

*The School Improvement Council (SIC) members serve as an advisory committee to the school's Principal and the faculty and staff of Blacksburg Elementary School.*

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Serving Grades 3-5

Student Enrollment 345



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Support Staff of the Year

***Novalee Wicks***  
Spelling Bee Winner  
School and District

***Mackenzie Moore***  
TGFD Essay Winner

The mission of Blacksburg Elementary School, in partnership with families and the community, is to provide an environment where all students feel safe and valued as they acquire academic and social skills, confidence, and character to become successful, lifelong learners.

# Blacksburg Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Council  
"Report to the Parents" 2021-2022



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## **OSOB: Read to Them Program**

We are excited to participate in the "One School One Book" reading program. Participating in a school-wide reading program such as "One School One Book" helps build a community of readers and a sense of belonging within our school. Families reading together help children listen better and longer, build bigger vocabularies, and develop a positive attitude about books and learning. When an entire school reads together, it generates excitement about reading. This year we have read, *The Toothpaste Millionaire* and *The Chocolate Touch*. Our final book is called, *Nuts to You: An Epic Adventure*. These books focus on entrepreneurship, friendship, resource management, and making healthy choices. This program is a large part of our integrated SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) Program.

"This report is issued by the Blacksburg School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

The Boys and Girls Club is in the second year of implementation at BES. The program is more than after-school care for students! The BGC serves approximately 100 students in the after-school program. This program offers an evening meal, homework help, tutoring, character building, on and off-site field trips, and an extended summer program. BES is proud to offer this program to students in grades 3-5, and additional slots for BPS students in the primary grades.

## **BES AVID Program**

**AVID Elementary** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a school-wide program at Blacksburg Elementary School. AVID Strategies in the areas of W.I.C.O.R. support College and/or Career Readiness for students. BES has focused on Organization this year through the students maintaining an AVID Binder and Agenda. We know that students being able to organize study materials like notes, and important dates through writing down important school events and due dates will ensure that students have foundational skills to be successful. Teachers have participated in school delivered PD throughout the year to fully implement AVID strategies in all classes. AVID at the middle and high school levels is one track that students can apply for additional coursework to support College and Career Readiness at the Secondary and Post-Secondary levels.