

Student Achievement Data

- ◆ 2023 SCReady ELA - 69.7% of 3rd graders scored approaches or higher
- ◆ 2023 SCReady Math - 65.2% of 3rd graders scored approaches or higher
- ◆ 2023 STAR Reading Assessments indicate 54% of kindergarten through third graders were reading on level
- ◆ 2023 STAR Math Assessments indicate 53% of first through third graders were on level for math.
- ◆ 2023 District Benchmark Tests indicated that 61% of first graders through third graders were on grade level for reading, 59% for math, 59% for science and 63% for social studies.

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Barnwell Primary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

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Barnwell Primary School is committed to preparing students for lifelong success by providing individualized learning experiences.

School Happenings

- > We began the 2022-2023 school year with the theme "Building Great Minds." We incorporated STEAM lessons within all classrooms with a focus on using Legos. An afterschool Lego Robotics Club was created to encourage innovative thinking and collaboration.
- > All students were provided school supplies and an opportunity to meet their teacher during a Back-to-School Meet & Greet.
- > Classroom student awards programs were held to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students. Also, students were recognized on social media and our school website.
- > Community engagement events such as Family Nights and school programs were held. Parent-child activities were sent home throughout the school year to encourage reading, writing and STEAM .
- > The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program continued to reduce the number of office referrals through more positive approaches to discipline.
- > Our school facility received the following upgrades: new auditorium flooring and seating, additions to our playground areas, new digital sign, updated windows, air conditioning added to the gymnasium and fresh paint on the school's exterior.

School Partners

- > Barnwell Primary School is constantly striving to create a high performing positive school culture for all stakeholders.
- > We are in partnership with the Save the Children Foundation to provide reading intervention for 100 students. This program provides daily reading intervention for students in kindergarten through third grade.
- > A 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, which is led by the D.I.G. Organization supports an after-school program at BPS.
- > Our school is proud to offer a Montessori program for students. We work with the South Carolina Montessori Alliance to maintain the integrity of our program. Currently we have two classes serving students ages 3-5 years of age. We also have a combination 1st/2nd grade class that serves students.
- > The Original Six Foundation partnered with Barnwell Primary School to provide our students with an excellent online program known as Kids A-Z (RAZ-Kids). This program provides each classroom with hundreds of e-books and quizzes that each student may read or listen to for pleasure or assigned reading at school or home. Also, the foundation sponsors My First Library, which provides books to each kindergarten student for their home library.
- > Our school garden continues to grow thanks to the many grants written by Mrs. Coble and generous donations from our local community. Thanks to Humble Acres Organics, Green Tech Green Houses, Tractor Supply, Barnwell Walmart, Veggie Cupboard Community Garden and The Barnwell County Farm Bureau Women's Committee for supporting this endeavor.

SIC Annual Goals

- By the end of the 2023-2024 academic year, Barnwell Primary School students will demonstrate academic proficiency in reading and math by remaining at or above the state testing averages. 80% of K-3rd grade students will score at or above grade level on reading, math, science and social studies on district benchmark tests.
- By the end of the 2023-2024 academic school year, Barnwell Primary School will maintain its status of all teachers being highly qualified.
- By the end of the 2023-2024 academic school year and each year thereafter, the percentage of our students, parents, and teachers satisfied with the learning environment, physical environment, and home-school relations as measured by agree and strongly agree responses on the state report card survey will increase in each category surveyed on the state perception survey.

