



It's been an amazing year at Angel Oak Elementary School!

Here is a summary of our many accomplishments during 2018-19...

- Received 21st Century school grant to support after school program through academics and enrichment
- Literacy Acceleration block implemented in grades 1-3 for direct phonics instruction
- Focus shifted for Reading Partners to grades K, 4 and 5 for additional support in reading and literacy
- Accelerated Related Arts opportunities (Art, Dance, Spanish, PE) and Arts Integration Push-in added to support acceleration and content integration
- Math interventionist and two primary grade teaching assistants added through Title I funds to support early learners in small group differentiation
- MakerSpace developed to teach engineering process and design principles to students
- Began the process of establishing Room Representatives (parents and community members) for classrooms as directed by SIC initiatives
- Expanded partnership with Engaging Creative Minds to include 2 week artist residencies for grades 2, 3 and 4
- Established Mack Media Center and Barden Reading Room to continue to support our literacy/reading goals
- Increased opportunities for students to join student clubs from 11 to 12
- Celebrated on the "Schools that had Students Score the Maximum Score on SCREADY and/or PASS" list for CCSD
- Received SmART Literacy Grant (over 2.1 million dollars) with ArtsNow to support Arts Integration training for teachers, artist residencies and arts experiences for students for the next 4 school years
- Over 230 grandparents attended our Grandparents Luncheon in September
- PBIS goals expanded to home through "PBIS Spotlight" recognition
- Yo Art artist residency partnership for 5th graders to experience Social Studies through photography integration
- 5X increase in PTA membership since 2016-17 (number of members increased from 157 to 243 since 2017-18)
- Beginning design stages with community sponsor, Pulte Homes, to rebuild our outdoor classroom space
- Creation of our 3rd grade "Hootie News" Student Newspaper Team to produce our school newsletter celebrating student voice
- Received \$4000+ grant from Kiawah Seabrook Exchange Club to support our 2019 Owlventure Summer Camp
- Our AOE Robotics Team placed in the Top Ten teams in Robotic Missions (10th out of 25 teams) in competition. This is only the 2nd year AOES has competed.
- Featured on CCSD Website for Student Internship partnership with St. John's HS to support our ESOL learners

- Began TOT (Teachers Observing Teachers) initiative within the school to promote professional growth, build efficacy among teachers and share best practices
- Yo Art Coding course for 5th grade providing students with coding (write basic HTML and CSS code) and design skills
- PTA/SIC hosted the first ever “Hootieville Holiday Shoppe” for students
- Implemented Parenting Sessions before each PTA meeting based on parent survey feedback
- Increase in number of students meeting or exceeding Reading MAP Winter Score goals in grades 3-5. (**5th graders had the 3rd highest percentage meeting Winter growth targets in district for Reading)
- Donation of \$5000 from Allen Reed, OwlVenture Reading and Math Camp founder/supporter, after receiving Kiawah/Seabrook Exchange Club Angel Oak Award
- Displayed 4th and 5th grade Accelerated Art Installation piece at the Gibbes Museum of Art in downtown Charleston
- 336 fathers and other adult male figures attended “Donuts with Dad” to learn about the importance of relationships and to spend time with their child
- Received a Wellness grant for \$2000 from the Whole Foods Foundation to support our PTA’s work in continuing to build our school garden program
- Noted as an exemplar school in the Project About School Safety (PASS) 2 year research study by USC and CCSD. Angel Oak showed notable gains in: increasing attendance, increasing overall MAP test scores, increasing family engagement and supporting students’ social and emotional well-being through PBIS
- Fully funded OwlVenture Summer Reading and Math Camp for 100 students for the summer of 2019-20 thanks to generous donors
- Strings (Orchestra) class started for select 4th grade students to continue into 5th grade for 2019-20
- Partnered with St. John’s High School’s Music Production Internship and Carolina Studios, a non-profit that provides students opportunities for musical expression through recording their ideas in song, to provide a music production experience for select 4th and 5th graders
- Implemented teacher/staff and student positive school culture initiative including friendship benches, the shout-out box, chalk messages and PBIS Bingo board and monthly rewards.
- Created “Move About Hall” to support students with occupational therapy and to provide students with movement breaks
- Created an interactive Math floor and Math Stops throughout the school to engage students in math learning
- 297 mothers and other adult female figures attended “Muffins with Mom” to learn about the importance of relationships and to spend time with their child
- Hosted a “Multicultural Day” for all students sponsored by parents, PTA and community members
- PTA sponsored “Owl Tank” (like TV’s Shark Tank) with \$1,000 to fund the implementation of innovative ideas and creativity for teachers and staff during the 2019-20 school year. Projects funded for 2019-20 include a soccer club, a school chorus, a bird watching project, a yoga club, a preschool club and a World War II mural.
- Named Division 10 Tennis Team Champions and Orange Ball 1 Tournament Champions

- Hosted our first Intercambrio Spanish Experience with James Island Charter High School for our EL and Accelerated Spanish students
- PTA sponsored Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week with support from community partners including Outback Steakhouse, Kiawah Partners, Massage Envy, The Royal Tern, The Tomato Shed, Blackbird Market, Kiawah Cares and Live Oak Church
- Toured over 100 Prospective Parents and Community members again this year
- Received a Wellness Award and grant from MUSC for “Outstanding Effort to Create a Culture of Wellness in Your School”
- Student received 1st place award in grades K-1 in 2019 “Growing Young Writers Essay Contest” sponsored by the Charleston Reading Council
- Square 1 Art fundraiser offered parents the opportunity to purchase printed keepsakes with their child’s artwork and raised over \$1000 for our art program next year to purchase consumables
- Received a Charleston Marathon grant in which 4th graders created an arts-integrated “Life Science Learning Wall”
- All grades 2nd-5th increased in percentages of Students Meeting or Exceeding MAP yearly MAP goals in Reading (most growth: 3rd grade increased by 38%)
- All grades 2nd-5th increased in percentages of Students Meeting or Exceeding MAP yearly goals in Math (most growth: 2nd grade increased by 22%, 3rd grade increased by 31%)
- Charleston Marathon Grant Winner for 2019-20
- “101 Dalmatians Kids” performed by our Drama Club through PTA sponsorship
- Student received \$100 award for winning Sweetgrass Orthodontics Art Contest
- For 2019-20, we will be adding a first grade class, a second grade class and a 5th grade class! We continue to grow as a “Wise Owl” family!