

Barnwell Primary School
“Home of the Cool Colts”

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The mission of Barnwell Primary School, in partnership with students, teachers and parents, is to develop an atmosphere of academically high standards, student-centered instruction, and positive collaboration among all stakeholders. Our ultimate goal remains to allow each child to reach his/her full potential and instill in them a lifelong love for learning.

BPS School Happenings

- We had Back-to-School Meet & Greet, Fall Carnival, Hot Dog! It's Write Night, a Student Art Show, and Book Fairs to provide our community an opportunity to visit our school.
- We are in partnership with the Save the Children Foundation to provide reading intervention for 100 students. We also have Early Steps to School Success Early Childhood Coordinators who serve 40 children ages 0-3 and 40 students through the Raising A Reader Program.
- Student award programs were held during the school year to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students. Also, students were recognized on social media and the local newspaper.
- Students participated in music and arts programs throughout the school year. Choral performances, art shows, and drama performances were experienced by students.

- We have a very active Parent Volunteer and Mentor Program that serves students with academic and behavioral concerns.
- We provided community service projects such as: recycling aluminum cans and ink cartridges, collecting cell phones and box tops, providing can food drive for needy families in the community, and participating in Pennies for Patients and Jump Rope for Heart.
- A 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, which is a federally-funded program, supported an after-school program at BPS. Academic intervention and enrichment activities were offered to 100 students.
- The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program was continued to reduce the number of office referrals through more positive approaches to discipline. Students received rewards at the Cool Colt Corral throughout the year for good behavior.
- The school guidance counselor continued the implementation of character education and conflict resolution programs in the classrooms, one-on-one and group sessions.
- Title I Staff Development funds were used to provide on-going professional development on the implementation of the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards. Professional development opportunities were also provided for Teaching Reading Using Technology, Bully-Free Classrooms, Differentiated Instruction, Teaching Diverse Cultures, and Using Rubrics.
- Melissa Moore was selected as the 2014-2015 BPS Teacher of the Year.

