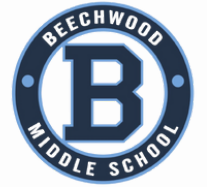


2022-2023

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PARENTS

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LEAD LOCALLY,
SERVE GLOBALLY



Beechwood Middle School (BMS) is guided by the International Baccalaureate's (IB) mission to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through international understanding and respect" and is committed to fulfilling the vision and mission of Lexington County School District One to empower each child to design the future and cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators and critical thinkers.

Commitments to Our Students

BMS is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Middle Years Program (MYP) to all of our students. The rigorous, inquiry-based, global, and holistic course of study prepares students for any of Lexington District One's multiple college and career readiness pathways.

Through the IB's Approaches to Learning skills, Learner Profile traits, and an experiential curriculum that includes exploratory course offerings in the areas of design, arts, world language, and physical education, BMS cultivates the real-world connection and application of skills to guarantee continuous relevant learning.

IB service learning, culminating in the eighth-grade Community Project, enables Beechwood to function as a service-oriented center of learning which builds strong family and community partnerships. Students are empowered to research significant local and global issues and take action, resulting in young people who are creative and reflective citizens.

BMS believes that relationships are at the core of student success. Consequently, students will be provided with a teacher advocate to support them on their learning path and design units of study that develop perseverance, critical thinking, and the ability to communicate and collaborate toward a common goal.



Honors & Achievements

Academics

- 19 South Carolina Junior Scholars
- 77 Junior Beta Club Inductees
- Student named 2023 South Carolina American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest Winner
- Student named Granby Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest Winner

Arts

Band

- Charleston Music Festival Straight Superior Ratings
- Charleston Music Festival Outstanding Percussion Award
- SCBDA All-State Band - 3 students selected
- SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment Superior with Distinction
- SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award
- SCBDA Region 2 Honor Band - 16 Students selected

Chorus

- Honor Choir - 4 students selected

Dance

- Capital City Dance Team Championship- 2nd Place Jazz
- Saltwater Show Down-1st Place Lyrical, 2nd Place Jazz
- Wildcat Dance Team Classic-2nd Place Lyrical

Musical Theatre

- Lexington One Theatre Fest-All Superior ratings

Orchestra

- 2022-2023 SCMEA Junior Gold Outstanding Performance Award
- Lexington One District Honors Orchestra-17 students selected
- Middle School Orchestra at Smoky Mountain Music Festival -1st Place
- SCMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival-37 student participants, 20 Superior and 7 Excellent ratings
- South Carolina Philharmonic Youth Orchestra-Four students selected
- Superior rating - SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment
- Tri-DAC for Band, Dance, Orchestra, Theatre, and Vocal-15 student accepted

Athletics

- 14 LexTen Region Conference Athletes
- Cheerleading
 - AC Flora Falcon Invitational-2nd Place
 - Debbie Rogers Classic Champions
 - Fin Frenzy-1st Place
 - Spring Valley invitational-1st Place
 - Wildcat classic-1st Place
- Volleyball-LexTen Conference Champions

Design

- 2023 STING Robotics Qualifier Teamwork Challenge Winners
- State Robotics Competition Qualifiers

Teacher Recognitions

- Meghan Blackburn, BMS Digital Learning Coach, Future Education Technology Conference presenter
- Lisa Risinger - 7th-Grade Individuals & Societies teacher, selected for the CENTROPA Summer Academy Invitee and South Carolina Council on the Holocaust 2023 Educator of Excellence Award Nominee

School, Student Organization, Teacher Grants & Awards

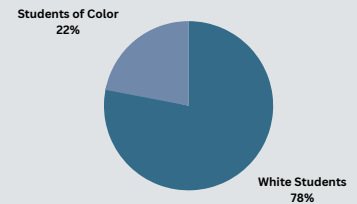
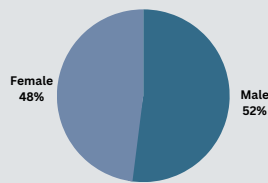
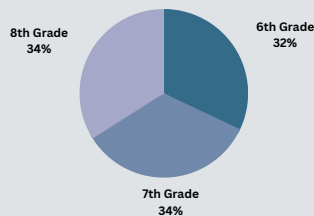
- Bee A Friend to Pollinators Habitat Grant
- BMS Jr. Beta Club Adopt-a-Highway
- Fall and Spring Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant
- Unified Champion School Funding Award
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Robotics Grant
- Lexington One STEM Curriculum Grant
- Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Mini-Grant
- Michelin VEX Robotics Teams Grant Award
- NASA Space Grant Regional Expansion Project Funding
- Project Lead the Way Grant
- Six PTO Grant Winners
- South Carolina DHEC Champions of the Environment Grant

Community Service & Advocacy

- 324 8th-Grade IB Community Projects focusing on awareness, advocacy, and service
- Lighthouse for Life Partnership
- Student Council Stuff-a-Stocking Drive for Mission Lexington
- Unified Special Olympics Fan Club Share-the-Glove Community Outreach

School Statistics

Enrollment: 1,010



School Improvement Council Annual Goals

Increase student safety: The SIC developed the following goal in collaboration with the school administration and the school counseling office: By the summer of 2023, BMS will establish a social media presence through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter designed to inform and engage parents and students in how to navigate the virtual environment safely and confidently. A subcommittee was formed to examine data from previous years' SIC goals related to cyber safety, discipline data related to cyberbullying, on and off campus, and misuse of technology. The committee also analyzed anecdotal data related to internet safety. The SIC subcommittee members used this research to create a database from which the social media liaison at BMS would pull tips for parents and students.

Foster positive school culture: In the 2021-2022 school year, the SIC collaborated with school administration to establish the BMS School Improvement Council Bengal Mission Award to recognize BMS students who live out the International Baccalaureate mission each day as inquiring, knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through their actions and commitment to become lifelong learners. Presenting this award will remain an annual SIC goal. Each year, faculty and staff will provide nominations based on specific criteria, and SIC members will vote on the recipients after careful review and discussion. Students selected will be presented with the award at the BMS awards events.

School Improvement Council Membership

BMS's School Improvement Council is a family-school partnership that harnesses the energy created when parents and community members partner with their school to improve the education - and educational environment - provided by their school for ALL students.

Members

JoAnna Rodgers, *Parent/Chairperson*
Heather Keyton, *Parent/Vice Chairperson*
Angela Douda, *Parent*
Brian Reddin, *Parent*
Gray Wallington, *Parent*
Lauren LaVenja, *Teacher*
Sarah Vickers, *Teacher*
Amber Conger, *Community Member/Secretary*
Hope Derrick, *Community Member*
Katrina Ritchie, *Community Member*
Gloria Jenkinson, *Principal /Ex-Officio Member*
Margaret Asare, *PTO President/Ex-Officio Member*

Purpose of the Report: This Report is issued by the Beechwood Middle 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.