



“LIGHTHOUSE OF LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP”

BEECH SPRINGS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

200 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, South Carolina 29334

2018-2019 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 is Beech Springs’s second year as a Title I School. 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.

Teachers have benefited from professional development that will equip them to better serve our student population. Math teachers were trained on the Guided Math Model last year and were able to receive follow-up training for the model this year. In addition to our district-wide Professional Development Cohorts and state-wide professional development workshops, 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 for the Concert Performance Assessment 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. They also received an Excellent rating at Carowinds Festival of Music. 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 Mary Poppins, 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 through our Color Run, a Sock-Hop dance, class and grade-level competitions, and by purchasing treats throughout the year. They also financially supported March of Dimes and donated clothes to the Middle Tyger Community Center.

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." 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.

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.

2018-2019 School Improvement Council Members (SIC)

Kelly Watson, Chairperson

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