

## School Achievements

- Leandra Walcott and Patsy Ketterman presented at the South Carolina Art Education Association Conference.
- Lynn Quinn was selected as Teacher of the Year.
- Ethan Pritchard was our HTC Reel Kid.
- Allison Moore was the Spelling Bee champion.
- St. James Elementary started Horry County School District's only Elementary Mock Trial Club.
- Ava Heise was the first place winner in the elementary division of the South Carolina Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Showcase.
- John Blue Barnett, Allison Beyersdorf, Natalie Carriker, Ava Heise, and Nicolette Och had art work accepted into the annual Youth Art Month Exhibit.
- Madison Gallina was selected for the Superhero award by the Children's Museum of South Carolina.
- Adrian Anderson received the South Strand Optimist Club's Fellowship Award.
- Madison Gallina received the South Strand Optimist Club's Science Award.

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### 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."*

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## St. James Elementary Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2014-15



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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 that is organized around high quality teaching and learning.

## SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council created three committees this year to help achieve its goals. Each committee made a major contribution to enhancing communication, community collaboration, and beautification at St. James Elementary.

**Growing and Connecting Committee:** A reading room has been designed and is being used every day by students in all grades to enrich their love of reading and build relationships with the community and business members who volunteer their time by reading to and with the students.

**Technology Committee:** In a response to feedback received from our Communications Survey to the parents last year, the committee has implemented new ways of electronic communication including ParentLink, a school wide remind messaging system, new class Facebook pages, a monthly newsletter on our website and a digital Dolphin Post. New lunch line procedures were also adopted to prevent potential account errors.

**Beautification Committee:** Spring has sprung and so will the exciting projects from this committee. In full bloom now are the flowers in our new outdoor planters. A landscape designer has drawn plans for our front and cafeteria entrances. Home Depot will be generously donating materials for this project. Look for increased lighting and extended awnings when we return next year.

## Student Achievement

Subject	Percent of students met or exceeded standards	Percent of students who scored exemplary
English/ Language Arts	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 86.4%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 67.1%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 85.8%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 61.5%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 85.9%	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 43%
Mathematics	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 81.4%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 57.1%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 87.8%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 61.5%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 85.9%	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 50%
Science	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 66.7%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 31.9%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 81.8%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 25%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 78.8%	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 21.2%
Social Studies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 79.1%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 44.8%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 88.5%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 52%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 82.3%	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 32.3%
Writing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 83.1%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 61.3%
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 86.6%	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 63.1%
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 88.5%	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 55.4%

We earned an Absolute rating of **Excellent** and a Growth rating of **Good** on our 2014 South Carolina School Report Card.

## Looking ahead...

We are excited about the many individuals who have volunteered to serve on our committees. The School Improvement Council can only achieve great things with the involvement and support of parents, grandparents, guardians, friends and business community partners. As this year begins to come to a close, we are already thinking about what exciting opportunities lay before us for next year. Won't you consider being a part of this excitement next year? Look for the volunteer sign up opportunity in August.

