

Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

Innovation, Integrity, Investment, and Community

Annual Goals

- > By the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, Barnwell Elementary School students will demonstrate academic proficiency in reading and math by remaining at or above the state testing averages. 80% of students will score at or above grade level on reading, math, science and social studies benchmark tests.
- > By the end of the 2021-2022 academic school year, the number of core academic subject area teachers who maintain certified status will be 100%.
- > By the end of the 2021-2022 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.

SIC MEMBERS

- Hilary Hindman, Parent (elected), Chairperson
- Lindsay Austin, Parent (elected)
- Tabitha Barrett, Parent (elected)
- Dana Bell, Parent (appointed)
- Felecia Hartzog, Parent (elected)
- Vickie Black, Teacher (elected), Vice-Chairperson
- Teresa Martin, Teacher (elected)
- Michaela Mitchell, Teacher (elected)
- Lorena Thomas, Teacher (elected)
- Emmylou Brown, Community Member (appointed)
- Jared Thrasher, Assistant Principal (appointed), Secretary
- Kay Gooding, Principal (ex-officio)



Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Barnwell Elementary 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.

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Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Community

April 2021



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School Happenings

- > Due to COVID-19, quarterly student award programs were held during the school year within each classroom to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students. Also, students are recognized on social media and our school website.
- > The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program continued to reduce the number of office referrals through more positive approaches to discipline. Students received rewards at the Mighty Mustang Mall throughout the year for good behavior and attendance.
- > BES held LEAP Week (Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare) in August to provide information to our students about preparing for COVID procedures during the year. Students also participated in Math and ELA enrichment activities.
- > Two bookfairs were held during the year to promote reading at home.
- > BES held a Literacy Night Event in April where all students were provided with reading and writing materials to enhance ELA skills by completing activities at home



with
their
families.



Enhancing the Curriculum

- > Barnwell Elementary has established processes and procedures for monitoring classroom instruction beyond the required statewide 4.0 SC Rubric evaluation system, to ensure continuous improvement in teaching and learning.
- > Teachers utilize Fountas & Pinnell, iStation, and common assessments to plan for differentiated instruction to meet student needs.
- > Three reading and one math interventionist provide extra assistance for struggling students.
- > Reading incentives were held throughout the year to encourage reading for enjoyment.
- > We have a 1-to-1 digital learning environment for all students. Students utilize Chromebooks. All classrooms have Promethean Boards.
- > We support our literacy efforts by providing class sets of books, classroom libraries with leveled readers, and nonfiction reading materials to all of our classrooms.



2020-2021 Report to the Community

Community Involvement

- > Barnwell Elementary School is constantly striving to create a high performing positive school culture for all stakeholders. Our theme for the 2020-2021 school year was Leaders in Excellence: Stronger Together.
- > We participated in community service projects such as can food drives and toy drives for needy families. BES collected over 3,000 can goods to support our local food bank during the month of November.

Professional Learning Communities

- > Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings are held weekly, during protected planning times where teachers discuss upcoming curriculum standards, analyze data from common assessments, brainstorm and share ideas on how to present new material or remediate past concepts, and develop plans that encourage students to think deeply.

