

Recognitions

-Teacher of the Year—Hannah Byars
-Distinguished Reading Teacher—Julie Fowler
-Support Staff of the Year—Beverly Smith
-Academic Challenge Team—6th Grade: Lilly Pruitt, Rubbin Misiuk, Amaya Gash, Hammer Rolen, Carlee Ayers, Emma McLain, AJ Hames, and David Price.
-Academic Challenge Team—Riley Billings, Titus Cobb, Nicholas Chapman-Miller, Samantha Hardin, Will Johnson, Miranda Manley, Matthew McCall, Russell McLean, Jacob Richardson and Jacob Willis
-Academic Challenge Team—8th Grade: Alex Brown, Zach Conklin, Merritt Earp, Matt Evans, Autumn Fuller, Gabe Fulton, Jackson Gore, Ellis Greene, Macey Hollman, DJ McDaniel, Michael Moss, Judson Ray and Marilyn Turner.
-Battle of the Brains— Matt Evans, Jackson Gore and Ellis Greene.
-Beta Club raised \$248 for Meals on Wheels.
-Canned Food Drive —BMS collected 1, 271 cans for Iron City Ministries and raised \$157.
-Habitat for Humanity—raised \$157.
-DAR Essay Contest Winner— Ellis Greene
-Fellowship of Christian Athletes joined with local churches for Operation Christmas Child and packed over 150 shoeboxes and worked at the Samaritan's Purse Distribution Center in Charlotte, NC.
-Junior Scholars— Alex Brown, Zach Conklin, Autumn Fuller, Gabe Fulton, Jackson Gore, Macey Hollman, Judson Ray and Marilyn Turner.
-Lego Robotics Competition Team—Won 1st Place Robot Design and received a Golden Ticket to the state competition. Members are Riley Billings, Samantha Hardin, Macey Hollman, Russell McLean, Nicholas Chapman-Miller, Jay Owens, Emma McLain, David Price, AJ Hames and Landon Falls.
-March of Dimes—Collected \$713.38
-Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest Winners—Jordan Merritt, Riley Billings, Sarah Foster, Dequira Holmes, Alex Foster, Kaleb Lester, Shanayah Ross, Greyson Wilson, Anna Pennington and Josh Erwin.
-Relay for Life—raised \$80 (still raising money).
-Region Band—Marilyn Turner and Daryl-Brooke Kirby
-Science Fair Winners—Whitney Bishop, Shelby Margarita, Autumn Fuller, Amaya Gash, Hayden & Hunter Randolph, Christopher Pruitt, Ethan Hughey, Hannah Pennington, Kailey Pennington, Jared Wright, Evan Upchurch, Carlee Ayers, Chloe Crotts, Graycee Rochester, Sam Toney, Kaylee Held, & Emma McLain.
-Shriner's Hospital Recognition for soft drink can tabs collected.
-Spelling Bee Winner - Samantha Hardin. She was 1st runner-up in the district. She came in 5th at the Region Spelling Bee at USC Upstate.
-Students honored Veterans by inviting veterans to eat lunch with them and Veterans' Program.
-Young Writer's Gala Winners—Ellis Greene, Leeanna Hames, Samantha Hardin and Jalyn Painter.
Autism Awareness - raised \$ 650 (still raising money)

Enrichment

Adopt a Highway All Pro Dad
Spelling Bee Duke Energy Program
Academic Challenge Title One Parent Night
Battle of the Brains AED Training/Teachers
Gifted and Talented Chorus
Implementing Olweus Project-Based Learning
Band/Honor Band Teacher Cadets from BHS
Literacy Closet
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
National Junior Beta Club
Christian Education Class
Student Council
6th Grade Atlanta Trip
7th Grade Washington Trip
8th Grade Charleston Trip
8th Grade Tours—BHS and CTC
Algebra and Pre-Algebra
Guitar Lab
Computer Labs
iPad and iPod Integration
Mobile Computer Labs for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades.
After School Tutoring
Book Club and Read-o
Guidance Sessions-whole class lessons, groups, individual
Character Education, Career Education and planning,
Career Fair. Character Corner, Student of the Month.
Resource Officer-classroom lessons
Know2 and Job Shadowing
Lego Robotic Competition Team

School Environment

-In addition to academics, we strive to teach our students the importance of philanthropy through volunteering, service work, food drives, and collecting monetary donations.
-A positive, caring, and accepting family environment is an important strength of BMS.
-There is an open line of communication between faculty/staff and students/parents.
-Artifacts from student learning are displayed around the school.
-Incentives for behavior, attendance, and grades.
-Grade level awards ceremonies.
-LCD projectors, document cameras, CPS units, iPods, iPads, and mobile computer labs enhance classroom instruction.
-Faculty and staff take extra measures to ensure the success of all students.
-Emergency procedures planned and practiced.
-Cameras are positioned around the school to help ensure campus safety.



