



# Myrtle Beach K-5 Cluster School Improvement Council 2019 Report to the Parents



Seahawk Parents,

Your SIC (School Improvement Council) is a unified council serving grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at Myrtle Beach Primary School (MBP), Myrtle Beach Elementary School (MBE), and Myrtle Beach Intermediate School (MBI). The goal of the SIC is to bring together parents, teachers, and our community in order to support and improve the educational experience for our students. In this report, we would like to share with our Seahawk Families a few highlights from this academic year. Our schools are doing amazing things!!

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## **A Word Regarding Hurricane Florence**

As you are well aware, our students missed three weeks of school due to the flooding as a result of Hurricane Florence. During this difficult time, our Myrtle Beach Schools opened and many of you parents gave your time, providing lunches and supplies for those affected by the flooding. Seahawks were inspirational during this difficult time and came together as one community. We are so proud of our school staff, parents, and business partners.

## **Myrtle Beach Primary School (CD, KG, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grades)**

- Served 160 Child Development students- supporting our most needy children
- Kindergarten enjoyed their “Hats” performances.
- First grade MOY (middle of the year) DIBELS scores remained level in the percentage of students meeting benchmark.
- Participated in Boosterthon Fun Run- raised over \$6000 for our school- supporting fine arts and social activities for our children, and we raised over \$5000 for the Kids Heart Challenge, American Heart Association

## **Myrtle Beach Elementary School (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)**

- MBE has individual and class goals for growth targets. In second grade 13 of our 16 classes met or exceeded 80% of their students meeting growth targets. In second grade we had 95% of students meet or exceed growth targets in math and 75% of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in math meet or exceed. Reading continues to be our struggle, largely because it is a process and we start second grade at a disadvantage. 66% of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 56% of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade met or exceeded growth targets. The district average in both areas are 50 to 60% meet or exceed targets.

- We hosted 3 community stores this school year and provided resources for more than 300 families. The resources included detergent, nonperishable food, fruit, shoes, socks. Etc. This summer we will partner with White Pony Express to provide a closet for children, parents, and community to come and get NEW clothing to start the new year or for a job interview etc. The City of Myrtle Beach will partner with MBE in this effort.
- We are proud to be able to open our school to our community this summer for use of the library. We will also host a structured reading program. We will utilize social media to broadcast story time.

#### **Myrtle Beach Intermediate School (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

- MBI had a successful representation at the Horry County Technology Fair, with 7 awards won: 3<sup>rd</sup> place for video production, 1st and 2nd for digital photo manipulation, 1st for programming, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for robotics.
- Our staff, students, and families were active during the hurricane and flooding relief by assisting with sandbags, making and delivering sandwiches, and serving hot meals.
- We provided enrichment opportunities in art club, dance club, student council, Rubiks cube teams, and robotics. We had four students attend the State Honor Choir in Columbia.
- Our instructional focus this year continued to be standards based and focused on differentiating instruction through small groups.

#### **Annual Bring Light to the Myrtle Beach Community Night**

- Our SIC has coordinated for the last several years with Myrtle Beach High School Athletics and local business/municipal partners in a community night at MBHS each November. We continue to grow this event, which is designed to bring all local educational stakeholders together in celebration of everything our Myrtle Beach Community has to offer, while celebrating the athletic achievements of our Seahawks. We will continue this tradition with a November 2019 Event.

#### **Seahawk Graduate Walk**

- This May, our schools will have our third annual Graduate Walkthrough. The Myrtle Beach High School Class of 2019 will walk in cap and gown through Myrtle Beach Primary, Elementary, Intermediate and Middle Schools as they are celebrated by younger Seahawks and former teachers alike. This special event is possible given our unique Seahawk Campus of Schools, grades K-12 situated in our one big city block, with the ability to walk from and between each school to another.

#### **Community Partners**

- Seahawks, your SIC is working to build bridges in our community to benefit our schools and students. In fact, it has only been since 2014 that our elementary grades K-5 have come together as one unified SIC. As a result, our schools have built relationships and have been able to coordinate events with one another to benefit families with several children who may be at different schools.
- Your SIC has sought to build relationships with our community partners. We have Appointed Community Members from local churches, the Myrtle Beach Police Department, and the private sector. As a result, we are able to bring perspectives from all over the community and seek ways to contribute to our schools' growth and excellence.
- SIC is working with the City of Myrtle Beach to designate our unique Seahawk Campus as an Educational Zone within our City. We seek to create safe and feasible pedestrian passage between and among our schools. We seek to improve walkways and signage along and across the roads bordering this Zone (Oak Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grissom Parkway).

Thank you, Seahawk Parents, for reading our report. Please email Erin Smith at [smitherin2@gmail.com](mailto:smitherin2@gmail.com) or your school's principal with feedback and ideas.