



**Palmetto Elementary School - 2019-2020
School Improvement Council - Report to Parents
Amy W. Cothran, Principal**

2019-2020 SIC Committee

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Julia Clardy
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A Message from Mrs. Cothran:

Palmetto Elementary School has so many wonderful things to share. We are so excited to have Mrs. Stacey Shaw as our new assistant principal. Title I funds are being used to purchase new iPads, apps for our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes and additional reading materials for all classrooms. PES will fully implement Professional Learning Communities that provide teachers with time to have meaningful conversations about instruction and student progress. We are excited to have the YMCA After-School Program at PES this year. Our bookstore and birthday book program continues to be successful as we provide new books to our students.

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The Vision of Palmetto Elementary School:

- All children are provided with equal learning opportunities, which will enhance their intellectual development and meet our changing society's demands.
- The community members, students, school staff, and parents work as educational partners to provide service and support their academic mission.
- Instructional goals are established and supported by the administration, faculty, office staff, parents, and students.
- The educational experiences blend and balance children's creative, emotional, intellectual, and social needs.
- There is an integration of skill proficiencies and expectations among all disciplines that are incorporated into the curriculum.

- All individuals are treated and expected to treat others with dignity, fairness, and respect.
 - The educational experiences foster active involvement, independence of thought, and emphasize problem-solving and critical thinking.
 - The value and contributions of diverse cultures are recognized and appreciated.
 - Children develop a life-long appreciation of the arts, physical fitness, and the importance of good healthy choices.
 - Children depart with a positive sense of self, love of learning, and skills necessary to continue their life-long development.
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School Improvement Council Plan:

- Participate in the development of the five-year school improvement plan.
- Assist in the monitoring of the implementation of the plan and evaluation of results on achieving the goals.
- Assist in the writing of annual updates.
- Write a report to the parents about the progress of the school and the district. Additionally, the message is to include ideas to achieve goals and objectives on the strategic plan.
- Write a narrative to the School Report Card in conjunction with the principal.
- Participate in revising the school improvement plan if the school is rated unsatisfactory on the School Report Card.

The Role of the School Improvement Council:

The SIC of Palmetto Elementary works closely with all stakeholders to support and provide students the best opportunities at Palmetto Elementary. Throughout the school year, the committee meets numerous times to discuss, evaluate, and plan to continue achieving the school improvement plan's goals.

Parent Communication:

Palmetto Elementary continues to improve communication with parents and families in new and innovative ways. To share information, exciting news, and upcoming events, we utilize Remind, Facebook, the school website, and Blackboard. Most classrooms use Seesaw to communicate with parents and showcase student learning and growth in a digital format, creating a digital portfolio for each student. Weekly newsletters are sent home to families. Many classrooms also use Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Remind, and Class Dojo to share important information, photos, and videos of student learning.

GoalPOST:

GoalPOST is an after school program developed in collaboration with Clemson University and Anderson School Districts 1 and 4. The program is grant funded by 21st Century Communication Learning Centers that help students with many skills. The program's skills include academic enrichment, recreational activities, and life skills for students in 3rd through 5th grades. The program is free of charge and staffed by certified teachers and Clemson students. Bus transportation is available for students. The program begins at school dismissal time and ends at 5:15 pm. During these times, students participate in homework sessions, fun activities designed to emphasize skills and concepts they are currently learning at school, technology enrichment, and recreational activities.

The Mustang Way:

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system is known as "The Mustang Way." This approach establishes behavioral and social expectations for all PES students and promotes a positive school culture. At Palmetto Elementary, we want everyone to Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. That is the Mustang Way. Students who demonstrate safe, respectful, and responsible behavior can be rewarded with a Dojo point or Mustang Buck by any faculty or staff member, including teachers, custodians, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, and administrators. The teachers' classroom systems and grade levels create and provide rewards and celebrations for students.

During the 2018-2019 school year, parents, students, and community involvement opportunities included: open house - Grandparents Breakfast - Thanksgiving Lunch - Treats with Teachers - GoalPOST - YMCA After-School Program - BETA Club - Student Council - Mother/Son Kickball - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Mighty Mustang Celebration - 5th grade Festival of Trees.

We are Safe. We are Respectful. We are Responsible.