Respectful Reliable Responsible
Ready Relationships

Report to the Parents 2015-2016

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Virgil Hampton, Principal
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Mission Statement

The mission of Blacksburg Middle School, in partnership with parents and the community, is to prepare students to excel as productive and responsible members of society by providing a rigorous, well-rounded education.

Our Vision

Our vision for BMS is to inspire a passion for learning.

Our Beliefs

We believe that children are always our first priority.

We believe that education is essential for the advancement of society.

We believe that every individual has equal value.

We believe that excellence is always worth the effort.

We believe that a safe environment is a basic human need essential for learning.

We believe that learning is a lifelong process.

We believe that the family is the foundation of society.

We believe that everyone can learn.

Our Curriculum Goals for 2015-2016

- Implement South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards.
- Use data to monitor student achievement.
- Students will show a growth in academic knowledge with test scores that are reflected by a positive gain on their standardized assessments.
- Make literacy the priority across the curriculum.
- Emphasize instructional differentiation to meet all students' needs.
- Provide innovative technology for all classrooms; teachers will integrate technology into classroom instruction using mobile labs.
- Incorporate projects and presentations into classroom instruction.
- Strengthen partnerships between school and parents to positively impact student achievement.
- Implement RtI strategies to help all students experience success.
- Develop and sustain lasting relationships with the students.
- Administrators will conduct formal and informal instructional observations.

MAP Information

Grade	Mean RIT	Strength	Weakness
Mathematics			
6	218 (+8 from fall)	Data Analysis & Prob.	Algebraic Systems
7	222 (+3 from fall)	Data Analysis & Prob. Algebraic Thinking	Geometry and Measurement
8	230 (+4 from fall)	Data Analysis & Prob. Algebraic Thinking	Geometry, Meas. Number Systems
Reading			
6	212 (+3 from fall)	Informational Text	Literary Text
7	215 (+2 from fall)	Literary Text	Meaning and Context
8	218 (+2 from fall)	Literary Text	Meaning and Context

School Report Card Information

2014-2015 ACT Aspire Assessment

Test Area	Exceeding/ Ready	Close/Need Support
English	62.4%	37.6%
Reading	33.5%	66.5%
Mathematics	41.6%	58.4%
Writing	23.2%	76.8%

End of Course (EOC) Test 2015

School History

Blacksburg is located in Cherokee County. The town is situated in the rolling Piedmont region of the state of South Carolina. Slightly east of the Broad River, Blacksburg, the smaller of two municipalities within the county, is a small town of approximately 2,200 residents within the town limits, with east access to nearby Interstate Highway 85. Blacksburg is nearly an equal distance between Gaffney, South Carolina and Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The town and area around it are sharing in Cherokee County's steady evolution away from a textile-based economy. Current census data indicate that manufacturing is the largest employment sector in the Blacksburg area, providing 46% of the jobs; retail trade provides 17% of employment, and the construction trades account for 6% of the jobs.

Our School Today

Our school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Credit is good for 4 more years.

MAP Testing is conducted in the fall and spring for all students. SC Ready and PASS Science and Social Studies is conducted in the spring. The results from both tests provide us with information about student achievement.

The average daily attendance for 2015-2016 school year was 96.08%.

Currently 415 students are enrolled at BMS.

School Improvement Council Members:

Parents: Hope Greene, Beth McCall, Jamie Billings, and Tina Wright.

School Members: Summer Wisher, Angie Blanton, Kayla Gaut, Sharon Earls, Hannah Byars, Brooke Rhymer, Virgil Hampton, and Melody Bradley

Community Members— Alicia Craven, Deborah Peeler, and Tim Knotts.