

## Enrichment

### Recognitions

- 🐾 BMS was recognized as a Palmetto Silver Award Winning School.
- 🐾 Teacher of the Year—Randy Hawkins
- 🐾 Blacksburg Middle Teacher of Reading—Tiffany Robertson
- 🐾 Fellowship of Christian Athletes joined with local churches for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing.
- 🐾 Raised over \$4,000.00 for Relay for Life.
- 🐾 Beta Club raised money for Meals on Wheels.
- 🐾 Student Council had a food drive for Iron City Ministries.
- 🐾 Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests—Gabby Barnes, Emily Brown, Shawna Cooper, Madeline Faile, Daysha Garrison, Hannah McIntyre, Ralieg Kennedy, Jamiyah Manning, Cheyenne Mullinax, Maria Phillips
- 🐾 Students honored Veterans by inviting veterans to eat lunch with them.
- 🐾 VFW Patriot's Pen—Emily Brown, Hannah McIntyre, Jamiyah Manning, Cheyenne Pendleton, Maria Phillips, Bailey Pierce
- 🐾 Junior Scholars—Emily Brown, Halee Gibson, Malachi Scruggs, Erin Viperman
- 🐾 Duke TIP—Marissa Atkins, Will McCall, Ashleigh Lanier
- 🐾 Young Writer's Gala Winners—Hannah Holcombe, Megan Hutchinson, Courtney Jones, Gabby Keeter, Abby Sanlin, Tori Smith
- 🐾 Region Band—Maya Ferguson, Alex Hampton, and Maria Prizzi.
- 🐾 Green Step School Initiatives (Recycling)
- 🐾 Ronald McDonald House Award—over 1 million tabs collected.
- 🐾 Spelling Bee Winner —Hannah Holcombe
- 🐾 Science Fair Winners—Cheyenne Burgess, Noah Dixon, Thomas Emory, Kayla Freeman, Tristan Grigg, Kris Gunnin, Christina Jarjoura, Kimberly Jones, Ian O' Dell, Austin Owens, Gracie Roark, Jordan Robbins, Timothy Sarratt, Maggie Shytle, Tori Smith, Taylor Tharpe, Stephanie Towery, Dalton Wilson
- 🐾 Lego Robotics Competition Team—Kristine Dawson, Brentley Fowler, Hunter Gibson, Will McCall, Kallie Snipes, Jared Willis
- 🐾 National Career Development Contest Winners—(Poetry) Tyriq Dowdle, Maya Ferguson, Raleigh Kennedy (Poster) Sky Lowery, Charity Hardin, Shawna Cooper

- 🐾 Adopt a Highway
- 🐾 Spelling Bee
- 🐾 Battle of the Brains
- 🐾 Gifted and Talented
- 🐾 Recycling Program
- 🐾 Lego Robotic Competition Team
- 🐾 Band/Honor Band
- 🐾 Literacy Closet
- 🐾 FCA
- 🐾 National Junior Beta Club
- 🐾 Handbells
- 🐾 Christian Education Class
- 🐾 Student Council
- 🐾 8th Grade Washington Trip
- 🐾 8th Grade Tours—BHS and CTC
- 🐾 Algebra and Pre-Algebra
- 🐾 United Streaming
- 🐾 Piano Lab
- 🐾 Computer Lab
- 🐾 I-Pad and I-Pod integration
- 🐾 After School Tutoring
- 🐾 Book Club and Reado
- 🐾 Guidance Sessions-whole class lessons, groups, individual
- 🐾 Character Education, Career Education and planning, DARE
- 🐾 Resource Officer-classroom lessons

### School Environment

- 🐾 In addition to academics, we try to teach our student the importance of being philanthropists 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.
- 🐾 Student work and photos of students learning are displayed in the hallways and classrooms.
- 🐾 Incentives for Behavior and Attendance
- 🐾 Grade Level Awards Ceremony
- 🐾 LCD projectors, document cameras, CPS units, I-Pods & I-Pads 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.



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**Ready      Relationships**

### Report to the Parents 2011-2012

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# Mission Statement

*The mission of Blacksburg Middle School is to prepare students to excel as productive and responsible members of society by providing a rigorous, well-rounded education.*

## Our Beliefs

- All students can learn.*
- With the help of family and community partnerships, we can ensure the success of our students.*
- Our primary responsibility is to provide our students with a well-rounded education in a safe environment.*
- Our commitment to education and our students goes beyond the mentally developmental to the socially developmental. We want to encourage our students to become productive citizens while helping them transition from childhood into adolescence by guiding them in safe decision making.*
- We feel that technology is the key to future success. In this belief we feel that providing our students with the latest technological skills will help them compete in an ever-changing society.*

### School Improvement Council Members:

Parents: Lisa Bloom, Tracy Bourgoin, Randy Phillips, and Tina Wright.

School Members: Josh Batchler, Angie Blanton, Amanda Gilfillan, Courtney Ross, Sharon Earls, Virgil Hampton, and Courtney Johns.

Community Members—Mack Byars, Ashley Earls, Tilesa Ham, and George Kirby.

## Curriculum Goals for 2011-2012

- Use test data to monitor student achievement.
- Students will show a growth in academic knowledge with test scores that show a positive gain on their PASS and MAP tests.
- 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.
- Incorporate projects and presentations into classroom instruction.
- PASS practice days for math, writing, and reading.
- Develop partnerships between school and parents to positively impact student achievement.
- Develop and sustain lasting relationships with the students.

### School Report Card Information

	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	AYP Rating
2011	Average	Average	Not Met
2010	Average	Average	Not Met
2009	Average	Average	Not Met

#### End of Course Test 2011

100% of the Algebra 1 students passed the EOC.

## 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 won the **2011-2012 Palmetto Silver Award** for General Performance.

Our school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Credit good for 2 more years.

MAP Testing is conducted in the Fall and Spring. PASS is conducted in the Spring. The results from both tests provide us with information about student achievement.

The average daily attendance for 2011-2012 school year was 96.02%.

Currently, 411 students are enrolled.

Wildcat PAC Officers:  
President, Michael Snipes  
Vice-President, Michael McCurry  
Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Snipes