

# BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY

Report to Parents ~ 2020

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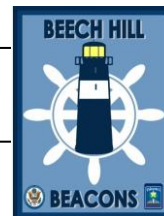
School Leaders & Technical Support Team: Jeni Nix, Brennan Ledyard, Rose Stephens

**Mission:** Beech Hill will lead the way to lifelong learning through excellence, leadership and empowerment.

**Nurture • Connect • Create • Dream • Think • Live**

**Vision:** All students will meet or exceed academic standards as measured by grade level benchmarks.

**School Focus:** Our stakeholders will develop a **Growth Mindset** to be **Career Ready** for the **Global Market**.



## What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. The council plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

The Report to Parents and Community reviews the progress made towards increasing student growth and other milestones made during the school year. The School Improvement Council of Beech Hill Elementary is delighted to share these findings with our learning community and valued stakeholders.

This information is issued by the **Beech Hill Elementary School Improvement Council** in accordance with South Carolina law, which mandates annual reporting of the school's process and progress in generating and meeting targeted goals and objectives.

### School Improvement Council Members:

- Johnnie Whitaker, Chair
- Amber Hotelling
- Stephanie Anne King
- Lindsey Grow
- Mallory Melady
- Elizabeth Norman
- Marianne Myers
- Megan Seitz
- Rebecca Malinowski
- Stacey Burch
- Vanessa Dos Santos
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- Queen Bailey
- Maureen Bodkin
- Lolli Haugh
- Cheyenne Ledyard
- Bryan Richard
- Brad Stephens
- René Harris
- Jacki Fleming
- Rose Stephens

## Academic Support

- Thinking Maps
- Write Traits
- Read 180/System 44
- X-SPURT- Intervention
- AimsWeb
- Gifted and Talented Classes
- COMPASS/Waterford
- Imagine Learning
- FASTT Math
- Beacon Bistro
- 100 Book Club
- Teacher Cadets Host Site
- The Extra Mile

## Character Development

- Lighthouse Leagues
- Career Carousel
- Growth Mindset
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Terrific Kids/Readers
- SEL

## Enrichment Activities

- PTA Reflections
- Storybook Character Day
- Gullah Festival
- Wax Museum
- WERD Clubs
- Historical Simulations

## Service Learning Initiatives

- Low Country Food Drive
- Relay for Life
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Ronald McDonald House

## THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

### Technology & Innovation

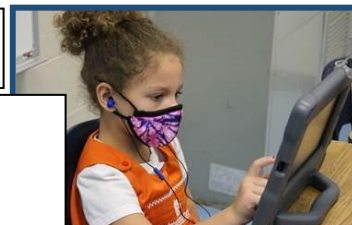
- STEAM Room
- Camp Invention
- Document Cameras
- SMARTBoards
- Study Island
- Razkids
- Prodigy
- Think Central Math
- BrainPOP
- Imagine Learning
- Art for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- MS Teams

### Leadership Development

- Shake & Shine Competition
- Tied to Brightness Breakfast
- Strands on the Beech Tea
- Library Cadets
- Tech Tamers
- Student Leadership Council
- Principal's Advisory Board

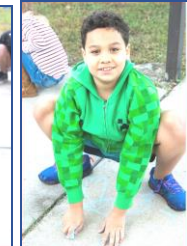
### After-School Clubs

- Juggling Team
- Beech Hill Drum-Line
- Chorus
- Art Club
- School Musical
- Robotics



## Parent/Community Links

- 1st Boosterthon in DD2
- Cruisin' into Kindergarten
- Online Volunteer Training
- GRAND Beacons Breakfast
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Student-led Conferences
- Book Fairs
- Day of Caring Participant
- The HOUSE Awards
- Kindergarten University
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Winter Wonderland Ball
- Spirit Nights
- Parent Workshops
- Parent Book Studies
- Summer Reading Sessions
- School Improvement Council
- Parent Teacher Association
- Free Popcorn Patrol
- Authors Visits
- Juggling Residency
- Sweetgrass Basket Residency



