

## What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

## School Improvement Council's Role

- Assist in the 5 year School Improvement Plan
- Assist with the writing of the Annual Report to Parents
- Provide advice on the use of school incentive award expenditures that come from awards such as the Palmetto Gold or Silver Award
- Serve as a liaison between the school, the community, and the local school board to get pertinent information distributed to the parents.
- Devise plans to obtain funding for school projects

## Our School's Achievements

- South Carolina School of Character, 2011-2013
- National School of Character Nominee, 2012
- Exemplary Writing School, 2010-2013
- Lego Robotics Team State Champions, 2012
- Red Carpet School, 2003, 2007, 2010
- Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School of Excellence, 2007
- Palmetto's Finest School, 2007
- Flagship School of Promise, 2004
- Palmetto Gold Award
- Promising Practice Award
- SC Farm to School Grant
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant
- Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsored OrganWise Grant
- International Paper Grant
- Target Grant
- John T. Stevens Foundation Grant

## The following are new to DME for 2012-2013

- Thinking Maps School
- United Way Mentoring Program
- "Doby's Dashers" Boys' Walking/Running Club
- Lunch Bunch Book Clubs
- Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Family Game Nights
- Night Sky Learning Lab
- Real Men Read Week
- Mother/Son Ballgame and Burger Night
- Bully Busters Club
- IXL Math Program
- Be Great Academy

## What Are Our Current School Goals?

**Positive School Climate:** We will provide a safe, orderly, and healthy school that ensures a positive and caring learning environment in collaboration with community resources using PBIS.

**High Student Performance:** We will realize high levels of academic growth and achievement for all students through data analysis.

**Community Engagement:** We will build family, community, and business support that will generate advocacy for our school and our school district.

**Effective Communication:** We will develop, refine, and implement an effective communication plan that will actively engage community and stakeholders in the school.

## How are We Achieving Our Goals?

These goals are reviewed monthly by the SIC, School Leadership Team, and faculty to assess progress toward achievement and determine ongoing strategies for successful achievement.

## 2012-2013 SIC Survey Results

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students who participated in our annual survey. Your responses provided valuable information regarding areas needing improvement as well as areas in which we are succeeding. Only students in the fifth grade and their parents were included in the survey. Below is a basic summary of the results. For detailed results, please contact the school.

Parent/Student/Teacher Survey Results Spring 2012			
N= Number Surveyed	Teachers N=39	Students N=96	Parents N=64
Satisfied with the learning environment	100%	90.6%	96.6%
Satisfied with the social and physical environment	100%	80.2%	88.7%
Satisfied with home and school relations	100%	89.6%	95.2%

## Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by Doby's Mill Elementary School's 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."



## Report to the Parents 2012-2013

### Title I School

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.

### School Improvement Council

**President:** Philip Blankenship

**Vice-President:** Derek Gillis

**Ex-Officio:** Debbie Sims

**Secretary:** Shawna Goerlich

**Members-at-Large:** Heidi Adongo (appointed), Karen Barton, Wendy Benton, Tammy Bridges, Christina Churchwell, Marsha Stone

**Business Partner:** Mackey Enterprises

**Teacher Representatives:** Wynde Clark, Wendy Todd, Carla Lowder (appointed), Vanessa Wallace (appointed)

**Administrators:** Virginia Catoe, Michael Manning

**Principal:** Virginia Catoe

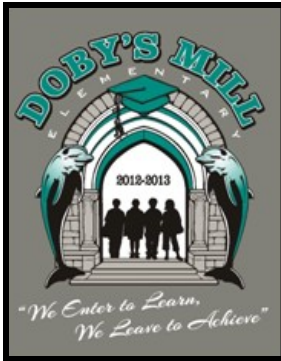
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The mission of Doby's Mill Elementary School is that students will attain high levels of achievement within a safe environment that is staffed by highly qualified educators who have "winning attitudes and visions of excellence." Our vision is to foster success through meeting the academic needs of students with regard to individual learning styles and instructional levels. We focus on the South

Carolina state content standards and enrich the curriculum through depth, complexity, and differentiation to ensure each student reaches his or her full potential. Learning opportunities foster curiosity and academic achievement through standards-based curriculum to promote inquiry and discovery. High achievement for all subgroups is our focus. Our school utilizes technology to communicate with parents and the community. Our school webpages, social media, Parent Portal, and eChalk teacher pages facilitate the sharing of information with students and parents.

