

Sullivan's Island Elementary School

2012-13 Report to the Parents

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment for 2012-13:	417 Students
Projected Enrollment 2013-14:	475 Students
Grades:	PreK-5 th Grade
Program:	Partial Magnet: Math/Science/Coastal Environment
School Report Card:	Absolute Rating: Excellent Improvement Rating: Excellent Annual Yearly Progress: 100/100 A+

2012-13 School Improvement Council

Jim Henshaw, Chair
Susan King, Principal
Loren Ziff, School Rebuilding Chair
Rebecca Bestoso
Stephanie Sprott
Kim Deaton
Ryan Buckhannon
Bronwyn Lurkin
Charlie Aikman
Steve Kaul
Sarah Church, PTA President
Hartley Cooper

WHAT SETS SULLIVAN'S ISLAND ELEMENTARY APART

Science/Math:	<i>Math/Science Lab with certified teacher, First Moves Chess, gardening, observation beehive, Science Share Day</i>
Coastal Environment:	<i>Camp Greenville, school-wide seining trip & sandcastle day, oyster restoration project, Sewee Center, SC Aquarium Sea Turtle Hospital, gardening, composting and recycling</i>
Wellness:	<i>Zumba and Yoga Classes, MUSC Lean Team Recipient, Wellness Fair, Healthy Choice Chain Competition</i>
Spanish:	<i>K-5th, native speaker, certified teacher</i>
Technology:	<i>K-5th, Technology class with certified teacher, Type to Learn Keyboarding</i>
Guidance:	<i>Full-time counselor, RAYS positive behavior program, anti-bullying programs, Career Day, character education</i>
Interventions:	<i>Mastery Reading Teacher, exemplary Core Team, Lexia diagnostic reading program</i>
Art and Music:	<i>PreK-5th, Honk Jr. musical production, school wide May Day, integration of classroom content, PreK-5th</i>
Clubs: Excellent:	<i>Chorus, Coastal Curators Club, Student Council, Math Team, Tennis Team</i>
Parent Involvement:	<i>School Improvement Council, PTA, Friends of SIES, Welcome Desk, tutoring</i>

OUR SCHOOL



SIES is a partial magnet program for math, science, and the coastal environment. Hands-on projects, collaboration, and problem solving are key components of our dynamic program.

This January we celebrated with the community at the long-awaited ground breaking ceremony for our new school building. The building foundation is now complete and vertical construction will begin over the summer with an opening date of August 2014.

The impending move to the new building has been a catalyst for innovation in curriculum and instructional practice. Coupled with the national movement toward the Common Core State Standards, this is an exciting and innovative time at SIES.

The concepts of sustainability and healthy choices will continue to play an integral role in school-wide initiatives which engage students in math and science; ultimately increasing overall academic achievement. As community members, we invite each of you to share your individual interests, passions, and areas of expertise to help us as we endeavor to provide a world-class education. Thank you for your ongoing support of Sullivan's Island Elementary School!

CREATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Principal Susan King and new school architect, Jerry English, recently attended an informative seminar at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The purpose of the conference was to provide educators and architects with valuable insights to aid in the development of a new school filled with innovative concepts for creative thinking and 21st Century Learning.

With the input from faculty, parents and community members, Principal King and the Design Team for the new school are actively developing the details for the new design to maximize student learning.



FRIENDS

SIES is able to provide an exemplary learning experience with the generous support of parents and the surrounding community, who donate their time and money to enhance the programs provided by the school district.

Friends of Sullivan's Island Elementary School (FRIENDS) was formed to provide financial support to SIES in the areas of teacher salaries, instructional and educational supplies, and currently provides funding for Technology, Intervention, Spanish and Guidance. The inclusion of these programs elevates SIES from a good school to a great school, and we appreciate everyone's commitment to this important mission each year.

FRIENDS created the Wig & Stache Bash as a fundraiser in 2013, and it was a huge success – raising over \$70,000 for the school.

To donate or to get involved, please contact Sean and Jennifer Holland, the co-Chairs of FRIENDS for the 2013-14 school year.

