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Dear Parent or Guardian(s):

At Ocean Bay Elementary School, service to student is above all else. The Ocean Bay Elementary School family has experienced many successes during the 2012-2013 school year. The State Department of Education named Ocean Bay Elementary a Palmetto Gold School. This is a prestigious award that we are proud of and it reflects our commitment to meet the needs of each child academically, socially, and emotionally. 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, PASS, Benchmark, formal and informal assessments. Our administrative team monitors instruction by using a schedule for classroom walkthrough visits, and we work with our teachers to debrief and use the data to improve instruction.

Ocean Bay Elementary has seen many upgrades this year beginning with our playground renovation project. Our primary and elementary playgrounds were completely renovated and several new pieces of equipment were added including two basketball courts. Our playground areas were enclosed with a concrete walkway around them and new mulch was placed in the area. The access road that goes around our building was paved and games like four square and hop scotch were added. The area in front of our school was re-done as well. There was a curb added as well as new sod and a new drainage system. The area was fully irrigated. Also, we have added new signage in the front of the building to assist with our drop off and pick up procedures. We are very proud of our school and we are pleased with the upgrades we have had this year.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) has led an effort to support our school in the area of academics. In an effort to assist the school with preparation for MAP testing, our SIC designed a sticker to be worn home each night before a child takes his/her test. The sticker gave information to parents on how they could assist their child in making sure he/she was ready and well prepared the following day. Our SIC has also worked to start a program that will partner with a local retirement center. This is an effort to allow for additional community service opportunities for our students.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at our school has done a wonderful job supporting the students and staff members this year. The PTO has sponsored many activities and appreciations this year including our yearly fundraiser called Monster Mash. Our PTO works to support our faculty and the academic, social, and emotional needs of our children.

Our Ocean Bay Elementary faculty and staff continue to celebrate the academic success of all children, and we look forward to building on our instructional excellence for years to come.

Educationally Yours,

Ben Prince, Principal  
Angel Quickery, SIC Chairperson