

## Recognitions

National Board Certified Teachers

*Jane Sanders, Lisa Blanton*

Teacher of the Year— *Lindsey Gragg*

Support Staff of Year— *Patty Wilkins*

Reading Teacher of the Year:

*Randi Heffner*

South Carolina Reading Initiative School

March of Dimes Fundraiser Winner

## School Events

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Annual School-Wide Fun Day Celebration
- Book Fairs (2 per year)
- Buffalo Lodge #202 Student Award
- Campo Giorno Entrance Winner
- Career Fair sponsored by CTC
- Character Education Focus — Monthly
- Computer Lab, IXL, STAR, MAP  
Book Flix, Parental Information Mtg.
- Community Reads, PJ Reads
- Conservation Poster Winners
- Blacksburg Public Library Program
- Dental Screenings for all first graders
- Dr. Suess Reading Across America
- Family Fun Night (2 per year)
- Grits for Grandparents
- Hands-on Science Lab
- Iron City Ministries Award
- Jump Rope for Heart
- KNOW2 Partner School
- Pasta for Pennies Winner
- PBIS School
- PTO
- Recycling Program
- 2 time winner of First Book Awards
- Santa Shop
- School Mall Participating School
- Sheriff's Programs (Anti-Bullying & Summer Safety)
- SIC
- Student Recognition Each Nine Weeks
- Systick Fibrosis
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Walk to School Initiative
- Young Writer's Gala District Winners

## Our School Today

The average daily attendance for the 2015-2016 school year was 94.97%. The student-teacher ratio was 21 to 1. The percentage of parents attending conferences was 99.9%. Blacksburg Primary School is accredited by the State Department of Education and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### PTO Officers:

President: Kristen Mullinax

Secretary: Halee Manning

Treasurer: Taryn Miller

### School Improvement Officers:

Brandi Mullinax, Chair Erin Hogue

Lisa Blanton Erica Childers

Brandi Maynor Hope Green

Taryn Miller Roger Childers

Kristin McLain Laura Martin

George Kirby Halee Manning

Melanie McNeeley

Deborah Hamrick, Ex Officio

### School Board Representative:

Barry Bailey Mark Nix

### Superintendent:

Dr. Quincie Moore

## 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

Report to  
the Parents  
2015-2016



BPS

Where we play, learn and  
grow together!

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## Mission Statement

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

## 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 2015-2016

### Review of 2015-2016 Strategic Plan Goals

- Update infrastructure with state of the art technology, provide mandatory training, implement a 1:1 initiative program, and enhance the school website.
- 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.

Gardens planted by students at BPS with the help of Willie Sarratt, DHEC.



## School Statistics

### Grades Pre-K—2nd

Enrollment: 425  
82% Caucasian  
10 % African-American  
8 % Other  
Free & Reduced Meals  
100% CES Grant

### School Report Card

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

