



School Improvement Council Beaufort Middle School Report to the Parents, May 2011



The purpose of this report is to inform parents of the progress Beaufort Middle School is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the 5-year strategic plan. Your School Improvement Council has prepared this report to share with you the challenges and successes unique to Beaufort Middle School.

School Improvement Council, 2010-2011

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Parent Action Council, 2010-2011

- **President** – Cassi Kilpatrick
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- **Committee Chairpersons** – Jennifer Brown, Michelle Rabon, Jill Merchant, Ron Nelson
Staff Liaison- Maggie Pope
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Judy Newell

Student Council Officers

8th Grade-President: Anna Baker and Rebecca Simonsen – Vice President: Jaleel Dawson and Secretary: Tinea Morris
7th Grade- President: AJ Alford- Vice President: Brittany Whitemore – Secretary: Lisa Partridge- Treasurer: Sarah Recentwald

National Junior Honor Society Officers

Michelle Houge - President; Sarah Holloway, Vice President; Elizabeth Crowther, Secretary; Alex Zapp, Treasurer; Bhoomi Patel, Community Liaison

Yearbook Staff: Deseree Alcantar, Candace Brink, Alyson Bushey, Kim Gonzalez, Daphne Kemann, Becca Mandell, Jackilynn Ritchie

Junior Leadership Beaufort: Tegan Bondy, Jaleel Dawson, Deion Douglas, Bryce Gadson, Kelsey Gillespie, Maryury Gonzales, Perry Harter, Max Hill, Andrew Jezewski, Allison Kopanski, Julia Lazenby, Emma Macloskie, Alexander Martinez, Frances Myrick, Rebecca Simonsen, Christopher Travis, Jackson Williams, Anna Baker, Jesse Bellew, Shuler Black, Keaton Bulter, Somers Cherry, Tyler Clancy, Elizabeth Crowther, Javone Dudley, Haley Easler, Averi Graves, Sarah Holloway, Ian Klauck, Sadie Konrad, Phebe Martin, Cierra Negron, Katie Newell, Tucker Pettigrew, Brandon Pratt, Tyler Rentz, Reyn Robinson and Owen Ruth

Student Enrollment

Total-655
6th grade-230 7th grade-195 8th grade-230

Staff

Classified-20
Certified- 43 National Board Certified-3
Administrators-3
Instructional Coaches - 4

2010 Report Card Highlights

Absolute Rating: Good
Growth Rating: Good (increase from Average - 2009)

Satisfaction with School Environment

Survey Results	Teachers	Students	Parents
Learning	92%	79%	86%
Social and Physical	90%	81%	83%
School-Home relations	92%	93%	80%

Stakeholder Communication Survey Responses

Areas Surveyed	Strongly Agree or Agree
Academics are sufficiently rigorous	86%
Well-Informed of school events	96%
Well-Informed of progress & grades	92%
Satisfaction with <i>School Messenger</i>	95%
Concerns addressed in timely manner	89%

School and Staff Recognition

- Palmetto Silver Award recipient based on BMS performance and growth on PASS 2010
- Recipient of Distinguished Arts Program Grant Funding from State Department of Education
- BMS named one of three middle school finalists in South Carolina's Palmetto Finest for 2010-2011
- 2010 Teacher of the Year- Maggie Pope
- SC Arts Grant Recipient – Stephanie Luzny
- Science Staff identified to attend Roper Mountain Summer Training – Paula Andrews
- Library of Congress Teacher Institute – Laura Richardson
- Three school publications from *Beaufort Three-Century Project*

BMS this year

- Students continued *Making their Mark* through school-wide theme
- Continued practice of the sixteen *Habits of Mind*
- All 6th grade students learned dance from a dance artist in residency and performed original dances
- 3 PSAT preparatory classes for 8th grade students resulted in 99 students taking the PSAT
- Dance artists-in-residence trained staff
- Gryphon football team and baseball team named Lowcountry Champions
- Club and intramural program initiated
- Hosted *Bring your parent to school Day* during January

