

2018-2019 SIC Members

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Teachers: Renata Pearson, Katrina Mack, Shawn Norris

Ex officio members: Kevin Hasinger, Principal; Felita Green, Assistant Principal; Lynne Trowbridge, Curriculum Resource Teacher

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, Faculty Follies, Very Important Person Day, Freaky Friday, Career Fairs, Mentors, Relay for Life, United Way, Coat Drive, 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, Celebration Choir, The Sensations Male Glee Club, Safety Patrol, Production Crew, String Orchestra, Healthy Kids (Fit) Club, Arts & Crafts Club, Science Club, 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.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



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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 2018-2019 school year. We also want to recognize and thank all of the parent volunteers, who are a key part of Satchel Ford's success. Thanks to all, and keep up the good work!

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, Science Fair Day, Faculty Follies, Boosterthon, Field Day, and Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) program featuring Visual Art, Dance, Drama, and Music.

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 sound booth was designed and built this school year with plans to overhaul the cafeteria lighting system in the near future. 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

Academic Information

According to the 2018 SC Annual School Report Card, the percentage of students who scored “met” or “exemplary” in PASS testing was: 71.9% in science and 80.7% in social studies. Pass rates for SC READY ELA and SC READY Math were: 65.1% in ELA and 69.7% in Math. All of these assessments were recently re-normed for rigor.

The faculty continued to 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.

Satchel Ford maintained the goal of 100% of the teachers being designated as Highly Qualified in the appropriate content and level as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. We have 10 teachers who are National Board Certified.

Goals and Improvements

Satchel Ford’s School Improvement Council worked on several major initiatives during the 2018-2019 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 this year. In addition, we provided meals for teachers during the November and April Duty Free Lunches to thank them for their service to our children. Thank you to the parents who served to provide these duty free lunches for our staff.
- The Satchel Ford SIC created a Student of the Week Award, recognizing outstanding achievements for academic, artistic and social performance within each class. Special thanks to Karen Johnson who tirelessly worked to make this happen each week.
- The SIC, along with Coach Norris, has worked to establish a tutoring and mentoring program to get men involved in the lives of male students at Satchel Ford. This program will be instituted at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. If you have any interest in making a difference in a young man’s life, please contact the main office.

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