Bistro and Tolly’s Trattoria. They also sold Chick-fil-A biscuits in the morning car line to support our school.
- We were at over 80% in person capacity as of January, 2021. Second Semester transition will bring back more students bringing the total to 87.1% of our students attending in-person as of February 8.
- Celebrated students who met their Winter MAP goals with a prizes from our “Glow Cart”. All prizes either blink, flash or glow in the dark.
- Our second grade students kicked off the district’s “Read Around the Bases” partnership with the Charleston Riverdogs in January. Students experienced virtual and in-person read alouds from Yankee’s pitcher and Charleston native, Asher Wojciechowski. He even signed a copy of the book he read to keep in our library!
- Celebrated “World Read Aloud Day” on February 2nd and 3rd with 35+ guest readers joining us “virtually” through Zoom. Guest readers included parents, grandparents, local community members and authors from around the country!
- Created “Acceleration” classes and blocks to further differentiate for our learners in grades K, 3, 4 and 5. Select students in 4th and 5th grade will also participate in a “Passion Project” pilot to explore skill development in the areas of independence, leadership and real world application.
- Completed PBIS focus months (WISE OWL expectations, Classroom behavior, Hallway behavior, Bus behavior etc.) and daily Second Step lessons to support positive behavior and social emotional learning
- Implemented our “Family Banner Project” as a way to continue to build relationships with our school families and community during the global pandemic. Celebrated Black History Month and our theme of “Powerful Words” with daily trivia and arts-integrated class activities.
- Shared multiple editions of our school newspaper “The Hootie News” created by our 3rd grade newspaper class.
- Devin Brown, 5th grader at AOE, placed as one the Top 18 finalists in the CCSD District-wide spelling Bee
- Five Angel Oak ES students auditioned and were accepted into the Charleston County School District Prep Level Orchestra. (last update: 3/10/2021)

## SIC Annual Goals

The SIC goal for this school year was to focus on supporting the school through the challenges of the global pandemic.

SIC meetings have been held virtually this year. During SIC meetings, members were able to receive school updates, analyze data and give input regarding school goals and activities.