Student Recognition

- 8th grade Junior Scholars –27
- 7th Grade Potential TIP Scholars-28; State Recognition-3
- Beaufort Junior Leadership Participants – 38
- Honor Roll Athletes- % of student athletes, 43% fall, 30% winter, and 48% spring
- 8th grade students inducted as members of National Junior Honor Society – 34
- Three students auditioned and selected for South Carolina Region 4 Band
- Three students selected to play in the Lowcountry Region 4 Junior and Senior Orchestras
- Fifteen students in community theater; nine in Beaufort Youth Orchestra; five in Lowcountry Children's Choir
- 2nd Place Best in the Show District Science Fair
- Constitution Essay Contest District 8th grade winner
- Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest District 6th grade winner
- Ms. Pierson's class won the district Special Olympic Bowling and Tennis Competitions
- Career Development Poetry and Poster Contest Regional Winners
- Students volunteered for Extreme Makeover in our community
- Students raised \$8,000.00 for charities including American Heart Association, CAPA, CODA, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the local animal shelter
- 6th grade science class created "Best Hand-Crafted Decorations" in Festival of the Trees
- 75 students displayed artwork at the Arts Council of Beaufort County studio ARTworks and other community locations
- 30 students art or writing published or displayed in the district *River of Words* project
- 17 additional students were identified as artistically gifted and talented
- 33 students eligible to vote for their favorite SC Junior Book Award title
- Three students documented service hours to earn bronze awards (50 hours) in the President's Volunteer Service Award Program; one documented to earn silver award (75 hours); three documented service to earn gold awards (100 hours)
- Four students selected to attend SC Governor's School for the Arts Summer Programs
- One student attending Furman Summer Music Camp

Beaufort Middle School Renewal Plan **Goals and Progress**

Goal 1: Increase student achievement to exceed state and national averages and ensure the success of all learners.

- Met 95% of AYP objectives on PASS 2010
- After-school tutoring, exploratory groups and 20 days of ELT provided for students to receive additional assistance in math and reading
- Compass Learning and APEX available for home access to students and families
- **Areas of focus for this goal are reading and writing**

SPRING 2010 PASS – Met or Exemplary

	Math	Reading	Science	Social Studies
6 th	73%	77%	62%	93%
7 th	76%	83%	81%	77%
8 th	77%	71%	71%	76%

SPRING 2011 MAP Average RIT

	Math	Reading	GenSci/Concepts
6 th	227	218	211/208
7 th	232	220	213/211
8 th	239	225	216/215

(all exceed national averages)

Goal 2: Design and implement curriculum that integrates the arts, humanities, and community while facilitating achievement for all students.

- Artist in residence for dance funded through DAP grant integrated dance and Humanities with all 6th grade students and staff
- *River of Words* project integrated ELA, Science, Humanities and the Arts in our community
- Three publications resulted from *Beaufort Three Century Project* and celebration reception held
- Technology plan developed

Goal 3: Integrate on-going assessment into instruction.

- Consistent grading weights and categories developed by content area
- On-going use of Power School / School Fusion
- Professional learning on use of assessment
- ***This is an area we continue to refine as parent survey responses indicate we need continue revisions in this area***

Goal 4: Maintain effective professional learning communities that focus on best practices in teaching and learning.

- Received Federal TIF grant to fund TAP for BMS
- Professional Learning in TAP clusters weekly focusing on teaching strategies
- Training received in arts integration from The Kennedy Center, The Peace Center, and Artists in Residence
- Teachers earned 30 hours in Technology

Goal 5: Create rich, rigorous thoughtful, safe environments where students learn 21st century skills for success.

- Focus on the 16 *Habits of Mind*
- Anti-bullying focus for counselors
- Mobile laptop labs added to each grade
- Wake up and Walk, Intramurals, Cognitive Cardio Room and Finish Strong Fitness after school program added to address health and fitness needs for BMS

Goal 6: Build and strengthen a relationship-rich community of engaged families, staff, students, local communities, and cluster schools.

- Community Service emphasized
- Junior Leadership Beaufort Program for 8th grade students was the largest class ever
- Collaboration with *Beaufort Three Century Project*, and *River of Words Project*
- Active Partnership with USC and community partners
- 82% of our 8th grade families completed and returned state surveys