
School Improvement Council's Annual Report to Parents



The 2021-2022 School Improvement Council (SIC) is maintaining their support of Belvedere Elementary. As a committee, we reviewed and maintained the by-laws for our SIC, we have continued focusing on 3 goal areas for our school, and subgroups have been created action plans to achieve those goals. The goals continue to be to increase student achievement through an increase in volunteers for our Mentoring and Tutoring

Program, improve the School Facility, and increase parent involvement by providing parenting workshops targeted at providing parents with social and academic strategies and their application for their child/children.

Utilizing volunteers was not possible this year with COVID guidelines. But, the team planned for the effective use of school staff and reduced high risk students on progress monitoring by 60%.

2021-2022

SIC Committee Members

Kerrie Roth, Co-Chairperson
Jessica Smith, Co-Chairperson
Fran Gay, Vice-Chairperson
Kathryn Weaver, Secretary
Kimmerie Allen, Ex-Officio
Summer Babb, Member
Tiffany Disch, Member
Regina Hall, Faculty Representative
Allyson Long, Ex-Officio
Chris Wyatt, Community Member
Pat Carpenter, Community Member

At the conclusion of the 2022 school year, the SIC, in collaboration with school employees worked to draft the School Renewal Plan for the upcoming five school years. The focus for SIC will include establishing business partnerships, return to hosting more parent information events and being more systematic with volunteers.

The Mission of Belvedere Elementary School

Our mission at Belvedere Elementary is to facilitate the development of higher order thinking skills, citizenship skills, and inspire leadership abilities of a diverse population by using a combination of core knowledge curriculum and direct instruction. All stakeholders will accept the responsibility of fostering a safe environment of shared values, equality and unity.

Belvedere Elementary School is an AdvancED accredited school.

2021-2022 School Year Update

We envision our school as a place to “Live, Love, Learn, and Leave a Legacy.” At Belvedere, we accomplish this by accepting no excuses, showing growth for all students in our care, and having one mission: developing citizenship, leadership, and higher order thinking skills.

During 2020-21, students demonstrated remarkable success on the South Carolina READY (English/Language Arts and Math) and PASS (Science) considering the school closure in previous years. In all categories, the students exceeded the state average for performance. We demonstrate our mission and vision daily by engaging and challenging our students and by the continuous professional development of our teachers and staff. Teachers focused extensively on professional development in addressing intervention needs due to school closure, balanced literacy, specific strategies for English Language Learners (ELL), and aligning assessments to state standards.

To ensure our students are developing world-class knowledge and skills, our students had access to various acceleration programs and interventions: Voyager, System 44/Read 180 intervention, Fountas & Pinnell guided reading benchmark and intervention system, science kits, small group instruction, Dream Box and Compass software, Reflex math, reading coach and systematic vocabulary instruction.

At Belvedere Elementary, we also have various programs designed to focus on the life and career skills students need to be productive

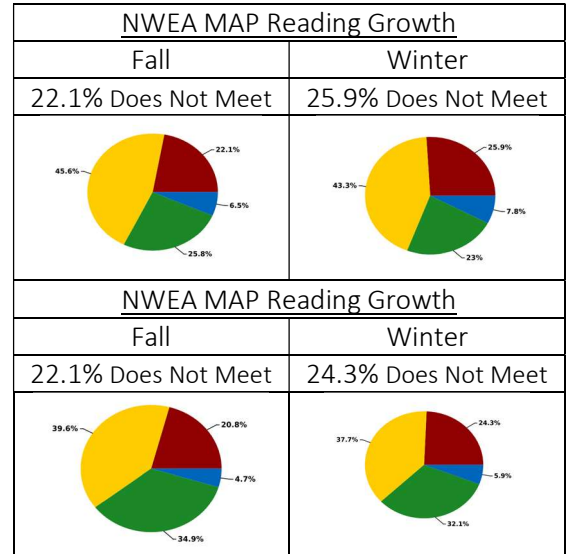
citizens. Examples of how we have embedded citizenship and leadership include service clubs such as student council, guidance programs, Reader Leader initiative, and participation in Be a Fan Week supporting our Special Olympians. In addition, our students have demonstrated success in several school district and community events. Several of our students participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. poster contest, and the North Augusta Arts and Heritage visual arts exhibition.

To support our students, an after-school and Saturday enrichment program ran during the third nine weeks. This provided additional academic support over 100 of our students at some point during the year.

To focus on preparing 21st Century graduates with World Class Knowledge, a Mandarin Immersion program continued in kindergarten through second grade. Students learned Mandarin language and literacy integrated to the math state standards. Finally, to help connect all of the knowledge, skills, and characteristics our students need to be competitive, we have incorporated extensive classroom and hand-held technology into our school environment. At Belvedere Elementary School, we believe all of our stakeholders share in creating our future.

	2017	2018	2021
3rd SC Ready ELA	58	42.6	50.5
3rd SC Ready Math	56	54.3	46.5
4th SC Ready ELA	36	54.2	56.3
4th SC Ready Math	57	57.3	53.8
4th PASS Science	49	61.1	50
5th SC Ready ELA	38	40.8	46.7
5th SC Ready Math	40	50.0	45.6
5th PASS Social Studies	53	85.7	

Each column above represents student performance in Meets and Exceeds.



If you are interested in participating as a member of the BES School Improvement Council, please contact the school office at 803-442-6330 or email Allyson Long, principal, at along@acpsd.net