

## Blacksburg Elementary Mission Statement

The mission of Blacksburg Elementary School, as a partner with the family and the community, is to ensure that all students acquire skills for a strong educational foundation enabling them to become responsible, lifelong learners by creating a safe and nurturing learning environment in which every child feels special.

We believe that:

- meeting our students needs and providing the opportunity to learn are the chief priorities of our school.
- every students is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- positive relationships and mutual respect among and between our students and staff enhance our students' self esteem.
- self-discipline and a sense of responsibility are essential to good citizenship.
- Learning how to acquire information to think critically, to apply knowledge, and to produce quality work is necessary to be productive citizens.



## Annual Report to Parents

- Continued implementation of small group instructional assistance in reading and math.
- Provide opportunities for students to assume leadership roles in the school setting.
- Promethean boards, LCD projectors, and document cameras will continue to be utilized in all classrooms.
- Continued implementation of the most effective strategies based on current research and best practices that will best meet the needs of our students.
- Teachers will be provided with opportunities for professional growth through staff development and Professional Learning Communities led by our Academic Coach.
- Programs will be available to students with special needs by offering resource, speech, academic assistance, tutoring, and the YMCA After School Program.
- Even though we did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), Blacksburg Elementary School will continue to provide a positive learning environment that allows ALL children to achieve and reach their greatest potential.

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## Suggested improvements for the 2011-2012 school year

- Continue to make our building and grounds more attractive.
- Enhance landscaping
- Implement PTO
- Reduce number of office referrals
- Student/Peer mentors
- Promote good behavior and respect
- Single gender classrooms
- Improved technology in art classroom
- Expand technology/laptops
- Weekly Classroom Newsletters

## BES Today

- \*School enrollment is 391 with 86.9% Caucasian, 11.7% African American, .7% Hispanic, and .7% Asian.
- \*The average daily attendance for the 2010-2011 school year was 97.6%.
- \*The student to teacher ratio was 22 to 1.
- \*Free and Reduced meals totaled 75.2%

## School Improvement Council

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## School Board Representatives:

Barry Bailey  
Donnie Smith

## Superintendent:

Dr. Ed Taylor

## Recognitions

- \*BES Teacher of the Year: *Andrew Chisholm*
- \*BES Reading Teacher of the Year: *Donna Polston*
- \*BES Spelling Bee Winner and Runner Up:  
*Hannah Holcombe and Kwame Sutton*
- \*Regional Science Fair Winners: *Lane Crow, Savannah Davis, and Carson Grigg*
- \*BES Student Council Officers:  
*President—Gabby Keeter, Vice President—Heaven Wright, Secretary/Treasurer—Allyssa Self*
- \*BES Beta Club Officers: *President—Noah Dixon, Secretary—Jan O'dell, and Treasurer—Kris Gunnin*
- \*State Superintendent Writing Winner: *Blake Shytle*
- \*Gaffney Little Theater Performer: *Tori Smith*
- \*BES Free Throw Winners: *Lane Crow, Ebonee Foster, Ethan McLain, and Julianne Wright*
- \*US Space Camp Astronaut: *Maggie Shytle*

## Enrichment

- \*Fifth Grade Band \*Red Ribbon Week Celebration
- \*National Junior Beta Club \*Student Council
- \*Breakfast in the Classroom \*YMCA After School
- \*Parent Volunteer Program \*Walk and Read Program
- \*Academic Awards Banquet \*Literacy Suite
- \*Too Good For Drugs Program \*Character Education
- \*Computer Lab \*Jump Rope for Heart \*Book Fair
- \*Pennies for Patients \*Terrific Kid \*Relay for Life
- \*Iron City Ministry Canned Food Drive \*Ident-a-Kid
- \*Humane Society Pet Food Drive \*Science Lab