

**Service Learning and Community Involvement**

Here at BMSD, community involvement is a very important part of achieving academic growth within our school. Listed below are some ways BMSD collaborated with members of the community:

- Veterans Day
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Cotton Festival
- Scarecrow Festival
- Toys for Tots
- Participated in Red Ribbon Week
- Participated in Read Across America Week
- Heart Health- Love Your Heart
- Harlem Rockets student presentation
- Metric Week
- Call me M.I.S.T.E.R. program from SC State University
- Governor School of the Arts
- Donated 15 bikes to the Mothers and Fathers club to give to students in need
- Watch-D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

**School Achievements**

- Students participated and placed in the district and state FBLA competitions.
- Students participated and placed in the SC local Math Fest Competition.
- Mrs. Linda Webster named 2019-2020 Support staff of year.
- Science Fair
- National STEM Day
- District Character Ed winners
- Regional Spelling Bee
- Participated in Academic Challenge
- Average rating on SC report card

**Testing**

Students participate in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and district benchmark tests. Students take the SC Ready ELA and Math and SCPASS in the area of Science or Social Studies state assessments.

Spring 2019 SC Ready and SCPASS Data

Subject	Percent Met or Exceeding
ELA	24%
Math	20%
Science	24%
Social Studies	50%

**After-School Programs**

BMSD offers an after school program for students in grades 6 through 8. The after school program offers our students’ academic enrichment in ELA and STEM through the Children’s Defense Fund 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

**Parental Involvement**

We strive to make our parents a part of our BMSD family by offering many opportunities for our parents to come out and visit the school:

- Grandparents’ Day
- Awards Day
- PTO/SIC Meetings
- Parent Nights
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parenting Workshops
- Pastors’ Roundtable
- Volunteer Workshops
- Principal Meet and Greet

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**“Report to the People”**

**2019-2020**



**School Improvement Council**

The School Improvement Council for BMSD has played a vital role in the implementation of programs and academic endeavors. We commend this council for their commitment to BMSD.

**Members:**

- *Herbert McNeil, Chairperson*
- *Angela York, Parent*
- *Melvin Easterling, Parent*
- *Earlean Hall, Parent*
- *Rebecca McArthur, Community*
- *Daryl Mason, Teacher*
- *Nicole Chmielowski, Teacher*
- *Cathy Alford, Teacher*
- *Clara Thompson, Parent Coordinator*
- *Dr. Dionne Vance, Principal*
- *Lawrence Dease, Assistant Principal*

**BMSD Sponsors**

- *Parkers Used Cars, Community Partner*
- *Magnolia On Main, Community Partner*
- *C & M Wrecker Service*
- *Mama Blairs*
- *Pepsi Cola*
- *Dairy Dream*
- *Carls IGA*
- *Hamilton Office Supply*
- *Bethea’s Funeral Home*

**Report to the Parents**

This year, Marlboro County School of Discovery, and Blenheim Elementary Middle School combined to form Blenheim Middle School of Discovery (BMSD). Our primary goal is to help every student acquire the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills outlined in the Profile of a SC Graduate. The acquirement of these skills are extremely important before students’ transition to college or careers. Another goal is to raise the academic achievement of all of our students through project-based learning, integrating the arts, and literacy strategies across content areas. We continue to implement new instructional strategies to impact each student’s individual learning styles and needs. BMSD teachers participate in professional development sessions throughout the school year. Sessions are developed and determined based upon data collected from various assessments, teacher surveys, observations, student needs, school-wide and district goals. We continue to embrace research-based instructional practices, character education, parent communication, data analysis, and the integration of technology and arts across all content areas. All of our students have been provided with a Chromebook. We will continue to fully integrate technology into our curriculum and instructional plans.

Blenheim Middle School of Discovery strives for excellence in the arts, athletics, and academics. We provide students the opportunity to participate in visual and performing arts through art, band, chorus, and dance. Our students perform in school and community events, as well as local and state competitions. We offer a STEM lab that helps prepare students for possible majors and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the future. Athletic opportunities at Blenheim Middle School of Discovery includes football, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball and cheerleading. Other options for 7th and 8th grades are offered at our local high school with

additional sporting activities.

This year, the Superintendent along with community members started "The First 25" Mentoring Program at Blenheim Middle School of Discovery. The program focuses on 25 characteristics incorporated into life-lessons that all young men need to learn before graduating high school. Each month, two of the 25 lessons are emphasized through presentations, conversations, and activities, by both the mentors and mentees. The purpose of this program is to provide guidance to the young men and help shape the whole child. The men in the community serve and support mentees through their academic and social environments.

Blenheim Middle School of Discovery follows a model of high expectations and continuous improvement with a focus on student engagement and achievement. We make every effort to provide an educational environment in which all students have the opportunity to demonstrate that they have what it takes to “SOAR” (Superior Behaviors, Outstanding Attitude, Academically Focused, and Respectful Actions) Blenheim Middle School of Discovery faculty and staff will continuously strive together to ensure that our students obtain the knowledge and skills required to be successful citizens in a global economy. With the growth of globalization, it is important for students to work with diverse groups of people. We will continue to expose our students to people of different cultures and social groups, which includes our staff, that they may embrace diversity and be able to make connections from their lives to the lives of others.

Thank you for all your support and participation in this partnership.