

## Recognitions

Adequate Yearly Progress Rating

*Excellent*

National Board Certified Teachers

*Julie Foster and Jane Sanders*

Teacher of the Year

*Sarah Ligon*

Reading Teacher of the Year:

*Brandi Maynor*

South Carolina Reading Initiative School

March of Dimes Fundraiser Winner

## School Events

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Attendance Incentive Awards
- Author's Tea
- Book Fairs
- Buffalo Lodge #202 Student Award
- Career Awareness
- Character Education Focus – Monthly
- Computer Lab – Education City, MAP
- Community Reads
- Doughnuts for Dads
- Grits for Grandparents
- Honor's Choir
- Iron City Ministries Award
- Jump Rope for Heart
- March of Dimes Fundraiser Winner
- Muffins for Moms
- PTO
- Recycling Program
- Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes
- Santa Shop
- Service Projects
- Student Recognition Each Nine Weeks
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Volunteer Program

## Our School Today

The average daily attendance for the 2010-2011 school year was 96.5%. The student-teacher ratio was 21.2 to 1. The percentage of parents attending conferences was 100%.

Blacksburg Primary School is accredited by the State Department of Education and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Barry Bailey

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Dr. Ed Taylor

## School History

Blacksburg Primary School is the second school to bear that name. Our history can be traced to the late 1800's 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

***ALL ABOARD THE  
BPS EXPRESS***

Report to  
the Parents  
2010-2011



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## Mission Statement

“Blacksburg Primary School where learning is our number one goal.”

## 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 2010-2011

### Review of 2010—2011 Strategic Plan Goals

Use Wednesday staff meetings for staff development to provide assistance to teachers in the areas of language arts, math, social studies, science and technology.



Dominie assessment in reading and writing will continue for all students.



All core teachers will continue to use Writing Workshop.



All core teachers will be trained in using leveled text, anchor books, read aloud books and participate in PLC to learn new strategies.



## School Statistics

### Grades Pre-K—2nd

Enrollment: 404

88.4% Caucasian

10.9% African-American

.7% Other

Free & Reduced Meals

73.7%

### School Report Card

AYP-Yes

Improvement Rating—N/A

Absolute Rating

Excellent

