

Beech Springs Intermediate School P.O. Box 411 Duncan, SC 29334 Phone: (864) 949-7600 Fax: (864) 949-7604 "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 also enrich student life at Beech Springs. Students are 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 new programs that have provided character building and structured activities for our students. These organizations include Girls with Sole, Home Economics, FCA, and Robotics.

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 our 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. Another goal has been to successfully navigate the massive construction project taking place on our campus. This has been a successful endeavor, and we have benefited from the ideas of our SIC.

2022-2023 School Improvement Council (SIC) Members: Caitlyn Bonner, Chairperson, Vonda Mason, Kelsi Inman, Heidi Beers, Kyle Cantrell, Julie Jackson, Brandon Clement Ex-Officio: Taylor Deal, Carla Tucker and Dione Morris