



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 maintain 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.

Our goal has continued to center around providing an enriched school experience for students. Providing multiple opportunities beyond academics is one way we do this. Students have opportunities to join a Performing Arts Program each year. Our Drama, Band, Orchestra, and Chorus programs all showcased their abilities through successful performances for the community.

Leadership opportunities are plentiful for our students. Students were able to participate in Student Council, Art Creations, and the Morning News Show Crew. Students supported our community by participating in a collection of canned goods for our local community center, supporting Relay for Life through fundraisers, and partnering with the local humane society to provide specific needs. In addition, our school has implemented two programs that have provided character building and structured activities for our students. These organizations include Girls on the Run and Fire Pit Ranch.

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 recognizing and developing partnerships that enrich the student experience at Beech Springs Intermediate School. One of our greatest goals was to provide more enriching programs for students to participate in. Home Economics, Girls with Sole, Harry Potter Literary Club, Chess Club, and our Robotics Club were initiated from this goal.

2021-2022 School Improvement Council (SIC) Members:

Melissa Erwin, Chairperson, Vonda Mason, Carly Phillips, Ashley Chapman, Heidi Beers, Kyle Cantrell, Julie Jackson, Jackie Mathis Ex-Officio: Taylor Deal, Carla Tucker and Dione Morris