

Student Achievement Data

- ◆ The 2016 SC Ready percentage of students scoring “Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds” for reading was 77.6% for all students and 89.8% for white students.
- ◆ The 2016 SC Ready percentage of students scoring “Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds” for math was 77% for all students, 81.4% for white students, and 73.1% for African-American students.
- ◆ Our absolute rating on our state report card has been average since 2011. However, we’ve increased our growth rating from at-risk to good in 2014. In 2016, our school was recognized by the SC Department of Education as a Palmetto Silver Award Winning School for overall student performance.
- ◆ Our ELA pass rate increased from a low of 59% to 77.6%. Our math pass rate increased from a low of 52% to 77%.

For more information, you may view Barnwell Primary School’s SC School Report Card online at www.ed.sc.gov.

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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.

Additional Information

- > Barnwell Primary School is constantly striving to create a positive school culture for all stakeholders. Our theme for the 2016-17 academic year is Pete the Cat. On the first inservice day, teachers returned to school to participate in a field trip to Augusta, GA. Teachers discussed opening day information while in route to Build-a-Bear, where they were surprised by administrators when they were allowed to create a reading buddy for their students that was paid for by the school. Teachers have reported that their students love reading to their "buddies" this year.
- > Faculty and staff are also treated to a monthly luncheon to celebrate learning more about literacy each month. While the teachers dine, they discuss the monthly Literacy Link newsletter produced by our Reading Coach.
- > We hold 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 are held during the school year to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students. Also, students are recognized on social media and the local newspaper.
- > Students participate in music and arts programs throughout the school year. Choral performances, art shows, and drama performances are 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, supports an after-school program at BPS. Academic intervention and enrichment activities are offered to 100 students.
- > The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program continues to reduce the number of office referrals through more positive approaches to discipline. Students received rewards at the Cool Colt Corral Shop throughout the year for good behavior.
- > The school guidance counselor continues the implementation of character education and conflict resolution programs in the classrooms, one-on-one and group sessions

School Achievements

- Barnwell Primary School is proud of the various achievements of our staff and students.
- Ms. Meredith Wilson, Kindergarten teacher, was recently selected as a WJBF Golden Apple Winner, after being nominated by a community member.
 - Barnwell Primary School was selected as a 2016 Palmetto Silver Award Winning School by the SC Department of Education for General Performance.
 - Our school is proud to offer a Montessori program for students. Currently we have two classes serving students ages 3-5 years of age. We also have a combination 1st/2nd grade class that serves 20 students.
 - Barnwell Primary School received an exemplary report on our Title I Focus audit with the school being recognized for the process used for progress monitoring of student achievement.
 - Each year for the past three years, our Save the Children program partners with TOMS shoe to distribute a new pair of shoes to each of our students in November.
 - Charles Smith, Jr., children's author, visited the students and shared his writing experiences in an assembly earlier this year.

Our teachers/staff apply for and have been awarded numerous grants:

- Dottie Jackson, Montessori teacher, was awarded two \$1000 grants from the Greater Savannah River Community Foundation, one for her classroom and one for her community service partner, the nursing home.
- Stephanie Mead, Save the Children Program Coordinator, created the plan for small wooden houses to be built and placed around Barnwell County. The houses, known as Little Wooden House Libraries, were placed in five locations in Barnwell. The houses contain books that children and adults can trade. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate this achievement that will increase the literacy levels across the community. We're hoping to encourage reading and make it easier for students to read, especially those students that may not have transportation to the local library.
- Lisa Collins' first grade class received 3 mini iPads and cases from Donors Choose. The amount was \$1135.
- Melissa Moore, computer lab instructor, received an iPad and Otter case from Donors Choose. The amount was \$605.07.
- Beth Bodiford, first grade teacher, received \$401 from Donors Choose to expand her writing center.
- Masey Mathias, second grade teacher received \$392 from Donors Choose to purchase an iPad, headphone jacks and headphones for her listening center.
- Our 2016-17 BPS Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kia Valentine, was also named the 2016-17 BSD45 District Teacher of the Year.

SIC Annual Goals

- By the end of the 2016-17 academic year, Barnwell Primary School students will demonstrate academic proficiency by increasing the passage rate by 1.2% in Reading, 1% in Math, and 1% in Writing on state assessments to remain at or above the state averages. 80% of K-3 rd grade students will score at or above grade level on reading, math, science and social studies benchmark tests.
- By the end of the 2016-2017 academic school year and each year thereafter, of core academic subject area teachers who maintain highly qualified status will remain at 100%.
- By the end of the 2016-2017 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 by at least 2-4 point increments in each category surveyed on the state perception survey.

