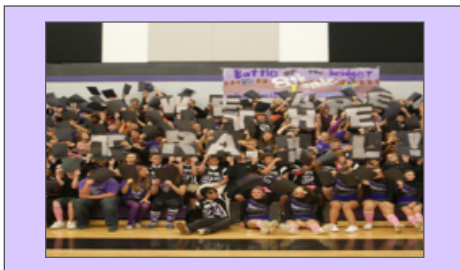


BANKS TRAIL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL:



2012-13 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Carolyn Harris, Chair, Parent
- Anita Joudin, Vice-Chair, Parent
- Katherine Lockhart, Secretary, Parent
- Holly Tomlinson, Teacher
- Shannon Munn, Teacher
- Michele Smith, Community Member
- Chris Gore, Community Member
- Sommer Jones, Assistant Principal
- Marty Conner, Principal

What is a School Improvement Council:

Mandated by law, the SIC serves as an advisory group to the school. The SIC brings together parents, school faculty, and community stakeholders to work together to collectively establish, monitor, and evaluate specific long and short range goals for student achievement. In addition the SIC is a resource for parents, community members, and faculty members to share ideas and concerns about the school. Other functions of the SIC is to provide an annual school report to parents and the community and increase parental awareness and involvement of SIC initiatives. The BTMS SIC meets monthly in the school media center. Updates and reports about the SIC are available on the school's web-site.

Annual Report:

Banks Trail School and its' School Improvement Council would like to share this Annual Summary Report with parents and community members who are interested in our school. The report provides information about our student academic achievement, school accomplishments, programs, and community service and involvement.

SIC Goals:

- 1) The Banks Trail Middle School SIC will provide opportunities, initiatives, program, events, and activities to increase parent involvement at Banks Trail Middle School.
- 2) The Banks Trail Middle School SIC will provide information and opportunities to parents and community members to increase the awareness about the function of Banks Trail's SIC.

Accomplishments, Recognitions, & Awards:

- Palmetto Gold Award Overall Academic School Performance
- Palmetto Gold Award Closing the Achievement Gap
- South Carolina PLTW Engineering Competition: Best Idea and Student Choice Award
- BTMS 8th Grade Band performance at STARS Festival in Orlando, FL
- Eighteen students selected to All Region & County Band
- Three students selected to All State Band
- Twenty students selected to York County Honor Band
- BTMS Brooklyn Library Sketchbook Display Feature
- ASC Earth Day Art Contest Winners: Mallory Killion (1st), Hayley Pflug (2nd), and Rachel Anderson (3rd)
- SC Theater Youth Comedic and Dramatic Monologue Award Recipients: Harper Hayley and Stephen Murri
- SC Academy of Science MESAS Contest Winners
- SC Dialogue Foundation Arts Essay Competition: Krista Young
- DAR American Writing Award Winner: Alahna Merino
- Alliance for Young Artist & Writers Winner: Valerie Laney



BANKS TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

2012-13 SIC Annual Report



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SCHOOL HISTORY AND FACTS:

Banks Trail Middle School opened its' doors on August 17, 2011, to four hundred and thirty-two 6th and 7th grade students. The school's motto, "I am the Trail," is a symbolic simile that depicts the commitment of students, teachers, and school administrators to build a school of excellence where excellence in teaching and learning is a way of life at Banks Trail Middle School. Since the opening of its' doors, Banks Trail has created a school environment that is enriched with academic, extracurricular, and community-based opportunities that will allow each Banks Trail student to thrive in a fun and engaging learning environment.

School Vision: "Together, Building a Tradition of Excellence"

School Mission: "Pursuing Excellence in Teaching and Learning Each Day."

School Motto: "I am the Trail; the Experience, the Excellence, the Tradition begins..."

School Colors: Purple, Black, and Silver

School Mascot: Timberwolves

School Principal: Dr. Marty S. Conner

Assistant Principals: Mr. Chad Allen and Ms. Sommer Jones

Academic Performance Report:

Measure of Academic Performance

MAP tests are electronically administered achievement tests designed to measure academic progress in reading, math, and language. The table below summarizes Banks Trail's 2011-12, student proficiency score report in math and reading.

