Grade Level Field Experiences
- Pre-Kindergarten: Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC; Bee City
- Kindergarten: Coastal Discovery Museum, Holiday Farms, & Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC
- 1st: Holiday Farms, Bee City & Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC
- 2nd: Mulan Jr., Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC
- 3rd-Walking Field Experiences in Port Royal, SC, Mulan Jr., Gullah Kinfolk Christmas
- 4th: Port Royal Sound Maritime Center, Gullah Kinfolf Christmas
- 5th: Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, walking tour of downtown Beaufort, Santa Elena Museum, Port Royal Sound Maritime Center, STAR-BASE, Camp Leopold

2017-2018 SIC Members
Chavon Browne, Principal
Marvin Fowler, Assistant Principal
Beth Lewis, Chair
Karisa Daniels, Teacher
Theresa Merchant, Teacher
Susan Seckinger, Teacher
Ida Williams, Teacher
Rob Lewis, Community Member
Latisha McComas, Community Member

*End of year results are not available at the time of publication.*
The 2017-2018 school year has certainly been an exciting one to remember! We have had many accomplishments and have a continued focus on our school initiatives, that ultimately support us in reaching our SIC goals. Our school of choice option; Project Based Learning, along with our targeted male role model and mentoring program; Watch D.O.G.S. and our schoolwide Responsive Classroom approach is helping to nurture the strong link between academic success and social-emotional learning we fully invest in here at Port Royal Elementary School.

Continuing this year, every student has the unique opportunity to investigate and respond to an engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge through the use of our Project Based Learning initiative. Pre-kindergarten and 2nd grade students investigated the amount of trash and litter found on our school campus and organized a community wide clean-up. Kindergarten students recognized the need for additional plants that attracted butterflies on our campus to help equip the environment with a continued source of pollination. First graders began the study of composting in their classrooms, with hopes to be able to provide additional soil to newly planted areas on our campus. While 4th and 5th graders began extensive research about the depletion of oysters as natural resources and will begin educating our community about the benefits of recycling oyster shells and restoring local oyster reefs.

Through our environmentally focused project units this year, our students have earned their EPA badges and are recognized as Environmental Protection Agents! Because of our hard work, our school has also applied to be recognized as a South Carolina Green Steps School and are awaiting our notification of acceptance.

These PBL units, continue to increase collaboration between the school and the community, while also giving students the opportunity to learn with real-life experiences.

Our School Improvement Council worked together with school personnel to increase parental involvement and to provide a safe and joyful learning environment to promote academic and social growth.

### Current SIC GOALS

1) Increase parental and community involvement in addressing the academic and safety needs of all students by building positive relationships.

2) Increase positive promotion of our school choice option—community engagement and collaboration to revitalize the role of Port Royal Elementary School as an outstanding academic neighborhood school for the 21st Century by providing an academic school choice of Project Based Learning.

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**ABOUT OUR SIC**

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments during the 2017-2018 school year.

Our School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements, challenges, and successes during the school year, and reports the progress to our school family of students, parents, teachers, and our community.

At Port Royal Elementary School, we believe in Staying On COURSE until we reach our destination—EXCELLENCE!

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**HOME/SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

- Curriculum Fair (Literacy, Math, Technology)
- Read Across Port Royal Week
- Port Royal CARES Foundation
- 5th Annual Sweetheart Breakfast
- 5th Annual 5K—Color Run
- Watch D.O.G.S & Responsive Classroom
- After School “Shipmates” Mentoring Program
- School Wide Winter Celebration
- Community Clean-Up Featuring Port Royal Village People & Palmetto Pride
- 2 visual, 1 dance, 6 vocal students identified as artistically gifted and talented

**STUDENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- 11 students’ artwork and poetry published in the 2018 BCSD River of Words Anthology
- Raised $3144.00 for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart
- Raised $878.33 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients
- 811—Call Before you Dig
- Palmetto Pride—Litter Trashes Everyone Play
- The Spirit of Old Beaufort
- Bikers Against Bullies
- The Fripp Island Audubon Society presented “Birds of Prey”.
- FPN—Opera for Kids: “Hansel and Gretel and the Case of the Deep Dark Woods”