With the support of our Parent-Teacher Association and School Improvement Council, Doby's Mill Elementary, the home of the Dolphins, was recognized as a 2011-2013 South Carolina State School of Character, a 2012 and 2013 National School of Character Nominee, a 2011-2013 Exemplary Writing School, 2010-2013 Red Carpet School, and the recipients of the Promising Practice for Beaming Beacon Award, the PBIS Red Ribbon Award, the SC Farm to School Grant, the Tool Box for Education Grant, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield sponsored OrganWise Grant.

This year, we congratulate Judith Mills for being our Reading Teacher of the Year as well as our DME Teacher of the Year. As we continue our journey through the second decade of our school's existence, the DME community reaffirms its charge of exploring ways in which education can be made more rigorous and more meaningful for each student as we prepare for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. We strive to honor every person through the power of high expectancy, rich opportunity, and positive personal relationships! Truly, Doby's Mill Elementary School is a "fin-tastic" place for growing and learning together! We invite you to "Catch the W.A.V.E.," too!

### Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP Testing is used to show a student's academic progress in school. These assessments include Reading and Math. The table below shows the percentage of Doby's Mill students meeting or exceeding MAP growth targets from Spring 2011 to Spring 2012.

	Reading		Math	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Kindergarten	76%	61%	75%	64%
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	76%	91%	87%	87%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	87%	84%	82%	84%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	91%	86%	81%	78%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	86%	83%	81%	87%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	84%	83%	76%	76%

### Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

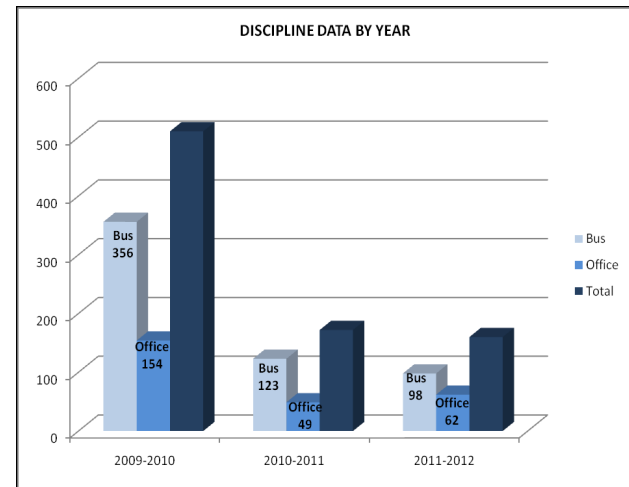
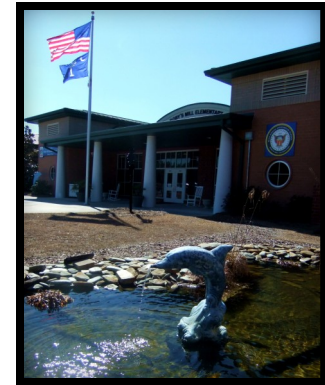
Aligned to the state academic standards, these assessments include English/Language Arts (reading, writing, and research), math, science, and social studies. The table below shows the percentage of Doby's Mill students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" for the 2011-2012 school year. Only 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are tested.

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	85.4	80.9	79.5	73.3
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	89.2	92.2	82.5	83.5
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	69.7	74.7	67.3	74

### 2011 School Ratings

Absolute Ratings.....Good  
 Growth Ratings.....Average

For more details on our school report card, visit: [www.ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/](http://www.ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/) You will then select the year, select Kershaw, and select Doby's Mill Elementary School.



School wide discipline data (bus and office referral) is reviewed with students, parents, and teachers. Students are rewarded for their positive behavior with the use of Year 3 PBIS initiatives, including Dolphin Dollars and school-wide, grade level, and classroom incentives. The chart above summarizes the positive impact the implementation of PBIS initiatives have had on our school since 2009!

