

Recognitions

National Board Certified Teachers

Cyndi Holmes

Teacher of the Year – *Ashley Benton*

Support Staff of Year – *Hope Roark*

Reading Teacher of the Year, school – *Jordan Moore*

South Carolina Reading Initiative School

School Events

- Awards Program each nine weeks
- Art Expo
- Astronomy Night with SC State Museum
- BHS Boys sports day
- Book Character Pumpkin Contest
- Bookmark Contest
- Book Fairs (2 per year)
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Buffalo Lodge Student Award
- Campo Giorno
- Character Education Focus – Monthly
- STAR, 1:1 Initiative
- Community Reads (BHS Baseball and Student Council)
- Conservation Poster Winners
- Dental Screenings for all 5K-2nd
- Dr. Seuss Reading Across America
- Fall Fun Night
- Family Fun Night/Musicals (2 per year)
- Field Day
- Gigi's from BHS, Girl's tea
- Grits for Grandparents
- Health and Wellness student committee
- IdentaKid
- Iron City Ministries Award
- Jump Rope for Heart
- KNOW2 Partner School
- Muffins w/Mom, Doughnuts w/Dad
- Pennies for Patients
- PBISSchool
- PTO/SIC
- Santa Shop for students
- Too Good for Drugs Program (1st & 2nd)
- Partner with Zaxby's, House of Pizza and Colonial Fish Camp (fundraising)
- Partnership w/DHEC-Willie Sarratt
- Project Based Learning Classrooms
- Walk to School Initiative
- Young Writer's Gala

Disclaimer All school events are subject to change

due to Covid regulations.

Our School Today

The average daily attendance for the 2020 school year was 95%. The student- teacher ratio was 18 to 1. The percentage of parents attending conferences was 99.9%.

Blacksburg Primary School is a Title I school and is accredited by the State Department of Education and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Also, the state department Cognia, formerly known as AdancEd.

PTO Officers:

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Barry Bailey

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Superintendent:

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School History

Blacksburg Primary School is the second school to bear that name. Our history can be traced to the late 1800s as The Blacksburg Graded School. That school was demolished and Blacksburg Grammar School was built in the same spot in 1940. That school was replaced by the first Blacksburg Primary on Hardin Street in 1987. In 2004 the second Blacksburg Primary was opened at the current location on East Cherokee Street.

BLACKSBURG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report to
the Parents
2019-2020



BPS

Where we play, learn and
grow together!

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School Pledge

I promise to treat others with kindness and respect, keep our school safe, be ready to learn, have a positive attitude, and give my personal best every day. I am a special person, I am a **WILDCAT**.

Our Vision

The vision of Blacksburg Primary School is to meet the needs of all students. We provide age appropriate experiences that will help students become successful. As we strive toward excellence in academics, we provide many opportunities that foster learning. As required by law, I must inform you that all of our teachers are *highly qualified*.

Our Beliefs

- *Meeting our students' needs and providing many and varied opportunities to learn are the chief priorities of our school.
- *Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
- *Students learn best when they are authentically engaged in the learning process.
- *Curriculum, instructional practices, and assessment involve a variety of learning experiences to accommodate individual differences.
- *A safe nurturing environment promotes student learning and confidence.
- *Student self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between members of the student community.

Evaluation of School Renewal Plan Goals for 2020-2021

Review of 2018-2019 Strategic Plan Goals

- ☺ Parental involvement opportunities will increase to at least two per year, ultimately increasing parents' visits to the school by 20 parents or 5 per grade level each year.
- ☺ By the end of 2024-2025 school year, teacher morale will increase to 4.5 as measured by a teacher survey with a 1-5 Likert Scale.
- ☺ By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, all teachers will implement best practices in social emotional education as measured by a decrease of 25% in student behavior.
- ☺ Increase the number of students in the "on watch" and "at or above grade level" categories to 75% of all students using STAR Reading, STAR Early Literacy.
- ☺ Teachers will successfully implement best practices in core instruction as measured by a score of 90% on the monthly focus observation rubric.



School Statistics

Grades Pre-K—2nd

Enrollment: 360
79 % Caucasian
12 % African-American
9 % Other
Free Meals
100% CES Grant

School Report Card

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate.