
School Improvement Council's Annual Report to Parents



The 2019-2020 School Improvement Council (SIC) has continued to flourish under the leadership of Mrs. Michelle Fowler. 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 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.

2019-2020 SIC Committee Members

Michelle Fowler, Chairperson
Tabatha Younts, Vice Chairperson
Phaedra Holtzclaw, Secretary
Kimmerie Allen, Ex-Officio
Lisa Christie, Member, Ex-Officio
Summer Babb, Member
Regina Hall, Faculty Representative
Allyson Long, Ex-Officio
Lisa Chapman, Faculty Representative
Chris Wyatt, Community Member
Sandy Haskill, Community Member

This year, as a result of the SIC goals, we have seen an increase of volunteers (on average over 40 per week), which provides students with greater opportunities for success this year.

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.

2019-2020 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 2018-19, 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. 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 on 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) setting grade level goals and beginning action research to increase student achievement.

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, Edmentum Exact Path 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, Science Day, 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 in the Martin Luther King Jr. poster contest, BES virtual Talent Show, 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. To focus on preparing 21st Century graduates with World Class Knowledge, a Mandarin Immersion program began in kindergarten. Students learned Mandarin language and literacy integrated to the social studies and 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.

	2016	2017	2018
3rd SC Ready ELA	46	58	42.6
3rd SC Ready Math	47	56	54.3
4th SC Ready ELA	40	36	54.2
4th SC Ready Math	46	57	57.3
4th PASS Science	58	49	61.1
5th SC Ready ELA	41	38	40.8
5th SC Ready Math	57	40	50.0
5th PASS Social Studies	68	53	85.7

Each column above represents student performance in Meets and Exceeds. Due to waiver as a result of school closure, there are not scores for 2019-2020.

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