

## What is the School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory committee of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. The purpose of the committee is to work collectively as stakeholders in the community to improve all areas of student achievement at Red Cedar Elementary School.

### The Role of the SIC:

- Participate in the development of the five year School Improvement Plan.
- Assist in the implementation of the plan and evaluating progress.
- Write the Annual Report to the Parents about the progress of the school in achieving the objectives of the plan.
- Serve as a liaison between the school, community, and school board members.

### RCES 17-18 SIC Goals

- Increase and retain community involvement in school-based decisions by incorporating "Business Spotlights" at each School Improvement Council meeting.
- Communicate the assessments students take at each grade level and the purpose behind each assessment with Red Cedar parents to enhance parent understanding and support of standardized assessments.
- Explore differentiated staff professional development requests and formulate a plan to assist in honoring those requests.

This report is issued by Red Cedar Elementary's School Improvement Council, in accordance with South Carolina state law, to communicate the school's progress in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the five year plan. We also hope to highlight the many other achievements and accomplishments attained throughout the year.



Palmetto's Finest 2015

### Character Ed Students of the Month:

Marysol Catalan, Kensley Kaney,  
Leandro Zuniga, Perry Hesley, Nicole  
Sosa, Austin Broene, Luis Hernandez

### School Improvement Council

Emalee Baker, Chair  
Sarah Michael, Secretary  
Dr. Kathleen Corley, Principal  
Melissa Vogt, Assistant Principal  
Cynthia Laizer, Parent  
Ashley Feaster, Parent  
Laura Jacobi, Parent  
Rachel Mullen, Parent  
Tomoko Wainscott, Parent  
Kim Marshall, Parent  
Libby Ferratto, Community  
Rodney Vaughn, Community  
John O'Toole, Community  
Kristiana Valentine, Teacher  
Meghan Smith, Teacher  
Rebecca Hannahs, Teacher  
Audrey Kaney, Teacher  
Leanne Black, Teacher  
Virginia Pratt, Teacher

# Red Cedar Elementary School

## Annual Report to the Parents 2017-2018



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## Dear Foxes,

Red Cedar Elementary has had a busy ninth year as a school! Academic achievement for all students by doing “Whatever It Takes” remains our mantra. We work to grow 21st century learners via Project Based Learning, Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM), and by developing problem solving skills (academically and socially) on a daily basis.

A focus on Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) has paved the way for us becoming an AdvancEd STEM Certified school this year. At Red Cedar Elementary school, our teachers are 100% BIE trained for Project Based Learning. Teachers have attended conferences, taken STEM classes through the State Department, and some have even become “Master Naturalists” all of which has increased the amount of STEM learning at our school. Our PBL units are STEM infused and students at each grade level are working to solve real-world problems to demonstrate their understanding of new information in all content areas.

Join our SIC! We would love to have more community members and parents join us as we work to make RCES the best it can be!



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Red Cedar Elementary Foxes

## Red Cedar does Whatever It Takes!



Teacher of the Year: Alicia VanZanten (17-18) New TOY—TBD	Support Staff Member of the Year: Helena Williams
Music Bridges Partnership with Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra	8th Annual Foxes Trot 5K was the best yet!
3rd Annual Maker Faire to showcase all grade level PBL projects and talents	Sodexo Future Chef: Sophia Blackwell
5th Grade overnight field trip to Camp Bob Cooper	Nine trained Master Naturalists on staff
RAKTivists become fans in the stands at The Special Olympics	100% of our staff continues to be PBL trained by Buck Institute (BIE)

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**Vision Statement:** We will do whatever it takes to ensure all students find success.

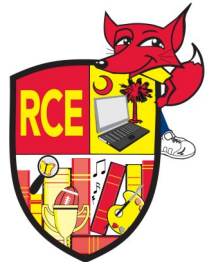
**Mission Statement:** We empower our students to be life-long learners, innovative thinkers, and citizens of good character in an ever changing world.

**Clubs:** Art, Foxes Sing, Craft, Dance, Drawing, Drum & Dance, First Tee, Planeteers, RAKtivists, Robotics, Running, Sports, Foxes Jam

**Community:** Coastal Empire Mental Health, Luekemia & Lymphoma Society, lending libraries, Backpack Buddies, Happy Feet, Ronald McDonald dental mobile, South State Bank student banking, Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, student teachers

**Volunteers:** United Way, Red Cedar Gazette, WIT, Lions Club, Teacher Cadets, Belfair Golfers

**Extras:** Foxes Chill, Fox Tales Literary Magazine, monthly Chic-Fil-A nights, Foxes Til 5, La Lectura



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