

## Family-Centered Activities

- Palooza Fine Arts Festival
- Field Day
- Family Art Night
- PTO Harvest Ball
- PTO Festival of Books
- Bike to School Day
- PTO Oyster Roast/Silent Auction
- **SMART** Night (Science, Math, Art, Reading, Technology)



## SIC Members

### Parents:

- Mrs. Terri Matson, Chair
- Mrs. Hong Lee
- Mr. Chris Logan
- Dr. Diann Krywko
- Mrs. Amy Rankin

### Community Members:

- Mrs. Sharon Gallagher
- Mrs. Jenny Hough

### Teachers:

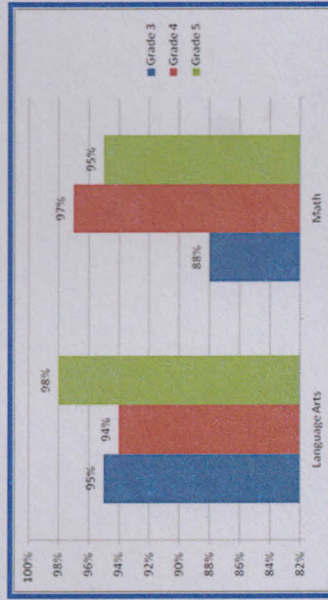
- Mrs. Jane Bullard
- Mrs. Kellie Dawson
- Mrs. Leanne Sheppard, Principal



## School Improvement Council's Role

- Assist in the 5 year School Improvement Plan.
- Write the *Annual Report to Parents*.
- Write grants and 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.
- Select recipients for the Mary Furches Grant 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.

## State-Wide PASS Test Data



## Percentage scoring "Met" or "Exemplary"

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# Pinckney Elementary

National Blue Ribbon School  
of Excellence



## 2013-2014 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.



### 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 thirteenth consecutive year, Pinckney has earned an "Excellent" rating on the SC 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

## Awards, Recognitions, and Honors

- Excellent rating on SC State School Report Card
- Palmetto Gold Award for Outstanding Academic Performance
- Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap
- Lego League: First Place Qualifier & Highest Score in Robot Performance
- Trident Basketball League: Junior Girls' Division II Champions
- "Storm the Citadel" Trebuchet Championship: First Place for Design
- 18 Nationally Board Certified Teachers

## Academic Enrichment & School Initiatives

- Reading Academy
- Active Brains Class
- Action-Based Learning
- Colonial Day
- Science Fair
- Single Gender Classes
- Mad Science Day
- Starbooks Club
- Author Visits
- SAIL (Gifted) Program
- The Taste of South Carolina
- Dancin' thru the Decades



## iPads: Enrich, Extend, and Support Instruction



Each Pinckney student has his/her own iPad. Students use these instructional tools for creation, application, and research purposes. Additionally, teachers have received specialized training in how to implement effective instruction with iPads. This is twenty-first century learning in action!

## Moving Minds Through Movement

Brain research indicates that movement and physical activities increase academic performance. Kinesthetic activities improve memory, reinforce academic concepts, and balance brain chemicals. Our students have opportunities to engage in Action Based Learning during the school day. Kinesthetic tables replace traditional desks, and wobble seats or movement balls serve as chairs in many classrooms. Additionally, a new "Active Brains" class was added to the special area schedule this year.



## Extracurricular Opportunities

- Basketball Teams (boys' & girls')
- Fifth Grade Strings Orchestra
- Ecology Club / Recycling Team
- Lego Leagues (boys' & girls')
- Drama Club / 5th Grade Play
- Talent Show
- Chorus / 5th Grade Musical
- WCPE News Team
- Tennis Team
- Student Council
- Trebuchet Team
- Chess Club
- Sock Hop Dance



## Parent's Perspective

"My son loves Pinckney. The administration, teachers, and every other staff member work very hard every day for the students. The parents and the community use all resources to support their kids and school. No wonder the children enjoy learning and growing at Charles Pinckney Elementary School. I just feel blessed, and I am proud to be a parent at this excellent school."

*Hong Lee, parent*

## 2013-2014 Mary Furches Grant Recipients

This grant was created by Pinckney's School Improvement Council in memory of Mary Furches, a beloved fifth grade teacher. The grant supports innovative teaching practices and opportunities for students. 2013 grants totaled \$1,358,00!

- Mary Huffman: Non-fiction Social Studies Book Sets
- Stacey Lewis: Stability Balls
- Stephanie Cordray: Wobble Movement Seats
- Kimberly Long: Wobble Cushions
- Dana Lentz: Bouncy Bands

## Pinckney's Teacher of the Year

"As a fifth grade teacher at Pinckney Elementary, I am proud to be an active member of this exemplary group of educators who go above and beyond to meet the needs of all our students. Pinckney offers a variety of extracurricular activities which range from Lego League and chess club to basketball and ecology club, all of which foster friendships and promote an active, healthy lifestyle. In addition, our families and the community help provide the tools and support necessary for our students' academic success. Together, we proudly provide the foundation for each student to succeed academically and socially."

*"Lighting the Way to Learning"*

*Mrs. Huffman, fifth grade teacher*

