

OBE's top priority is safety. Thank you for your support with the new safety protocols this year.

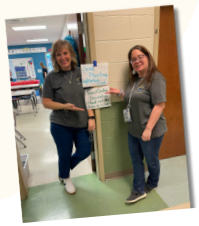
SCHOOL SECURITY

Security Updates:

- Added a second School Security Officer
- Installed new fences around the car line and modular
- Daily use of new weapons detectors for events
- Implemented "Clear Bag" policy for students
- Continued adherence to district safety protocols
- Conducted staff safety trainings and regular drills (fire, tornado, earthquake, lockdown, bus evacuation)
- Employed Standard Response Protocol
- Maintained communication with families during safety events via email, phone, and text
- Promoted "See Something, Say Something" initiative
- Enforced staff badge requirements and visitor check-in procedures
- Secured entry/exit points with cameras and locked gates during school hours
- Security Team collaborates with Administration for safety checks and surveillance
- Crossing Guards assist with safe student crossings at key locations.





SIC MEMBERS

Elected Members:
Jamia Ponder, Chair
Andrea Lazar, Co-Chair
Charmaine Pegues, Secretary
Kari Presz, Parent
Caroline Zito, Parent
Michelle Goonan, Parent

Approved Members:
Kendal Lowry, Media Specialist
Clarissa Pittelli, Teacher
Pam Datlof,Community
Alfred Greer, Community

Ex-Officio Members:
Megan Acre, Interim Principal
Lyndsay Ball, Instructional Coach

Thank you to our incredible students, families, teachers, staff, PTO, and community partners for making the 2024–2025 school year a wonderful success.

Your support and dedication create a community where every child can thrive. Together, we are building bright futures — because at OBE, Adventure Awaits!



The report is issued by the School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in work of SIC, and other accomplishements during the school year.

2024-2025

SIC Report to Parents

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Ocean Bay Elementary School Improvement Council 2024-2025 Annual Report

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ABOUT US

Ocean Bay Elementary's School Improvement Council (SIC) is a dedicated advisory group composed of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members who work together to strengthen the school's mission and support student success. As part of a statewide initiative, the SIC plays an essential role in promoting continuous improvement by serving as a bridge between the school and the larger community.

Our council is focused on enhancing the educational experience for all students by reviewing school data, providing meaningful input on school goals, and supporting initiatives that reflect the values of our school and families. Each year, the SIC contributes to the development of the Annual Report to Parents, highlighting school achievements, progress, and areas for growth.

At Ocean Bay Elementary, we believe that strong schools are built through collaboration. The SIC fosters this by encouraging parent and community involvement, supporting school programs, and celebrating the accomplishments of our students and staff. Together, we work to ensure that all students are empowered to **Learn, Grow,** and **Achieve**!



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

At OBE, we work together to achieve our vision: Learn, Grow, Achieve! With 1,209 students in Child Development through 5th grade, we are committed to providing a world-class education aligned with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and state standards.

We emphasize differentiation, collaborative planning, and consistent pacing to meet every student's needs. Instruction is guided by data from DIBELS, MAP, SC Ready, and classroom assessments to monitor individual growth and progress.

Overview:

Assessment Tools We Use:

- DIBELS: K–2 literacy tracking
- MAP: Measures academic progress
- SC READY: State-level testing (Grades 3–5)
- Formative & Summative Assessments

2023–2024 SC REPORT CARD RESULTS
Overall Rating: Excellent

Grades 3–5:

- ELA: 79.5% met or exceeded expectations
- Math: 72% met or exceeded expectations

DIBELS Literacy Benchmarks (K–2):

- Kindergarten: 93% at/above benchmark
- 1st Grade: 92% at/above benchmark

2nd Grade: 80% at/above benchmark

Note: 2024–2025 Report Card data will be released after state testing in May 2025.

The 2024-2025 school year has offered every student at Ocean Bay Elementary School the chance to **Learn, Grow, and Achieve** in social, emotional, and academic aspects. These valuable opportunities for development will support them on their next adventure!

The comprehensive 2023-24 South Carolina Report Card can be accessed at:

SC REPORT CARDS

https://screportcards.com

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Clubs

- Nature
- Rubik's Cube
- Digital Art
- Choir
- Percussion
- Art



Activities

- CCU Reading and Book Vending Kickoff
- POD Day (Collaborative activities across all grade levels)
- Kindness Week initiatives
- Cereal Box Domino Run
- Canned Food Drive
- Bay Buck Celebrations
- Read Bowl: Top 5 Readers
- OBE Reading Challenge (Quarterly Winners)
- United Way Readers Program
- Caring for Kindergarten Field Trip

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Communication Tools at OBE include:

- Bay Breeze: Bi-monthly email updates about important dates and events.
- Bloomz: An app for teachers to share weekly newsletters and essential information.
- Digital Signage: Displays key dates and events at the school entrance.
- Spirit Rock: Families can rent it to display messages, and OBE uses it for announcements.

Family Engagement Activities at OBE include:

- Open House: Meet teachers before school starts.
- Tears & Cheers: Support for families during kindergarten drop-off.
- Spirit Nights: Local businesses donate a percentage of sales to OBE PTO.
- Day at the Bay: Weekend event with games, food, and family fun.
- Fun Run:Fundraising event where students gather donations and participate in a run.
- Conferences: Meetings to discuss student progress with parents.
- Literacy Night: Interactive event promoting a love for reading.
- Book Fair: Opportunity for families to purchase books.
- *Holiday Luncheon: A festive lunch for students, staff, and families.
- Family Bingo:After-school Bingo event with prizes.
- Donuts with Grownups: Breakfast gathering for students and their guardians.
- Science Night: Hands-on science activities and demonstrations.
- Family Fitness Night: Promotes healthy habits and local fitness businesses.