



# Lexington Elementary School

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## Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2013-2014

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**Mission Statement:** The mission of Lexington Elementary School—where caring people, academics, the arts and physical education connect — is to enable our students to be thinking, productive, responsible citizens in the global, competitive 21st Century--while serving as the center for community learning.

**Purpose of the Report:** School Improvement Councils (SICs) are to publish and distribute a Report to the Parents each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the its five-year School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goals. This Report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC with input of the principal to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

Lexington Elementary School was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education as a Palmetto Gold Award winner for General Performance for 2013. Also, in 2013 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the federal accountability system, LES received a "B" rating where our performance exceeds the state's expectations. In an effort to continue to provide excellent classroom instruction, we examined this data, as well as data provided by classroom teachers, Universal Screening, district common assessments, Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) and from Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing.

Our staff and participated in a variety of staff development. The LexLearns and LexLeads committees began work on re-writing our school mission statement. The LexLives Committee worked with our school Health Team to develop opportunities for our students and staff to maintain good health habits. All certified staff attended and completed phase one of the "The Leader in Me" Program by Covey. We organized an International Baccalaureate committee to continue our investigation of the IB program. We sent five teams to visit IB elementary schools in South Carolina. The LexLeads Committee continued their study of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program as part of the strategic plan for LES. We also continued rigorous professional development with our "Whatever it Takes" Team (WIT) as we continued our work through the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA and math. The WIT team met monthly with teachers and discussed CCSS and plan collaboratively, developed common assessments, and analyzed the results of those common assessments to compare student progress and plan instruction. Differentiating instruction to meet the individual learning needs for all children continues to provide a challenge. To provide small group differentiated instruction, teachers use technology such as iPads and SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards that allow students to actively participate in lessons.



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We continued with our 5 to 1 personal computing in grades 4 and 5. Each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom has six iPads and third grade received a 20-iPad mobile cart. We purchased additional iPads using local funds to support our special needs students and resource programs. Our student-led "LES Live" morning TV program continues to be a huge success.

In a continuing effort to promote school wide positive student behavior, we continued our use of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS.) We moved into year two of using Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Happy Kids. The 7-habits are displayed throughout the school to promote behavior expectations across our campus. Through our daily announcements, children are reminded to show their Wildcat Pride in all they say and do. To support our 7-habits initiative we developed the incentive program "Cat Cash" and "Cat Store." Students earn "Cat Cash" in a variety of positive ways and are able to "spend" their cash at the "Cat Store" on the first Friday of each month. Our PTA, parent volunteers and business partners support the "Cat Store." Also, each homeroom and grade level teacher team and department developed a "mission statement" as we incorporate the "7-habits" from Stephen Covey's "The Leader in Me" and "7 Habits of Happy Kids"

In Oct. 2013 85% of LES students in grades 1-5 was reading at or above their grade level. PASS 2013 data showed that in ELA PASS test that 84% of students in grades 3-5 scored Met and/or Exemplary and 81% in Math PASS testing. Also, in math we continue with the on-line First in Math program and continue to see our math score improve. Our students have solved over 2.3 million extra math problems this year. We look forward to continued success as we address the needs of our students. We expect each child to be successful.

LES students and staff participated in a variety of community service projects in 2013-2014. Our student council volunteered at the District 7 Special Olympics in April. Our students and staff donated canned foods to LICS in Dec. In Nov. we partnered with Happy Wheels to provide new toys for children in the hospital. Throughout the school year student and staff has actively raised money for Relay for Life. LES was recognized in Oct. as one of the top ten schools in donations. Also, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Cats Choir performed at local nursing homes and other local venues.

Teachers at LES received recognition for their outstanding work. Gifted and Talented teacher Lynn Dempsey was selected as the LES Teacher of the Year. Special education teacher April Hughey received an \$800 Project Unify grant to promote the acceptance and recognition of special education students in the school and community. Music teacher Tricia Hood received a \$1,000 Bright Ideas Grant from MCEC. Jamie Hudson received a \$250 Michelin Golden Apple Grant.

