

Recognitions

National Board Certified Teachers
Cyndi Holmes
Teacher of the Year - *Julie Foster*
Support Staff of Year - *Dwayne Smith*
Reading Teacher of the Year, school and district - *Terri Phillips*
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. Suess 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
- PBISchool
- 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

Our School Today

The average daily attendance for the 2017-2018 school year was 94%. The student-teacher ratio was 20 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.

PTO Officers:

President: Molly Bridges
Secretary/Treasurer: Kristen McLain

School Improvement Officers:

Keri Culbertson, Chair
Brooke Clark, Co-chair
Lyndsey Falls Erin Hogue
Allison Cash Kristen McLain
Katie Gordon Halee Batchler
Lorrie Martin
Michael Bender, Ex Officio

School Board Representative:

Barry Bailey Mark Nix

Superintendent:

Mr. Donald Andrews, Interim

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
2018-2019



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 2018-2019

Review of 2018-2019 Strategic Plan Goals

- Update infrastructure with state of the art technology, provide mandatory training, implement a 1:1 initiative program.
- Promote a positive image throughout all facets of BPS, providing necessary resources.
- Develop and implement a plan focused on strengthening professionalism.
- Develop and implement a plan to create and sustain a safe and positive environment at BPS.
- Implement School Resource Officers in our school.
- Use PBIS to increase positive behavior of students.



School Statistics

Grades Pre-K—2nd

Enrollment: 432
83 % Caucasian
11 % African-American
7 % 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.