

Bluffton Elementary School and Early Childhood Center

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Report to Parents

2019-2020 Report to Parents

A Beaufort County School of Choice “Animation, Creation and Design”



Purpose of the Report: “This Report is issued by Bluffton Elementary School’s 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.”

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory committee comprised of parents, educators, and community members which provides an opportunity for parents to take an active role in ensuring a quality education for our children. What to join us? Please let us know.

School Improvement Council President—Rachel Lyon

Bluffton Elementary/Early Childhood Center Vision:

At Bluffton Elementary School and Early Childhood Center, our community of professionals is committed to developing and educating the whole child. Through innovative approaches to learning, we address the needs of each child by encouraging creativity, confidence, and individuality. We prepare students for the world by exposing them to cutting-edge technology, arts, specialized and challenging academic programs, community-wide mutual partnerships with authentic situations and consistent, high expectations. Diversity is fostered by encouraging respect for and understanding of differing backgrounds and points of view.

Students and Community Involvement



- Disaster relief- collected over \$2700 for the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian
- USCB Readers
- Food drives for Bluffton Self-Help
- Backpack Buddies- provided 25 families with monthly food boxes
- Jump Rope for Heart
- The Great Bluffton Bear Hunt organized by BLES



Want more information? Want to see pictures/ videos of our events?

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/BLESECCWildcats

YouTube Channel: <https://goo.gl/156i6J>

Ways we communicate:

Email Phone calls

Facebook Agenda books

Email and Text messaging through BrightArrow

Ticker as of 10/20/20 for Enrollment—745

Referendum projects were really rolling over the closure and during the summer.

SAFETY/SECURITY

Replacement of doors and door hardware
Radios

Mass Notification System
Bullet-resistant entryways

TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Building improvements for radio reception
Enlarge rooms or create new rooms
HVAC controls

Server room improvements
New equipment

PLAYGROUNDS

Replace play surface with turf
Additional Shade structure on Main Playground

Turf play field

Teacher of the Year for 2019/20 - *Ashley Whitman*

Support Staff of the Year for 2019/20—*Dani Pennell*

Rookie of the Year for 2019/20

-*Savannah Malphrus*



2019-2020 Parent/Teacher Organization Report



Our 2019-2020 school year has been an usual year for Bluffton Elementary PTO. We have tried some new events while still grasping onto the ones that are tried and true.

PTO provides funds for a variety of items. In a normal year, it takes us about \$ 8,500 - 9,000 to keep giving to the programs that are yearly renewed or repeated.

We provide funds for reading A-Z software, Lego robots, subscription renewals, field trip transportation costs, pride bike giveaway, décor for some events, items needed for events, etc. PTO holds events such as Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, Trunk-or-Treat, Holiday Mart, spring fundraiser, Grandparent/special friend day and Teacher Appreciation week. We collect box tops and enter coke rewards.

For our PTOs to occur, we could use more parent involvement. If you are interested in helping us in any way, please contact us though our email (pto4bles@gmail.com) or fill out the forms sent home.

When parents or guardians get involved at their child's school, it can lead to better behavior, increased achievement, improved self-esteem and motivation. We understand time constants for parents. Contribution can come in many magnitudes and we welcome them all, no matter how big or small.

Here is a list of our requests this past school year. It can be quite astounding to parents or guardians that haven't been aware of PTOs role.

2019 Request –

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| Headphones | \$ 311.76 |
| Reading A-Z and Raz Kids | 2,459.35 |
| Word Study Kit | 335.45 |
| Hydration Unit | 1,404.00 |
| Walk to School Prizes | 63.84 |
| Brain-Pop | 1,895.00 |
| Misc | 305.00 |

Also, we were unable to have a spring fundraiser due to the pandemic along with other events we had planned for the year. We are looking into how we will conduct a spring fundraiser safely along with other events like Grandparents Day and Teacher Appreciation week. Your ideas are welcomed.

Thanks for your support!

BLES PTO