GRADE	READING	MATH
6TH	90%	85%
7TH	89%	84%
8TH	88%	82%

Additional Academic, Attendance, & Discipline Data:

51% of BTMS Students made the A or A/B Honor Roll

Student Year-End Attendance Rate: 97%

Expulsions and Drop-Out Rate: 0%

ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS:

Making Middle Grades Work: As a member of the Southern Regional's Education Board's MMGW national network, our school is committed to implementing the following MMGW practices: 1.) an academic core that aligns to students' knowledge and college-preparatory English, mathematics, science, and social studies skills, 2.) a belief that all students matter, 3.) high expectations and a system for extra help, 4.) engaging classroom practices, 5.) teachers working together, 6.) support from parents, 7.) qualified teachers, 8.) use of data, 9.) use of technology for learning, and 10.) strong leadership.

Gifted and Talented: Students have been identified as demonstrating high performance ability or potential in their core academic area. Forty percent of BTMS students are enrolled in GT.

Elective Curriculum: The following elective courses are available to BTMS students: Art, Band, Chorus, Theatre Arts, Spanish, Computer Technology, Family and Consumer Science, ITE/Gateways to Technology, Health and P.E.

Duke TIP: Focuses on the identification and recognition of qualifying 7th grade students to take college entrance exams.

"Digital Trail": Banks Trail embraces the use and implementation of technology to enhance learning. Students have access to technology-based learning resources such as: Banks Trail's Wi-Fi server, e-books, student-centered instructional game sites, Study Island, and Ripple Effects character development program.

Learning Clubs: One of Banks Trail foundational principles is to offer extracurricular opportunities for students that provide practical experiences that relate to classroom instruction, therefore Banks Trail offers over 15 learning clubs to its' students. Some clubs include: the following:

Broadcasting Club: School news program that broadcast and cover special school events and activities, teacher activities, and sporting events.

Banks Trail Drama Company: The drama company consists of students who enjoy theatre. The Company performs play competitions, smaller informal plays, and school wide productions.

Engineering Club: The engineering club explores and participates in various aspects of PLTW engineering, including VEX robotics, flight and space, design and modeling, and electrical engineering.

Yearbook Club: This group designs and develops the school yearbook. The staff takes pictures and records the events of the school year.

Science Olympiad: Students develop science projects in the areas of Anatomy, Disease Detectives, Forestry, Microbe Mission, Water Quality, Dynamic Planet (Earth's Fresh Water), Meteorology (Climate), rocks and minerals, bottle rockets, etc.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: A student led group that focuses on serving local communities by empowering and encouraging people through faith-based initiatives.

MATHCOUNTS: This is both a club and a competition program. The purpose of MATHCOUNTS is mathematical enrichment through the use of problems that require critical thinking skills.

Recycling Club: Students learn about and focus on preservation of the environment through recycling and green initiatives, projects, and activities.

Class Project:

- Banks Trail art class students were featured for their sketchbook project and it is currently on tour through the U.S. and Europe. The student's sketchbook project is featured in the prestigious Brooklyn Art Library.
- The Art Council of York County selected and featured four BTMS students' artwork as Fort Mill City street banners for their outside artwork. The students selected were: Ellery Ashenbrenner, Ryan Katz, Banks Bullard, and Payton Foster.
- Banks Trail Broadcast show, "The Howl," was chosen and featured on the U.S. Education and Broadcasting website for its excellence in school broadcasting. BTMS was the only middle school in SC selected for this honor.

Community Service and Involvement:

- Home Arts "A Place for Hope" Christmas Pillow Project
- Donated gifts to 7 Angel Tree families
- Raised over 1,600 pounds of food for Fort Mill Care Center canned food drive
- Raised over \$3,300 for York County Animal Humane Society, "Pennies for Pups"
- Raised over \$3,300 for Lymphoma Foundation's "Pennies for Pasta"
- FCA collected \$200 for Haiti Orphan Program
- Chick-fil-A Calendar Fundraiser raised \$2,500

