

Doby's Mill Elementary School, the Home of the Dolphins, is a Title I school located in rural Lugoff, South Carolina. Home to 560 Pre-K through Fifth grade students, our school prides itself in educating all of its students by offering them a quality education in a safe learning environment where children are mentored, nurtured, and challenged to always be their best. Overall achievement test scores and report card grades reflect a high level of academic excellence and success. Our ESEA Report Card grade was an "A" (97), and our School Report Card ratings were "Excellent for Absolute" and "Good for Growth". We continue to improve student achievement at all grade levels and close achievement gaps where they exist. Instructional standards are continually reinforced through a wide variety of instructional methods and materials.

Parents provide strong support to our school through their involvement in programs and activities, such as our Parent Teacher Association, Target Read, Business Partners, and School Volunteer programs. We encourage and welcome parent engagement as a way to strengthen home and school communication and are very appreciative of their overwhelming attendance at all of our school functions.

DME students are regularly encouraged for participating in special activities and competitions throughout the school year to help them develop academically, socially, and emotionally. Students are recognized for demonstrating positive behavior, as well as for their participation in community outreach projects, such as our Wreath Writing, canned food drives, Relay for Life, and Jump Rope for Heart. Incentives are provided to students to teach them social responsibility.

In all that we do, we remain committed to the academic and social growth for all of our students. We truly recognize the importance of building and maintaining positive home-school relations through open, honest, and collaborative communication, and we welcome you to "Catch the WAVE" with our Winning Attitudes and Visions of Excellence as we prepare for another great school year.

Virginia Catoe, Principal  
Derek Gillis, SIC Chairperson

**We are proud of:**

- \*2014 Reading Teacher of the Year/Mary Anne Catoe
- \*2014 Teacher of the Year/Angela McCall
- \*2014-2015 Nomination for Life Changer of the Year/Betsy Long
- \*2013 National School of Character
- \*2010-2013 Exemplary Writing School
- \*2012 Promising Practice for Beaming Beacons
- \*2010-2013 Red Carpet School Award
- \*2010-2013 National Blue Ribbon School
- \*2007 Palmetto's Finest School
- \*PBIS Character Education focus
- \*Lego Team 787 for advancing to state competition
- \*REEF recycling program
- \*Beau Tie Club- mentoring club for at-risk boys
- \*DME Choraliers/Recorders
- \*Student Council (SCUBA) service projects



**Chairperson-**Derek Gillis  
**Vice Chairperson-**Chad Long  
**Secretary-** Wendy Benton

**Teacher Representatives**  
Andrea Derrick, Helen Walker, Teresa Reno

**Elected Community Members**  
Mike Langmo, Jodie Barry, Melissa Gary

**Appointed Community Members**  
Derrick Stanley, Thomas Hosier, Marsha Stone

**Ex-Officio**  
Nichole Saxton Virginia Catoe  
Michael Manning

# Doby's Mill Elementary

## School Improvement Council

### 2015 Report To Parents

**Purpose of the Report**

In accordance with South Carolina law, the School Improvement Council of Doby's Mill Elementary issues this report to share information about DME's progress toward meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments.

<http://dme.kcsdschools.com>

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Lugoff, South Carolina 29078

Virginia K. Catoe

Principal

Michael W. Manning





Assistant Principal

**Vision:** *The vision of Doby's Mill Elementary School is to create a safe and enriched learning environment that promotes **Winning Attitudes and Visions of Excellence.***

**Mission:** *The mission of Doby's Mill Elementary School, in partnership with our community, is to provide a safe, nurturing, and innovative learning environment that empowers students with knowledge and skills to become self-disciplined, responsible, and productive citizens.*

**Areas of Emphasis for the**

**2015-2016 school year:**

-  Thinking Maps
-  Balanced Literacy
-  Continued integration of technology in the classrooms
-  Curriculum planning and preparation for new state standards and assessment

## Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)

The academic areas assessed include English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are tested in ELA, math, and writing. Fourth graders participate in all areas, while 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in either science or social studies. The table below shows the percentage of Doby's Mill students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" for the 2014 school year.

	ELA	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	83.7%	93.5%	90.2%	80.9%	80%
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	84.1%	86.2%	83%	81.8%	88.6%
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	85.4%	92.1%	78.7%	70.5%	82.2%

The South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Below is the grading system of our school's performances, in the form of a letter grade. As a result of this grade, our school was named a 2014-2015 Title I Reward School.

Overall Weighted Points	97
Total Overall Grade	*A
Conversion	
Poverty rating	68.14%

### The State of South Carolina Annual Report Card

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Average

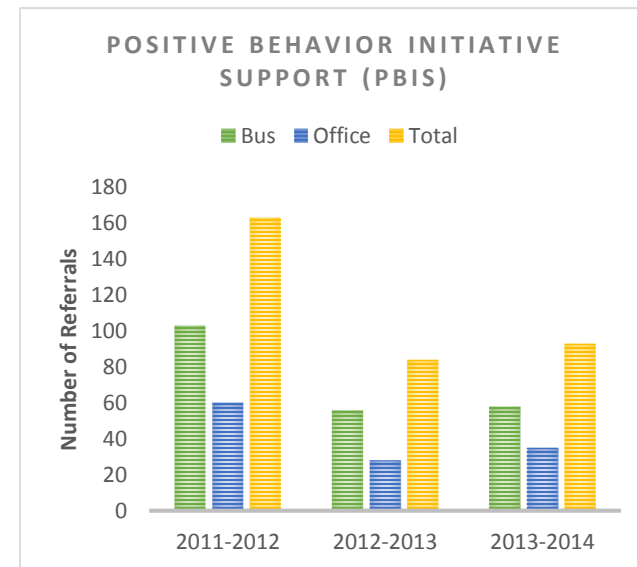
\*Performance substantially exceeds state's expectations

## 2014 SIC Survey Results

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students who participated in the annual survey. The responses provided invaluable information about our areas of strength and areas in need of improvement. Below is a summary of the survey results.

### Parent/Student/Teacher Survey Results

N-Number of surveys	Teachers N-43	Students N-79	Parents N- 61
Satisfied with the learning environment	100%	91.2%	100%
Satisfied with the social and physical environment	100%	89.7%	100%
Satisfied with home and school relations	100%	96.3%	83.9%



PBIS continues to make a tremendous impact on the number of discipline referrals each year. We utilize 5 "Fin-tastic" RAPS Rules: Safety, Respect, Order, On Task, and Property. In addition, students are awarded Dolphin Dollars for demonstrating positive behaviors in the classroom as well as on the bus.