



## Savannah Grove Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council "Report to Families" 2018-2019

Savannah Grove Elementary  
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of SGES is to effectively prepare all students for the 21st century by utilizing research based educational practices.



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### **School Improvement Council Members**

#### **Elected Representatives:**

- ◆ Chair: Kevin Covington
- ◆ Secretary: Christy Reed
- ◆ Cherisse Thayer, Teacher

#### **Appointed Representatives:**

- ◆ Zachary Cooper- Community
- ◆ Billy Brown- Community
- ◆ Craig Samuel- Parent
- ◆ Jessica Sumpter- APT
- ◆ Jennifer Suggs- APT
- ◆ Wendy Hamrick- APT
- ◆ Lisa Williamson- APT
- ◆ Creeana Crosland- APT
- ◆ Katrina Taylor- APT

#### **Ex-Officio Representatives:**

- ◆ David Copeland, Principal
- ◆ Wanda Parrott, Assistant Principal
- ◆ Kevin Covington, Curriculum Coordinator
- ◆ Nealie Smith, School Counselor
- ◆ Crystal Deas, Teacher of the Year



- C-** Caring for others
- H-** Honesty
- O-** Ownership
- M-** Making good choices
- P-** Perseverance

### **A Message from the School Improvement Council**

The Savannah Grove Elementary School Improvement Council actively builds many essentials necessary for student achievement. As challenges and needs arise, work is continuously done throughout the year to attain set goals. A substantial string of successes have resulted in a more collaborative, welcoming environment conducive to teaching and learning. The perseverance, diligence, and tenacious commitment of the SIC helps shape a vision for fostering academic success benefiting students, families, staff, and the greater school community. During the school year, open SIC meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the Curriculum Room providing opportunities through which parents and community members can become more involved in the life of Savannah Grove Elementary School.

Please join us as together we strive towards

**Successfully Growing Excellent Students.**

***#WinningHeartsWinningMinds***

## **SGES Programs**

- Code to the Future Computer Immersion School
- Honors Chorus
- Dance Team
- Spelling Bee
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Good News Club
- Discovery Education
- REACH
- Study Island, Envision, NewsELA, and Reflex Math
- Safety Patrol & Litter Patrol
- Cultural Diversity Fair
- School Wellness Committee
- 4-H Junior Master Gardener Club
- PBIS
- Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll Programs
- Junior Beta Club
- Horizons Art Club
- Golden K Terrific Kids
- Real Men Read Mentoring Program
- MAP & Link-It Benchmark Assesments
- Character Education



## **SIC ANNUAL GOALS**

### **Goal 1: Build Community Support**

The SIC recognized building community support as an essential key to fostering a positive school climate. SGES kicked off our social media campaign this year to reach out and inform parents in different ways. This campaign includes the Florence 1 App, Instagram, and Facebook posts and updates.

The SIC created a volunteer network, collaboratively hosted monthly Skate Nights, helped implement the Real Men Read mentoring program, and actively advanced a beneficial partnership with the School Foundation and the Fellows in Education. SGES celebrated Women's History Month by inviting women from the community to read to our students, and hosted Florence native author/publisher Tammie Durant as a guest speaker for our students. SGES partnered with and hosted the Strengthening Family Program to help support

The SGES Junior Beta Club gives back to the community by making holiday cards for McLeod hospital and collecting donations for the Florence Humane Society.

### **Goal 2: Maximize Instructional Time**

In an effort to enhance student achievement by increasing the time students were actively engaged in the digital learning process, the SGES staff partnered with the F1S district office to become fully Google Classroom trained. Our students completed the first cycle of Code 2 the Future and are currently working in the second cycle. Early Bird Academy begins at 7:00 AM to provide students with instruction the moment they arrive at school.

### **Goal 3: Improve Safety**

SGES updated our car line by adding footprints in the walkway to help students get in from the car line. Plans for a fence around our playground are also underway. Students participated in monthly fire drills and Code Blue intruder drills, as well as earthquake and tornado drills so that they are prepared just in case of an emergency.

## **School Achievements**

- This year, SGES moved forward into the second phase of our computer immersion program in partnership with Code to the Future.
- Mrs. Crystal Deas was named SGES 2018 Teacher of the Year and Mr. Samuel was named the SGES Support Staff of the Year.
- Mr. Wade Hicks and Mrs. Alexandra Sirbu-Green achieved National Board Certification.
- SGES earned an "Average" ESSA rating based on our students' testing achievements in 2018.
- Students earn CHOMpliments for outstanding behavior and receive monthly PBIS awards.
- Students are recognized for Terrific Kids, Perfect Attendance, and Honor Roll.
- Staff and Teacher Features are selected by their peers and recognized



**Winning Hearts**



**Winning Minds**

