

## Family-Centered Activities



- PTO Oyster Roast/Silent Auction
- Palooza Fine Arts Festival
- PTO Festival of Books
- Bike to School Day
- SMART Night (science, math, and reading)
- Family Art Night
- PTO Harvest Ball
- Music Performances
- Science Fair

## School Improvement Council's Role

- Assist in the 5 year School Improvement Plan.
- Write the *Annual Report to Parents*.
- Write grants or devise plans to obtain funding for school projects.
- Serve as liaison between the school, school organizations, the community, and the local school board to get pertinent information distributed to the parents.
- Established the Mary Furches Educational Grant and funded three grant requests for innovative teaching practices.
- Provide advice on the use of school incentive award expenditures that come from awards such as the Palmetto Gold or Silver Award.



## SIC Members

- Sharon Gallagher, Chair, parent
- Leanne Sheppard, Principal
- Kimberly Batts, Secretary, teacher
- Jane Bullard, teacher
- Kellie Dawson, teacher
- Kendall DuRant, community member
- Atlee Johnston, community member
- Diann Krywko, parent
- Terri Matson, parent
- Amy Rankin, parent
- Courtney Somers, community member



Oyster Roast Fun



5th Grade Musical: Honk



Dr. Seuss's Birthday

## Volunteer Opportunities

Pinckney encourages involvement through volunteering:

- Media center
- Clinic
- Front office
- Coaching
- Chess Club
- PTO
- School Improvement Council



Oyster Roast Volunteers



**Pinckney  
Elementary**  
National Blue Ribbon School  
of Excellence



## 2012– 2013 Annual Report to Parents

### Mission Statement

At Charles Pinckney Elementary, we are committed to providing each student an extensive range of educational opportunities in a nurturing environment. The staff and faculty, in partnership with families, ensures a healthy balance of rigorous instruction, extracurricular activities, and social opportunities for our students.

### Remembering one of our own...



Mary Furches

In tribute to an amazing educator, the School Improvement Council was honored to establish the Mary Furches Educational Grant. In its inaugural year, three grant requests were funded to support innovative teaching practices for our wonderful teachers.

## Principal's Message

This Annual Report was created in partnership with our School Improvement Council. We are proud to highlight our students' achievements as well as our school's programs and awards. For the twelfth consecutive year, Pinckney has earned an "Excellent" rating on the S.C. State Report Card. It is through the collective efforts of our faculty, students, parents, and community that Pinckney continues to maintain its standard of educational excellence.

~Mrs. Sheppard

Charleston excellence is our standard  
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Awards & Recognitions

- Excellent rating on SC School Report Card
- National Blue Ribbon School Award
- Palmetto Gold Award for outstanding academic achievement
- 15 Nationally Board Certified Teachers
- Pinckney Girls Basketball Team, Trident League Division III Champions
- Pinckney Chess Club, SC State Scholastic Chess Championship, grades 4-5 (1st Place), grade 3 (2nd place)
- HUG Award for closing the achievement gap
- Mary Furches Educational Grant
- Trident League Boys' Academic Cup Winner (highest academic averages of all teams)
- "Storm the Citadel" Trebuchet Championship, First Place
- Cooper River Bridge Run Grant
- First CCSD kinesthetic-equipped classroom

## Academic Enrichment & School Initiatives

The SC state standards come to life through authentic learning experiences.

- The Taste of South Carolina
- Dancing Through the Decades
- SAIL Program
- Severe Weather News Broadcasts
- No Teacher's Allowed Book Club
- Reading Academy
- Civil War Wax Museums
- Focus on Implementation of Additional School-wide Safety Measures
- Colonial Day
- Science Fair
- Single Gender Classes
- Mad Science Day
- Starbooks Book Club
- Author Visits

## Extracurricular Opportunities

- Boys' & Girls' Basketball Teams
- Ecology Club / Recycling Team
- WCPE News Team
- Rockin Robots Lego Team
- Student Council
- Trebuchet Team
- Tennis Team
- Chess Club
- Percussion Ensemble
- Fifth Grade Strings Orchestra
- Pinckney Bloggers
- Talent Show
- 5th Grade Musical

## Thoughts From A Pinckney Parent...

Pinckney continues to impress me. The curriculum offered along with the dedicated staff and committed teachers is second to none. The events of last winter caused schools to go on high security alert. The staff at Pinckney rose beyond expectations with constant communication, a willingness to accommodate families, tightening the dismissal protocol, reviewing emergency procedures, and demonstrating an even greater commitment to a safe learning environment. No wonder it's one of the best schools in the state. I'm very proud to say my children attend Pinckney Elementary.

*Amy Rankin, Parent*

**"Lighting the Way to Learning"**

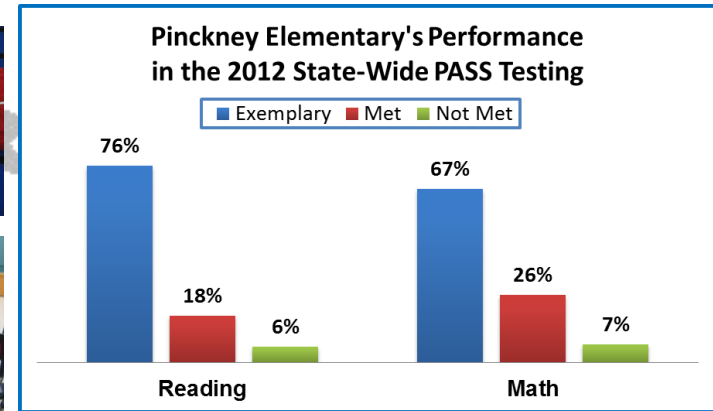
## Instructional/Curriculum Resources

- Lexile Leveled Library
- Interventionist to assist struggling learners
- MAP to identify student knowledge
- SMART Boards and Document Cameras
- Foss Science Kit Instruction
- 6 Traits of Writing Program
- Center for Differentiation
- iPads, iPods, Digital Cameras, Flip Cameras
- Edmodo

## Encouraging Good Citizenship

Our student body and faculty make a positive impact on the community.

- Fall food drive for ECCO
- Book drive
- Toy & Coat drives
- Relay for Life
- Blood Drive
- Bullying Prevention Programs
- Pennies for Patients
- Buddy Walk
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund
- Cyber Safety



## Pinckney's Teacher of the Year...



To be part of a school like Pinckney is magical, for both young and the young at heart. The curriculum offers numerous opportunities for rigorous and creative learning. Our goal is to challenge each child to do his/her personal best by providing an interesting and engaging learning environment. By working together, our staff and community provide a foundation that equals success. ~ Stacey Shoecraft, 5th Grade Math/