

BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

201 RHOMBOID PLACE, NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29841

School Improvement Council's Annual Report to Parents



The 2016-2017 School Improvement Council (SIC) has flourished under the leadership of Reverend Chris Wyatt. As a committee, we have reviewed, revised and adopted a set of by-laws for our SIC, we have identified 3 goal areas for our school, and subgroups have

been created action plans to achieve those goals. The goals are 1) address school beautification, 2) increase parent and community involvement, and 3) increase parents' awareness of educational opportunities at school and in the community.

2016 – 2017

SIC Committee Members

Chris Wyatt, Chairperson, Appointed

Kimmerie Allen, Ex-Officio

Charles Baskett, Member, Elected

Crystal Baskett, Member, Elected

Crystal Black, Member, Elected

Melissa Chance, Member, Ex-Officio (PTO President)

Tina Doe-Sheppard, Member, Elected

Regina Hall, Member, Appointed

Heather Mann, Member, Elected

Salvatore Minolfo, Ex-Officio

Bryan Williams, Member, Elected

Tiffany Williams, Member, Elected

Tabatha Younts, Member, Appointed

Reverend White, Member, Appointed

Debbie Vaughn, Member, Elected

Charlene Faglier, Member, Elected

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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.

2016-2017 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.

Last year, academically, our third, fourth and fifth grade students demonstrated success on the South Carolina READY (English/Language Arts and Math) and PASS (Science and Social Studies). In many categories, the students exceeded the state average for performance. Please see the chart.

We demonstrate our mission and vision daily by engaging and challenging our students and by the continuous professional development of our teachers and staff. This year our teachers have increased their “toolboxes” with professional development in the reading, writing, and research workshop model, Level Literacy Intervention (LLI), text-dependent analysis (TDA), and strategies for English Language Learners (ELLs).

To ensure our students are developing world-class knowledge and skills, our students had access to various acceleration programs and interventions: System 44/Read 180 intervention, Fountas & Pinnell guided reading benchmark and intervention system, science kits, small group instruction, Waterford Learning program and Compass software, 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, safety patrol, Bear Cadets, DARE, guidance programs and participation in a Veterans’ Day program. In addition, our students have demonstrated success in several school district and community events. Several of our students participated or placed in the Martin Luther King Jr. poster contest, BES Talent Show, North Augusta Idol, the North Augusta Christmas Parade and the North Augusta Arts and Heritage visual arts exhibition.

We also partnered with numerous community members to provide social development clubs for students including a mentoring group and running club. Examples of ways we attend to the holistic needs of students include continued partnerships with Golden Harvest Food Bank’s backpack program to provide access to nutritious food over weekends and holidays and Laces for Love to provide new shoes and socks to needy students.

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.

	2014	2015	2016
3rd SC Ready ELA			*46
3rd SC Ready Math			47
4th SC Ready ELA			40
4th SC Ready Math			*46
4th PASS SS	*87	*85	*82
4th PASS Science	*75	62	58
5th SC Ready ELA			*41
5th SC Ready Math			*57
5th PASS SS	67	77	*74
5th PASS Science	59	71	*68

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 Salvatore Minolfo, principal, at sminolfo@acpsd.net