

## Recognitions

Adequate Yearly Progress Rating— C  
National Board Certified Teachers

*Jane Sanders, Lisa Blanton*

Teacher of the Year

*Paula Parker*

Support Staff of the Year:

*Mary Byars*

Reading Teacher of the Year:

*Ashley Benton*

## School Events

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Annual School-Wide Testing Celebration Day
- Author's Tea & Distinguished Author Visits
- Bloodmobile ACS
- Book Fairs (2 per year)
- Buffalo Lodge #202 Student Award
- Career Awareness
- Character Education Focus—Monthly
- Computer Lab—Education City, MAP  
Book Flix, Parental Information Mtg., Think Central
- Community Reads, PJ Reads
- Blacksburg Public Library Program
- Dental Screenings for kindergarteners
- Family Fun Night (Annual)
- Grits for Grandparents
- Hands-on Science Lab
- Iron City Ministries Award
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Music Programs (2 per year)
- Pasta for Pennies Winner
- PBIS School
- PTO
- Recycling Program
- Reading through technology room
- Reading Intervention Program
- Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes
- Santa Shop
- School Mall Participating School
- Sherriff's Programs (Anti-Bullying & Summer Safety)
- Student Recognition Every Nine Weeks
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Volunteer Program
- Yearbook Dedication & Signing

## Our School Today

The average daily attendance for the 2011-2012 school year was 95.7%. The student-teacher ratio was 22.6 to 1. 80% of our teachers have advanced degrees. 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.

### PTO Officers:

President: Kristen McLain

Secretary: Mary Byars

Treasurer: Melissa Green

### School Improvement Officers:

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### School Board Representatives:

Barry Bailey & Jim Touchberry

### 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

“WHERE little KIDS ARE SPECIAL  
PEOPLE”

Report to  
the Parents  
2012-2013



MARTIN

Here at BPS, we learn  
things from A to Z

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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 2012-2013

Review of 2012—2013 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. We use MAP for every grade level as another form of assessment.
- ☺ All teachers will continue to use Writing Workshop as well as specialized Reading techniques.
- ☺ All teachers will be trained in using leveled text, anchor books, read aloud books and participate in PLC to learn



## School Statistics

### Grades Pre-K—2nd

Enrollment: 423

86% Caucasian

9% African-American

5% Other

Free & Reduced Meals  
76.94%

### School Report Card

AYP-Yes

Improvement Rating—N/A

### Absolute Rating

C (Based upon 3rd grade PASS scores)

### Growth Rating

Good

