

Bethel Elementary School
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Bethel 2013-14 Report Card Narrative

Bethel Elementary School is a small community school in the Clover School District. Our school is like a family and we all care about and support each other. We have received the Palmetto Gold Award for academic performance in five of the last six years. Bethel has received this award due to the hard work of our staff, students, parents, and community.

Bethel encourages student achievement through the use of an after school tutoring program, the use of technology, Response to Intervention Services, recognition of student achievement, etc. Our district has piloted a one-to-one iPad initiative in at least two classrooms in every elementary school this year and will be one-to-one for all students in grades one through five next year. Teachers have been involved in technology training at both the district and school level in order to prepare for this initiative.

Bethel encourages our students to be community helpers by encouraging their participation in service learning projects. Students have collected tabs from drink cans to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, contributed to fundraising events for Relay for Life, collected old batteries to recycle through a local Girl Scout Troop, held a car wash to help fund a memorial garden in memory of a Bethel student who passed away, etc.

Bethel has several co-curricular activities for students. We have a Scrambled Legs Running Club, Recycling Club, Morning News Crews, and Honors Chorus. All students have the opportunity to perform in a musical program with their grade level and have their art work displayed for parents following the musical program. Certain students are chosen to have their art work displayed at the District Art Show. We have a Bethel Talent Show each year and we started having a school dance for fourth and fifth graders this year. We also have an AR program where students are rewarded according to the number of AR point they earn.

The PTO is outstanding at Bethel. They sponsor several events for our school such as the Fall Carnival, Talent Show, Staff Appreciation Week, Fun Run, school dances, a Welcome Back Breakfast for our staff, etc. The PTO Board and members put in countless volunteer hours at Bethel.

Bethel's goal is to educate the whole child in an environment where they feel safe and secure. We strive to meet the individual needs of all of our students in order to make sure they are successful in school and prepared to be contributing members of our society.

Kim Ramsey
Principal

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School Improvement Chairperson