



“A LIGHTHOUSE OF LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP”

## BEECH SPRINGS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

200 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, South Carolina 29334

2016-2017 School Report to the People

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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 our students and teachers have had a remarkable academic year, we will continue working diligently to fulfill the mission of Beech Springs Intermediate School: to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.

This year students in fifth and sixth grades were given laptop devices to use as an instructional tool to enhance learning. Students were researching, collaborating, and producing work in alignment with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. They were also given the responsibility and held accountable for bringing their laptop to school each day and for making sure it was charged and ready to go. Teachers continued working in Professional Development Teams to build engaging and challenging assignments that would create a new excitement for learning with our student body.

In addition to academics, our students have experienced a variety of opportunities to excel in performing arts. Our Band students received a “Superior” rating at Concert Festival and our Orchestra students received a “Superior” rating at the same event. Our Chorus had several students selected for the SC Elementary Honors Choir. They performed a repertoire of challenging music with hundreds of other elementary students from across South Carolina. We have had students’ art work on display at Chapman Cultural Center and 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 Aladdin, Jr. The response from the community was very encouraging.

Leadership opportunities are plentiful for our students. Students were able to participate in the iLead program, BETA Club, Creations, and Morning News Show Crew. Teachers also give students an opportunity to earn leadership roles in the classrooms. Students raised funds to support Relay for Life and donated a copious amount of canned goods to the Middle Tyger Community Center’s Food Bank.

A mentoring program has been re-established this year to provide opportunities for identified students to meet weekly with influential community members.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has been instrumental in helping provide instructional materials for students and teachers and hosting ice-cream celebrations for students who made All A's Honor Roll for each nine weeks, through their fundraising efforts. They have also provided opportunities for students and adults to fellowship by hosting, "Gathering with Grands"; "Doughnuts for Dads"; and "Muffins for Moms."

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.

#### 2016-2017 School Improvement Council Members (SIC)

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