James H. Hamby, Principal

Christi Steagall, SIC Chairperson



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Member	Address	Home Phone	Work Phone	Term	E-mail	Type of Member
<b>Elected Parents</b>						
1. Jenny Backman	512 Pond View Lane	957-7067	730-0223	2012-2014	<a href="mailto:jbackman@live.com">jbackman@live.com</a>	Parent/Elected
2. Jessica Bleakley	133 Stuart Lane	665-9289		2013-2015	<a href="mailto:jrlbleakley@gmail.com">jrlbleakley@gmail.com</a>	Parent/Elected
3. Sheila Inabinet (V Chair)	211 Gibson Forest Dr.	682-3428		2013-2015	<a href="mailto:Sheilari1972@yahoo.com">Sheilari1972@yahoo.com</a>	Parent/Elected
4. Dawn Wetherley	126 Woodcut Road	960-3935		2013-2014	<a href="mailto:dwetherley@bpscpas.com">dwetherley@bpscpas.com</a>	Parent/Elected
5.						Parent/Elected
6. Kim Hatcher (Sec.)	333 Carola Lane	996-9249	238-4222	2012-2014	<a href="mailto:khatcher@aol.com">khatcher@aol.com</a>	Parent/Elected
7. Patrick Mackin	141 Coventry Lake Dr.	586-4779		2012-2014	<a href="mailto:patrickmackin@gmail.com">patrickmackin@gmail.com</a>	Parent/Elected
8. Sabrina White	141 Coventry Lake Dr.	586-4779		2012-2014	<a href="mailto:swhiteart@gmail.com">swhiteart@gmail.com</a>	Parent/Elected
<b>Principal Appointed representatives which include business partner and other persons form the school</b>						
1. Blair Robinson	112 Woodruff Ct.	260-1139		2013-2014	<a href="mailto:ablair_robinson@hotmail.com">ablair_robinson@hotmail.com</a>	Parent/Appointed
2. Christi Steagall (Chair)	305 Ridgecreek Drive	808-6154	530-7087	2013-2014	<a href="mailto:steagallk@aol.com">steagallk@aol.com</a>	Parent/Appointed
3. Vacant						Parent/Appointed
4. Ron Williams	337 Carola Lane	808-5906	730-6395	2013-2014	<a href="mailto:captainron1965@yahoo.com">captainron1965@yahoo.com</a>	Comm. Partner
<b>Teachers elected by the faculty</b>						
1. Miranda Miles	400 Jericho Court	808-0402	821-4000	2013-2014	<a href="mailto:Mmiles@lexington1.net">Mmiles@lexington1.net</a>	Kindergarten
2. Sharon Taylor	214 Glenridge Ct.	749-2940	821-4000	2013-2014	<a href="mailto:staylor@lexington1.net">staylor@lexington1.net</a>	Fifth Grade
3. <b>Andrea Whitley</b>	304 Beech Branch Dr.	730-0061	821-4000	2013-2014	<a href="mailto:awhitley@lexington1.net">awhitley@lexington1.net</a>	Fourth Grade
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS including principal, assistant principal, PTA president and immediate past chairperson</b>						
1. Jim Hamby	123 Hermitage Rd.	429-0137	821-4000		<a href="mailto:jhamby@lexington1.net">jhamby@lexington1.net</a>	Principal
2. Sujata Wallace	208 Blacksmith Road	957-1061	821-4000		<a href="mailto:swallace@lexington1.net">swallace@lexington1.net</a>	Asst. Principal
3. Jennifer O'Neal	108 Saxe Gotha Lane	673-1335		2013-2014	<a href="mailto:jennywinny@hotmail.com">jennywinny@hotmail.com</a>	PTA Pres.
4. Vacant						Past SIC Chair



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## LES School Improvement Annual Goals for 2013-2014:

1. LES SIC sponsored three community Campus Improvements events to upgrade the campus landscaping needs: Sept. 10, 17 and 24, 2013
2. Sponsored a SIC information table at LES Open House on August 22, 2013.
3. Developed and implemented the annual LES SIC Parent Survey in May 2014.

South Carolina Annual School Report Card Summary (short form):

<http://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/2012/elem/s/e3201007.pdf>

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