



**Beech Springs Intermediate School**  
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**“A lighthouse of learning and leadership”**

Beech Springs continues to help all students develop world-class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by implementing the South Carolina standards in English/language arts, math, science, and social studies. These standards are entrenched with opportunities for students to be critical thinkers, problem-solvers, investigators, leaders of technology, and learning how to work collaboratively with their peers. While this year has been like no other due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to strive for the Vision of Beech Springs Intermediate School: to provide opportunities for students to reach their maximum potential in an engaging, creative and nurturing learning environment.

We have continued to maintain our Title I status. Because of the additional amount of funds that Title I has given us we were able to add more teaching and student support positions. This has allowed us to have smaller class sizes and gave teachers an opportunity to better individualize and differentiate instruction for all students. We are continuing to provide additional high-interest reading materials to classroom libraries, as well as additional reading instructional materials for our teachers. Mathematics teachers have continued to receive professional development on strategies to help support student learning through the Guided Math Model.

Even with the pandemic, students have gained experiences in addition to academics through a variety of performing arts programs. We have had students' art work on display at our district's Fine Arts Center throughout the year. Our students showcased their acting and singing skills as they took to the stage this spring and performed Disney's Frozen Jr. Our students did a wonderful job showcasing their acting and singing abilities.

Leadership opportunities are plentiful for our students. Students were able to participate in the BETA Club, Student Council, Art Creations, and the Morning News Show Crew. Teachers also gave students an opportunity to earn leadership roles in the classrooms. Students raised funds throughout the school year to support Relay for Life, a can food drive, class and grade-level competitions, and by purchasing treats throughout the year. They also financially supported March of Dimes and donated items to Spartanburg Humane Society.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) contributed greatly to our school. They provided opportunities for students and adults to fellowship by hosting, “Gathering with Grands”; “Doughnuts for Dads”; and “Muffins for Moms.” They were also instrumental in recognizing teachers for all that they do throughout the year by hosting faculty and staff luncheons as well as providing treats and fundraising prize incentives. Fundraising incentives contributed to many materials for instruction for students and teachers.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is a committee of elected and appointed parents, teachers, and community members who set goals and devise strategies to improve the school. The Council meets monthly to discuss school and community concerns and make recommendations to the Principal. This year, the council was instrumental in completing a beautifully landscaped outdoor learning garden for students.



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2019-2020 School Improvement Council (SIC) Members:  
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