

# Pinckney Elementary

## 2015-2016 SIC Annual Report to Parents



### Pinckney's Teacher of the Year



*"Pinckney Elementary provides many opportunities for students - academic, social, and extracurricular- that empower them to be successful in a highly competitive world. The administration team is supportive of new initiatives such as Action Based Learning and 1:1 iPads, and the faculty works hard to create dynamic and engaging lessons. The parents are supportive partners and are involved on a daily basis. Our students are fortunate to be surrounded by teachers and family members who continually challenge them and encourage them to be life-long learners."* Stephanie Cordray, fourth grade teacher

#### **Pinckney Pantry**

This year the Pinckney Pantry was started for Pinckney families in need. Students donated to the pantry in the fall and early spring and the Pantry provided 16 families with the items they needed. Donations included non-perishable food, gift cards for fresh produce, toiletries, clothing and more. Thank you for your support in making the Pinckney Pantry a success this year.

#### **New Pinckney Mascot for the 2016/2017 School Year**

Pinckney students and the SIC committee have decided to replace the lighthouse with a mascot! After a school wide vote, a winner has been selected. Look for this new mascot to be unveiled in August!



**National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**

# Celebrating Pinckney's Success



## Mrs. Mary Huffman,

a fifth grade social studies and reading teacher at Pinckney was chosen as the *National Social Studies Teacher of the Year*. Mrs. Huffman traveled to New York last fall to receive



her award from Robin Roberts of the *Good Morning America Show*. The award, which is given by Gilder Lehrman's Institute of American History, recognizes the country's most outstanding American History teachers. Mrs. Huffman was chosen from a pool of finalists from each of the fifty states, Washington, DC, and Department of Defense Schools.

**Congratulations Mrs. Huffman!**



## Awards & Achievements

- \* Trident Basketball League Junior Girls' Division II Champions
- \* State Chess Champions for both K-3 and 4th-5th divisions
- \* Palmetto Gold Award for outstanding academic performance, 15 consecutive years
- \* Excellent rating on SC State Report Card, 11 consecutive years
- \* Ranked #5 in our state among elementary schools

## Mary Furches Grant

This grant was created by Pinckney's SIC in memory of Mary Furches, a beloved fifth grade teacher. The grant supports innovative teaching practices and opportunities for students.

### 2015/2016 Grant Recipients

Stacey Lewis	Dana Lentz	Megan Baum
Stephanie Cordray	Janelle Warren	Mary Huffman
Sandra Fitzgerald	Kendra Crowder	
Becky Accolla	Kimberly Long	

## Academic Enrichment at Pinckney Elementary

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| ◇ WCPE News Team                    | ◇ Trebuchet Team      | ◇ Mad Science Day             |
| ◇ SC Children's Book Award Warriors | ◇ First Lego League   | ◇ Starbooks Club              |
| ◇ Fifth Grade Strings Orchestra     | ◇ Chess Club          | ◇ Author Visits               |
| ◇ Ecology Club/Green Teams          | ◇ Chorus              | ◇ SAIL (Gifted) Program       |
| ◇ Drama Club                        | ◇ Sock Hop Dances     | ◇ The Taste of South Carolina |
| ◇ Talent Show                       | ◇ Active Brains Class | ◇ Pinckney Pantry             |
| ◇ Tennis Teams                      | ◇ 1-to1 iPads         |                               |
| ◇ Student Council                   | ◇ Colonial Day        |                               |
| ◇ Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams | ◇ Science Fair        |                               |