



Ocean Bay Elementary School

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Despite the COVID-19 coronavirus, Ocean Bay Elementary School experienced many successes during the 2019-20 school year. We continue to embrace our district vision to be a premier, world-class school in which every student acquires an excellent education. Our moment of pride was receiving the National Blue-Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education for being an exemplary high performing school. We are proud of the social, emotional, and academic accomplishments students made during this time. These accomplishments were achieved by focusing on high-quality teaching and learning, positive behavior intervention (PBIS), and instilling a growth mindset in our students. In addition, Ocean Bay Elementary continues to emphasize the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate which provides students with the necessary tools for the future by focusing on developing world class knowledge and skills, as well as life and career characteristics. We continue to provide a warm environment with high expectations for all students. To ensure we continue to meet the needs of each child, we incorporate a cadre of instructional strategies and assessment tools. We utilize our grade level planning times to plan, review assessment data and monitor our pacing. Types of data used to guide our instruction are MAP, DIBELS, SC Ready, and District Common Assessments- both formal and informal. Our leadership team monitors teaching and learning and works with our teachers to provide data-driving and differentiated instruction at Ocean Bay Elementary. Amid the COVID-19 coronavirus, our school building was closed, but learning continued first with packets of materials being mailed to each student and then with the roll-out of devices for all students. Teachers used these devices to deliver and enhance instruction as well as provide students with opportunities for virtual class meetings. Digital tools such as Google Classroom, Seesaw, Zoom, and Google Meet, assisted teachers in efficiently managing and assessing progress, while enhancing connections with learners from home or on the go. Digital content programs such as Lexia, Freckle, Achieve3000, and ALEKS were used for individualized learning paths for the students.

To support learning outside of the classroom and assist with students making real life connections, Ocean Bay Elementary organized several events to foster the love for learning. Some of these opportunities included Science Night at the Bay and Family Reading Night. All these events were made possible with the support of our teachers, staff, parents, local businesses and organizations. Extra-curricular clubs include Agility Club, Art Club, Show Choir, OBE Robotics Team, Yearbook Club, Garden Club, Patriot Club, Good News Club, and Running club. We also provided students with a Summer Reading Challenge focusing on reading for enjoyment and building a reading stamina.

OBE staff and students continue to take pride in serving our community and partnering with local businesses and organizations. Veterans were honored with a musical performance performed by our students, followed by a luncheon where our students and Veterans had the opportunity to eat lunch and spend quality time together. OBE staff and students participated in The Angel Tree Program providing students in need with clothing and toys at Christmas time. We also promoted

and participated in the Can-Jam and Helping Hands canned food drives. We continued to implement the Composting Waste program in the cafeteria as well as Talkin' Trash recycling program. Through events such as these our school has felt the positive impact by serving our community.

OBE PTO supports the vision of the school to be a welcoming center for all stakeholders. The PTO has coordinated many events to strengthen the relationship between home and school. In September, OBE Family Day at the Bay was a wonderful opportunity for our families to visit the school and connect with the staff and other families. The event was free to attend and sponsored by the PTO and local businesses including bounce houses, face painting, food and refreshments. Our students participated in the Boosterthon and with the support of the community we raised over \$50, 000. The funds from this fundraiser were used for classroom resources, PTO events, School clubs, PBIS and school incentives, stencil games on outside playground, and more.

This year we created Pod groups to foster and strengthen relationships among everyone in our building, adults and students. The hope was that Pods would cultivate feelings of pride, belonging, and love for our school, for all who are a part of it. Every person from the leadership team, front office staff, support staff, classroom teachers, co-curricular teachers, custodial staff, and cafeteria staff were assigned to a Pod. The intended outcome of the Pod concept was that adults and students would develop relationships with new people, strengthen relationships with people they had existing relationships with, learn new things from each other, and be a person that students could connect with. This also was amazing opportunity for our students to build relationships with other students across grade levels, as well as with adults from all areas of our building. Every person at our school contributes to the greatness and every person plays an important role in developing and growing the students in our building.

At OBE we continue to Learn, Grow, and Achieve every single day. Our faculty and staff continue to celebrate all the wonderful things our school has accomplished. We look forward to continuing to build on our instructional excellence for years to come.

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