

# Sullivan's Island Elementary School

## 2014 Report to the Parents

### AT A GLANCE

<b>Enrollment 2014-2015:</b>	465 Students
<b>Projected Enrollment 2014-2015:</b>	500 Students
<b>Neighborhood Enrollment:</b>	SI, IOP, Dewees Island, Goat Island
<b>Partial Magnet Enrollment:</b>	Mt. Pleasant, Awendaw, and Charleston County based on space availability
<b>Grade Levels:</b>	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Program Theme:</b>	Coastal Environment
<b>School Report Card:</b>	Absolute Rating: Excellent Annual Yearly Progress: 100/100 A+

### OUR SCHOOL

At SIES, educating the whole child is our priority. We intentionally plan not only for academic development, but for social-emotional and physical as well. Instruction is standards-based and integrates the overarching theme of coastal environment across all subjects and grade levels. Personalized learning, inquiry-based instruction and utilizing the outdoors as a classroom are key components of our dynamic curriculum.

For the past four school years, Sullivan's Island Elementary has operated in the former Whitesides Elementary building in Mt. Pleasant. In February 2014 we gathered as a community to raise the last beam onto our new building on Sullivan's Island. In August 2014 we will move into a new state-of-the-art facility located on the former school site, directly on the Atlantic Coast.

Sullivan's Island Elementary is one of the highest-achieving elementary schools in South Carolina, and has been awarded the Palmetto Gold Award by the State Department of Education every year. Our school continually earns an absolute rating of excellent on the South Carolina Annual School Report Card.

Susan R. King, Principal

Kimberly Deaton, School Improvement Chairperson



## FOCUS ON STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Coastal Environment:** full-time lab instructor, emphasis on using the outdoors as a classroom, wet lab and portable aquariums coming in Aug. 2014

**Technology:** full time technology instructor, moving to 1:1 Ipads for 2014-2015

**Wellness:** full-time guidance counselor, 100 mile walking club, yoga club, smoothie tasting, gardening, annual Wellness Fair, Career Day, Wellness Team, Green Team, gardening balconies coming in 2014-2015

**Global Awareness:** Spanish Exposure Program grades K – 5 with native speaker

**The Arts:** Annual Musical, Chorus, music and visual arts instruction by highly-qualified staff, creative movement classes coming in 2014-2015

**Personalized Learning:** math and reading interventions, Mastery Reading Teacher, Odyssey of the Mind, project-based learning, leveled library, goal setting with Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, CONTINUOUS GROWTH

At SIES we embrace a model of sustainable, continuous improvement. An integral part of this model depends upon a high level of engagement from our PTA, School Improvement Council (SIC), Friends of Sullivan's Island Elementary (Friends), and the local and broader communities whose partnerships involve volunteering, tutoring, fundraising, and assisting with strategic planning. Sullivan's Island Elementary embraces Vision 2016, Charleston Achieving Excellence, and will continue to work with our dedicated team of staff members, families, and community partnerships to ensure that we provide a WORLD-CLASS learning experience for ALL of our students.

