# Sandhills Primary Elementary School





### **SPES School Improvement Council Focus:**

\*How can we engage parents in our educational programs for the purpose of supporting a collaborative focus on student achievement?

\*How can we increase parental and community involvement within our schools for the purpose of increasing the cognitive, behavioral, and emotional engagement of our children?



# **Our Vision**

We seek to be a personalized system of learning.

Principal: Patty Carter

Assistant Principal: Brenda Connelly

Assistant Principal: Tricia Crist

Assistant Administrator: Vicky Garrick

### **School Improvement Council**

The vision of the SC School Improvement Council is:

"To promote and support civic engagement for quality public education in South Carolina."

The mission of the SC School Improvement Council is:

"To facilitate meaningful parent and community involvement in our state's public schools by providing resources, tools and strategies to local School Improvement Councils and other stakeholder groups."

## **Implemented Strategies to meet Student Achievement Goals:**

- o Provide high quality Professional Development that supports curriculum, instruction, and assessment of young children.
- o Participate in TransformSC and the Office of Personalized Learning (SCDE) with the goal of preparing our children for learning at ever higher levels.
- o Provide an after-school and summer program for at-risk first and second graders.
- o Increase parent and community understanding of 21st Century Skills.
- o Build family partnerships through monthly PALS sessions.
- o Offer school choice for students between the Montessori Method and Classical Classrooms.
- Continue to offer a balanced literacy approach and follow unit plans that are aligned with standards to ensure that all students have access to the same learning opportunities in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, and Music.
- o Refine and provide interventions with a strong focus on literacy interventions.
- Mentoring Program for students who need extra support.
- o Enhance our outdoor learning opportunities, now to include gardening and recycling.

### **Assessments:**

- o Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessments
- o Calkins Literacy Assessments
- o Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) in reading and math
- o Formative Assessments through observation to inform instruction for all
- o Common Summative assessments across all grade levels in ELA, Math, and Science

