School Improvement Council (SIC)

The school improvement council is an advisory committee to the principal and school leadership comprised of parents, educators, and community members. Working together collaboratively, our SIC reviews and monitors school initiatives, student data, and programs to focus on the success of students and the school.

SIC extends an invitation to all parents to take an active role by attending as many monthly meetings as possible.

Ervin Sebestyen, Chair Kelly McClam, Vice Chair Lisa Nelson, Secretary



State of SC Annual Report Card Ratings over a 5-year Period

2014 Average Average

2013 Average Average

2012 Good Excellent

2011 Average Average

Our SIC

"I was very proud to be the Chairman of the SIC during this school year. During our monthly meetings, parents, teachers, and staff together, brainstormed ideas to help our students meet educational goals, improve their leadership skills, and other areas that contribute to our students development...

I'm looking forward to be part of the SIC next school year, and I strongly encourage more parents to join us and contribute to our school's growth:) "

-Mr. Ervin Sebesty**e**n, Chair SIC

Lady's Island Elementary School

Report to Parents

School Improvement Council 2015-2016



Principal

Marvelle Ulmer

Assistant Principal

Jason Osborne

Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a dynamic environment that goes beyond academics and provides a curriculum rich in the Arts which helps students acquire knowledge, skills, creativity, and self-confidence to achieve their highest potential.

^{*}New ratings to be released Fall 2017

2015-2016

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From the SIC



The SIC meets each month to present and discuss a variety of initiatives to enrich the lives of our students.

The future site of the garden.

Two main topics emerged this year. The first topic was the implementation of the 7 Healthy Habits put forth by the Leader in Me program. After researching the program, and how it may fit at LIES, as well as the cost involved, it was determined that this program will not be implemented at this time. Instead, we are focusing on the current character education program that was instated by the district. Every month, a different word, such as kindness, forgiveness, gratitude, or respect is chosen and discussed as a theme for the month.

The second topic presented was a gardening program for the students. We started a Garden Club March 28th which consists of 4 staff members and 14 students. We partnered with Clemson Extension's Master Gardeners programs and have received the support of many other community members. We are working on a master plan to include a vegetable garden with raised beds, perennial beds, seating areas for instruction, compost, animal habitats and more. The Garden Club has learned about container gardening by planting radishes in pots, and flowers in the pots out front. They are learning about compost, and we are starting a mushroom farm. We can't wait to get the raised beds! Next year, the garden will be incorporated into more classes. We are excited about the educational opportunities it provides.

SIC News

- 450 Facebook followers; 100% response rate
- Supported PTO Spirit Nights
- Posted signage for School Choice Showcase on Sea Island Pkwy

School Sponsored Activities and Programs

- **Connect2Learn** enhanced learning with iPads for each student in grades k-5
- Residencies with **Jef the Mime**, and **Anna Moo (a children's musician)**
- The BETA Club sponsored Pennies for Patients, the HELP Food Drive, and the Sweetheart Dance.
- 12 Days of Reading promoted reading over the Winter Break.
- Our Full Time Literacy Coach provided ongoing professional development, model lessons, and monitored the implementation of Reader's and Writers' Workshop.
- Three students qualified for the **SC Honor Choir**, & seven students qualified for the **Beaufort County Choir**.
- **Read Across America Week** promoted reading school wide.
- The **Berenstain Bears Family** visited early childhood classes to promote reading.
- Before school programs (D'Arts) included something for everyone with Dance Ensemble, Visual Arts Club, Theater, Osprey

Ovation Show Choir, Young Ospreys Choir, Sport Stacking, Coding Club, Running Club, and Cheerleading.

- The 15th Annual Patriotic Program honored parents as well as community members.
- Our Garden Club was started as an after school club this Spring.
- Local police officers, firefighters, and military enjoyed lunch with our students at the Heroes Luncheon.
- Five students had their artwork and/or poetry published in **River of Words**.
- Osprey News
- Science Fair
- Osprey Invitational Run and Field Day at the end of the year
- **Compass Odyssey Incentives** for students who completed the most activities
- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) celebrations every quarter (Fall Festival, Winter Dance, Mini-Field Day, and Block Party)
- Educational Field Trips to Bee City, SC Aquarium, Under the Looking Glass, GA Southern Planetarium, Hunting Island, Alice in Wonderland, Columbia Zoo, STARBASE, and more!
- Holiday Concert and Roadshow
- Black History Month Performance by D'Arts Students, and Harlem Renaissance Live Museum by the 5th Grade
- Book Clubs were available at lunchtime for interested students.