

## 2013-2014 SIC Report to the People

Beech Springs Intermediate School is located in the Upstate area of South Carolina off Highway 290 and Danzler Road, approximately 2.0 miles off of Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County. BSIS opened its doors on August 19 of 1996, and presently serves 581 students in fifth and sixth grade. The faculty and staff consist of 65 dedicated professionals.

This year marked the implementation of the SC Common Core standards in ELA and Math. We have worked diligently to ensure that we have transitioned to these standards for teaching and learning. Although we will continue to work on these standards, we're pleased with the progress we have made thus far. We were able to partner with our neighboring district to provide professional development in the area of mathematics for our fifth and sixth grade teachers. We also used our very own teachers to provide professional development in the area of ELA.

In addition to academics, our students have experienced a variety of opportunities in performing arts. For example, our band and orchestra students were able to take their talents to local concert festivals where both groups earned "Superior" ratings. Our chorus and "Treble Makers" participated in the District 5 Choral Festival at the District Five Fine Arts Center. Students in Drama were able to bring their text books to life as they presented mini-plays based on their Social Studies standards. Leadership opportunities are plentiful for students. Students were able to participate in Beta Club, Drama, Chorus, Creations, Around the World Club, Morning News Show Crews, and Morning Leadership Patrol. Teachers have also provided ways for students to earn leadership roles in the classrooms.

Our school has many accomplishments to celebrate. BSIS maintained a "Good" overall rating and an "Average" improvement rating on the SC Annual School Report Card.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), a School Improvement Council (SIC), and business partnerships have been instrumental in the success of our school year.

Additional opportunities for students include a reading intervention program (Leveled Literacy Intervention), ESOL (our program for speakers of other languages), our gifted/talented inclusion model, Creations (our gifted art program), RTI (response to intervention), and services for special needs.

The Mission of Beech Springs Intermediate School is 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.