



Lexington Elementary School

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Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2012-2013

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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 2012. Also, in 2012 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.

Classroom teachers were divided into committees and participated in a variety of staff development. The LexLearns Committee studied the book "*Better Learning through Structured Teaching, A Framework for the Gradual Release of Responsibility*" by Fisher and Frey. The LexLives Committee studied implantation of "*The Leader in Me*" Program by Covey. They visited other elementary schools in the district that have implemented this program. The LexLeads Committee began preliminary case study for 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 as we continued our work through the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA and math. The LES Leadership Team met monthly and completed a book study of "*The Book Whisperer*" by D. Miller. Molly Scott LES Teacher of the Year led our teachers in a 6-week professional development to improve student writing by using the 6+1 Trait® Writing Model of Instruction & Assessment.

Teachers regularly planned 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 SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards that allow students to actively participate in lessons.



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This year we introduced 5 to 1 personal computing in grades 4 and 5. LES received 100 iPad 2s. Each 4th and 5th grade classroom received six iPads and third grade received a 20-iPad mobile cart. We purchased additional iPad 2's, iTouch's and hand-held GPS devices to increase student produced podcasts, voice threads, Geocaching, wiki pages, blogging, and more. Our student led "LES Live" morning TV program is 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.) This school year we instituted 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 continued "Prezzy's Prize Patrol" incentive program where each Friday we recognize students who demonstrate the 7-habits characteristics throughout the week. 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. 2012 74% of all LES students were reading at or above their grade level. PASS 2012 data showed that in ELA PASS test that 84% of students in grades 3-5 scored Met and/or Exemplary and 85% 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. This year we included our first graders in the FIM program. 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 2012-2013. Our student council volunteered at the District 7 Special Olympics in April. Our students and staff donated several tons of canned food to LICS in Nov. Throughout the school year student and staff has actively raised money for Relay For Life. Also, our 4th and 5th 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 received national recognition as she was selected as one of 10 national winners from the 2012 Teacher Innovator Award from PBS LearningMedia and the Henry Ford. 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. Theresa Johnson received a \$250 Michelin Golden Apple Grant. Finally, Media Specialist Sharon Taylor and Technology Integration Specialist Suzanne Brooks were awarded a \$10,000 grant to purchase 26 iPad minis and improve access to technology in our Learning Commons for all LES students.

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Christi Steagall, SIC Chairperson



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| Member | Address | Home Phone | Work Phone | Term | E-mail | Type of Member |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| Eight Elected Parents | | | | | | |
| 1. Jenny Backman | 512 Pond View Lane | 957-7067 | 730-0223 | 2012-2014 | jbackman@live.com | Parent/Elected |
| 2. Jamie Fite | 201 Watercrest Dr. | 996-3570 | 413-9700 | 2012-2014 | jamiefite@yahoo.com | Parent/Elected |
| 3. Sheila Inabinet (V Chair) | 211 Gibson Forest Dr. | 682-3428 | | 2011-2013 | Sheilari1972@yahoo.com | Parent/Elected |
| 4. Edwin Gerace | 200 Bryars Court | 996-6944 | | 2012-2014 | EGerace@ESSEXHOMES.NET | Parent/Elected |
| 5. Elizabeth Thompson | 124 Amelia Dr. | 356-2490 | 331-7713 | 2012-2014 | thompson93@windstream.net | Parent/Elected |
| 6. Kim Hatcher (Sec.) | 333 Carola Lane | 996-9249 | 238-4222 | 2012-2014 | khatcher@aol.com | Parent/Elected |
| 7. Patrick Mackin | 141 Coventry Lake Dr. | 586-4779 | | 2012-2014 | patrickmackin@gmail.com | Parent/Elected |
| 8. Sabrina White | 141 Coventry Lake Dr. | 586-4779 | | 2012-2014 | swhiteart@gmail.com | Parent/Elected |
| Four Principal Appointed representatives which include business partner and other persons form the school | | | | | | |
| 1. Dawn Wetherley | 126 Woodcut Road | 960-3935 | | 2012-2013 | dwetherley@bpscpas.com | Parent/Appointed |
| 2. Christi Steagall (Chair) | 305 Ridgecreek Drive | 808-6154 | 530-7087 | 2012-2013 | steagallk@aol.com | Parent/Appointed |
| 3. Blair Robinson | 112 Woodruff Ct. | 260-1139 | | | ablair_robinson@hotmail.com | Parent/Appointed |
| 4. Ron Williams | 337 Carola Lane | 808-5906 | 730-6395 | 2012-2013 | captainron1965@yahoo.com | Comm. Partner |
| Three teachers elected by the faculty | | | | | | |
| 1. Debbie Marcoloni | 400 Jericho Court | 808-0402 | 821-4000 | 2012-2013 | dmarcolini@lexington1.net | Kindergarten |
| 2. Patrice Roebuck | 214 Glenridge Ct. | 749-2940 | 821-4000 | 2012-2013 | proebuck@lexington1.net | Fifth Grade |
| 3. Jessica Allen | 304 Beech Branch Dr. | 730-0061 | 821-4000 | 2012-2013 | jallen@lexington1.net | Fourth Grade |
| EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS FOUR including principal, assistant principal, PTA president and immediate past chairperson | | | | | | |
| 1. Jim Hamby | 123 Hermitage Rd. | 429-0137 | 821-4000 | | jhamby@lexington1.net | Principal |
| 2. Sujata Wallace | 208 Blacksmith Road | 957-1061 | 821-4000 | | swallace@lexington1.net | Asst. Principal |
| 3. Amber Collins | 208 Gibson Forrest Dr. | 463-4989 | | 2012-2013 | lexingtonpta@gmail.com | PTA Pres. |
| 4. Patti Carson | 613 Stoneridge Drive | 359-3669 | 603-1370 | 2012-2013 | pcarson3@sc.rr.com | Past SIC Chair |



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LES School Improvement Annual Goals for 2012-2013:

1. LES SIC co-sponsored a "Meet the School Board Candidates Night" on Oct. 23, 2012 at Lexington Middle School.
2. Sponsored a SIC information table at LES Open House on Nov. 15, 2012.
3. Developed and implemented the annual LES SIC Parent Survey in April 2013.

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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