

## School Achievements

- Joleen Pastore was selected as Teacher of the Year.
- Kim Kemmer was selected as Support Staff of the Year.
- Ollie Carter was the Spelling Bee champion and Amanda Ferrell was the runner up.
- We had two South Strand Optimist Club winners. Morgan Payne for Fellowship and Ollie Carter for Humanities.
- We had 12 students win awards at the Horry County Schools Tech Fair.  
Creative or Innovative: Tommy Beyersdorf, Colin Leonard, JP Byrd.  
Graphic Design/2-D Modeling: Amanda Follrod. Minecraft App: Alden Thompson, Mickenzy Lemons, Anna Beltran. Programming: Anna Mae Quinn, Kyrill Pakhotin, James Guarascio. Robotics: Michael McMahon, Kalix Thomson.
- We have 43 members in our National Honor Society.
- We have 21 members in our Beta Club.
- Our Beta Club received National Beta School of Merit Status.
- We have 27 members in our Leadership Academy.
- We had 11 Duke TIP Scholars.
- We had 8 Johns Hopkins Scholars.
- Our SIC was one of the five finalists for the 2017 Dick and Tunky Riley Award.

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## St. James Elementary Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2016-2017



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St. James Elementary School's vision is to be a premier, world-class school in which every student acquires an excellent education. Our school will be a welcoming center, organized around high quality teaching and learning.

## SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council continued to support and build upon our successes from last year and we began a new journey towards kindness, welcoming, inclusion and communication.

Family Game Night was once again a great success this year. Our students and their families enjoyed an evening of fun and games and were given an opportunity to visit our school and interact with faculty and staff.

A Leadership Day for Fifth Grade was held and Leadership Academy continued again this year. Our beautification plan partnership with the PTA continued this year with finalizing gazebo plans and planting multiple plants and flowers on the school grounds. Our second annual Faith and Fellowship Breakfast welcomed several faith based community members to our school to acknowledge the importance they have in contributing to the successes of our students.

A new event this year included participating in The Nationwide Great Kindness Challenge. The entire St. James Cluster of schools collaborated on this event. Our students wrote thank you notes to community members, donated socks for those in need, performed random acts of kindness throughout the week and created a school-wide kindness chain.

## Student Achievement

SC-Ready	Percent of students who meets or exceeds standards	Percent of students who scored exceeds
English/ Language Arts	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 60% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 64% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 49%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 23% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 24% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 15%
Mathematics	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 64% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 68% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 53%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 30% 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 34% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 26%
SC PASS	Percent of students met or exceeded standards	Percent of students who scored exemplary
Social Studies	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 90% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 75%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 46% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 40%
Science	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 84% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 70%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 23% 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 29%

## Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the St. James Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”*

## Looking ahead...

We are currently working on expanding our extracurricular offerings, enhancing our new student orientation and refining our paths of communication. Look for more great contributions from your SIC soon!

You too can get involved and help propel our journey to excellence at SJE by volunteering, running for an open council position and/or attending one of our future events.