## NEW GOALS FOR 2020-2021

### #1- Create spaces that promote critical thinking and rigorous learning.

- Embed content and reference points throughout the school building and grounds
- Enhance existing outdoor classrooms and implement an *adopt a corner of our world* program
- Generate additional outdoor classroom spaces or resources for outdoor learning experiences

### #2-Continue lighthouse initiative to promote student participation and community collaboration.

- Link SIC/PTA leaders to school Lighthouse Leagues
- Generate relative activities to promote a greater intrinsic appreciation for lighthouse precepts
- Link Lighthouse Leagues to literacy development and appreciation
- Link Lighthouse Leagues to a Celebration of Life for Andrea Freeman (faculty member)



## SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Awards

- 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- Jeni Nix, SC School Librarian of the Year- 2020
- #1 in Best Public Elementary Schools in Charleston ~ Niche- 2020
- Ranked 24<sup>th</sup> Best Elementary School in SC (Of 640 schools \*SchoolDigger.com) 2019
- Named *TD Bank's Palmetto's Finest*– 2012

### School Report Card– Absolute Ratings\*

- Excellent: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2018

### School Report Card– Improvement Ratings\*

- Excellent: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2018
- \* *School Report Card Ratings paused from 2015-2017*

### School Performance Growth Index:

2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018-Level 5 out of 5

### Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards:

- General Performance (Gold): 2009-2015
- Closing the Achievement Gap (Silver): 2012-2015

### District Academic Competitions:

- Global Innovation-Robotic Jamboree (2019)
- Robotics Regional Winners: Innovations (2018)

### Schoolwide Icons:

Thinking Maps • Whole Child • Growth Mindset  
Personalized Learning • Shake and Shine •  
Mindfulness • Social Emotional Learning

### Other Recognitions:

- Grant Recipients:
  - *Dollar General Literacy Foundation:* Jackie Leggette
  - *Bosch Innovations:* Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano, Jackie Leggette, Kentrel Clement, Elizabeth Norman
  - *Dorchester District Two Foundation:* Meggie Wegmann, Jeni Nix, Viki Fernandez, Jackie Leggette, Kentrel Clement
  - *Cooper River Bridge Run:* Anne O'Sullivan
  - *Donorschoose:* 20 recipients (2019-2020)
- Service Learning/Community Outreach Participation:
  - *Jump Rope for Heart*
  - *Relay for Life*
  - *MUSC Wellness*
- Community Acknowledgements:
  - 100% of Staff trained-*Darkness to Light* program
  - BHES Jugglers-2019 Citadel Halftime Entertainers
  - Tammy Masopust-Finalist-Life Changer Award
  - Home of 9 National Board Certified Teachers

## INDICATORS OF SUCCESS FOR 2019-2020 GOALS

### #1- Beacons exhibit Self-Efficacy & Healthy Social Emotional Learning

- Created Schoolwide SEL Curriculum and Pacing Guide
- Conducted "Get Smart" program and presentation (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Implemented guidance lessons focused on "Mindfulness" and SEL
- Acquired new digital resource, 360 Curriculum Product

### #2- Beacons are Globally Competitive and College & Career Ready

- Continued and enhanced- Shake & Shine Competition
- Provided opportunity for Shake & Shine winners to compete at nationals in Atlanta
  - Conducted virtually due to COVID-19 outbreak
- Promoted staff development and district-level trainings in **Read to Succeed** initiative
- Continued and enhanced the Renaissance Room lessons (STEAM Program)
- Acquired additional devices (Thanks, Beech Hill PTA)
- Provided lessons focused on DD2-Microburst EmployAbility Initiative (Soft Skills)
- Continued and enhanced Career Carousel Day

SCHOOL YEARS	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Student Enrollment	970	956	963	977
Certified Teachers	64	71	61	61
Classified Staff Members	50	47	47	46
Administrators	2	2	2	2
School Counselors & Coaches	4	4	4	4
Volunteers	343	282	415	341



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