

2019-2020 SIC Members

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Ex officio members: Matthew Scandrol, Principal; Felita Green, Assistant Principal; Lynne Trowbridge, Curriculum Resource Teacher, Karli Reynolds, PTO President

ABOUT THIS REPORT:

The School Improvement Council (SIC) of Satchel Ford Elementary School has prepared this annual report for parents and the community. In this report you will find an account of test scores and academic rankings along with other information about programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers. The report will also provide general information about SIC's goals and progress made to achieve improvements.

Extra-Curricular and Community Activities

Community involvement includes: PTO, Business Partners, Brave Arts Boosters, Very Important Person Day, Freaky Friday, Career Fairs, Mentors, Relay for Life, United Way, Harvest Hope Food Drive, March for Babies, and Junior Achievement.

As part of the school's wellness initiatives, Satchel Ford supported the Palmetto Health Group, American Cancer Society and March of Dimes, raising over \$15,000 through participation in the Walk for Life and March for Babies.

Student clubs include: Honor Choir, The Sensations Male Glee Club, Safety Patrol, String Orchestra, Fitness Bowl Team, Chess Club, and Run Hard. Students in grades 3-5 and enrolled in Braves Aftercare had the opportunity to audition for the Steel Drum Band and participate in Karate sponsored by Capital Karate.

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The School Improvement Council would like to express its thanks and appreciation to all of Satchel Ford's teachers, administrators, and staff for all of their hard work during the 2019-2020 school year and an extra special thank you for all the hard work during the COVID pandemic school closure. We also want to recognize and thank all of the parents for their support during this school year and especially during the COVID pandemic school closure. These were difficult times for everyone and Satchel Ford Elementary accepted the challenge.

Academic Information

Due to COVID 19, there was no state testing in May. However, according to the 2019 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of students who scored “met” or “exemplary” rates for SC READY ELA and SC READY Math were: 71.4% in ELA and 73% in Math.

The faculty continued its focus on literacy instruction using the works of Lucy Calkins, the founding director of Columbia University’s Teachers College Reading and Writing Project and expanded our mathematics instructional practices through the implementation of Number Talks, grappling groups, and the use of a math workshop model.

Since 2004 Satchel Ford has been recognized as an Art in Basic Curriculum School and continues to be awarded this designation through grant-writing efforts. Satchel Ford has received over \$335,000 over the past thirteen years through grants from the SC Arts Commission and the SC Department of Education’s Distinguished Arts Program.

As part of the arts curriculum, all grade levels participated in performances that incorporated the fine arts taught at the school including visual arts, theatre, dance, and music.

On March 16, 2020 Governor Henry McMaster closed all schools due to the COVID 19 outbreak. The Satchel Ford faculty and staff showed their resilience by taking on the challenge of switching to full virtual instruction for the remainder of the school year.

School Highlights & Awards

Highlights and Programs: Advanced Academic Program (AAP), National Elementary Honor Society (4th & 5th grades), Braves Buddies, Book Buddies, Lunch Buddies, Salad Bar Program, GLOBALTAP, Spanish, Science Lab, Literacy Lab, SmartBoards, iPads/laptops for all teachers, K-2 iPad Carts, 3rd-5th DLE devices (laptops for all children) Columbia College Professional Development School, USC Clinical Experience School, Braves Aftercare, Art Fest, Boosterthon, and Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) program featuring Visual Art, Dance, Drama, and Music. Due to COVID 19 we were unable to have our spring events.

The Brave Arts Boosters completed the task of updating the photo mural that enhances the front entrance and they also sponsored the annual Sweetheart Ball and Sports Spectacular. Also, a new stage lighting system was installed in our cafeteria to enhance the lighting of our performances. All funds raised by Brave Arts are dedicated to supporting and strengthening the arts programs.

The Satchel Ford PTO completed multiple highly successful fundraising initiatives and provided support for our school programming in numerous ways to include, but not limited to environmental improvements, purchase of digital academic practice tools, improved technology, implementation of a community garden, and multiple teacher luncheons.

Awards: Bronze Healthy Generation Award, Distinguished Arts Program Grant Award, ABC Model Schools Certificate; Top Performer for Walk for Life, United Way, and March of Dimes.

Goals and Improvements

Satchel Ford’s School Improvement Council worked on several major initiatives during the 2019-2020 academic year:

- The SIC has successfully continued the Watch DOGS (DADS OF GREAT STUDENTS) program, allowing our Dads to have better insights into the daily operations and culture of the school, as well as offering a greater male presence on campus throughout the school day.
- The SIC increased the number of duty free lunches from 2 last year, to 6 that were planned this year. In addition, we provided meals for teachers during the November Duty Free Lunch to thank them for their service to our children. One was planned for March, but due to the COVID pandemic school closure, we were unable to have it. Thank you to the parents who served to provide these duty free lunches for our staff.
- The SIC supported the PTO in the development of “The Farm.” This project will incorporate and expand the existing garden at Satchel Ford and incorporate some projects such as building a chicken coop, expanding the garden, and building an outdoor classroom.

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