



BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY

2015-2016 SCHOOL REPORT to PARENTS



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

NURTURE • CONNECT • CREATE • DREAM • THINK • LIVE • SHINE



Our mission, *Beech Hill will lead the way to lifelong learning through excellence, leadership and empowerment*, drives our actions. We work to ensure that *all students meet and exceed academic benchmarks*.

We also believe all students should:

- Be challenged to reach their full potential
- Follow the PBIS guidelines and expectations
- Develop skills to become lifelong learners and leaders who:
 - Help promote a safe/nurturing environment (NURTURE Lighthouse)
 - Value themselves and their community (CONNECT Lighthouse)
 - Communicate through and appreciate the arts (CREATE Lighthouse)
 - Apply technology and innovation to aspire (DREAM Lighthouse)
 - Participate actively in the learning process (THINK Lighthouse)
 - Make choices that promote fitness and nutrition (LIVE Lighthouse)

Through shared decision making, a positive school climate and high expectations, Beacons continue to excel in academics as we aim to address the needs of the *whole child*.

Bret Gillis, SIC Chair
René Wyatt Harris, Principal

School Improvement Council Members:

- Kentrel Clement
- Jasmine Flemister
- Chrissy Fortner
- Allison Foster
- Lolli Haugh
- Jeanna Lawrence
- Kelley Wanish
- Jason Boomershine
- Daphne Isgett
- Christopher Ruble
- Stefanie Satterfield
- Theresa Bilsback
- Kellie Boomershine
- Crystal Bovell
- Jacki Fleming
- Noelle Hauck
- Brennan Ledyard
- Susanne Loving
- Paula Luciano
- Virginia Ross
- Jeannie Sherrouse
- Rebecca Zunker



THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

Academic Support

- Thinking Maps
- Read 180/System 44
- Scholastic Inventories
- AimsWeb Assessments
- ELA/Math Benchmarks
- Gifted and Talented Classes
- Math Boot Camp
- Beacon Bistro
- Ruby Bridges-School Visit
- Special Olympics

Character Development

- Growth Mindset
- Big Fox/Little Fox Mentoring
- Terrific Kids
- Career Awareness Day
- Focus Five/Acting Right

Enrichment Activities

- Lighthouse Weeks
- PTA Reflections
- Storybook Character Day
- Gullah Festival
- Wax Museum
- Academic Achievement Bowl
- WERD Clubs
- Historical Simulations

Service Learning Initiatives

- Low Country Food Drive
- *Relay for Life*
- *Jump Rope for Heart*
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- SPCA Pet Supplies Drive
- Go for the GOAL

Technology

- Camp Invention
- iPADS/iPODS
- Document Cameras
- SMARTBoards
- SMART Response Clickers
- COMPASS/Waterford
- *Study Island*
- *FASTT Math*
- *Think Central Math*
- *BrainPOP*

Hour of Code

- *Hour of Code*
- *Lego WeDo Curriculum*
- *Art for the 21st Century*

Leadership Development

- *Tied to Brightness* Breakfast
- *Strands on the Beech* Tea
- Student Leadership Council
- Career Shadow Day
- WBHS Morning Show
- Second Grade Market Day
- PBIS Shine Patrol
- Principal's Advisory Board
- Booster-thon
- Cultural Arts

After-School Clubs

- Juggling Team
- Drama Club
- Beat at the Beech Drum-Line
- Cheerleading Teams
- Chorus
- Two Robotics Teams



PARENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 1st Booster-thon in DD2 • Cruisin' into Kindergarten • Chillin' on the Hill • PTA/Volunteer Opportunities • GRAND Beacons Breakfast
- Veterans Day Celebration • Autumn Daze Fall Festival • SMART Night • Book Fairs • Day of Caring Participant • The HOUSE Awards • Kindergarten University • Big Fox/Little Fox • Knights at the Beech (Mother/Son Event) • Beacon Belles Ball (Father/ Daughter Event)
- McTeachers Night • Spirit Nights • Growth Mindset Parent Workshops • Ashley Ridge Crop-Share • Cultural Arts Week

2015-2016 GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

#1-Our School Culture Focuses on Developing GRIT & Growth Mindsets

- Staff Book Study
- Classroom implementation
- Promote school-wide character education focus
- Award and recognize achievement for work ethic/improvements

#2-Our Stakeholders are Competitive in the Global Market

- Develop rigorous thinking by teaching *meta-cognition skills*
 - Staff fully trained on **Thinking Maps**
 - K-4th Grade trained on **Writing Model** using Thinking Maps
- Develop rigorous thinking through *integration*
 - Writing Across the Curriculum Professional Development
 - Conducted STEAM activities in all grade levels
 - Creation of Action-Based classrooms
- Develop rigorous thinking through *soft skill applications*
 - Provide opportunities for Collaboration/Teamwork
 - Provide authentic conduits for Communication

#3-Our Students are Graduation and Career Ready

- End of Year DRA Results- Grades K, 1 & 2
- State Assessment Results- Grades- 3, 4, & 5
- Enhance opportunities to explore career options
- Continue *Career Awareness and Shadow Day*

2016-2017 GOALS

#1-School Culture Focuses on Developing GRIT & Growth Mindset

- Continue Staff Development & Training
 - Staff Book Studies
 - Staff Action Research
- Create/document process of setting, tracking and reaching goals
 - Student-led conferences/portfolios
 - Use SMART Goals for visual displays throughout the school
- Award and recognize achievement for work ethic/growth
 - Student and teacher recognitions
 - Enhance school postal system to foster communication
- Provide opportunities for Collaboration/Teamwork
 - Mentorship programs for students
 - Mentorship program for new parents
 - Increase and restructure volunteer program

#2-Stakeholders are Competitive in the Global Market & Career Ready

- Develop rigorous thinking by teaching *meta-cognition skills*
 - Use Thinking Maps to process information and ideas
 - Conduct Learning Style Inventories
 - Use student portfolios to set goals and reflect
- Develop rigorous thinking through *integration*
 - Create **Arts-Infused** classrooms in all grades
 - Create **STEAM** classrooms in all grades
 - Create **Action-Based** classrooms in all grades
- Develop rigorous thinking through *soft skill applications*
 - Cultivate Problem Solving skills
 - Provide real-world options for Service Learning
 - Provide valid opportunities to develop communication skills
 - Increase the number of career-based WERD clubs

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Best Public School ~*Lowcountry Parent Magazine* 2014
- Named *TD Bank's Palmetto's Finest*– 2012

School Report Card– Absolute Ratings

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

School Report Card– Improvement Ratings

- Excellent: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

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

Federal Accountability Grade:

- 2014- A (97.1)
- 2013- A (98.1)

District Academic Competitions

- Quiz Bowl- 3rd Grade- 2nd Place in District (2016)
- Robotics-Boys' Team Advanced to State Competition (2016)
- Robotics-Girls' Team Advanced to State/National Contests (2015)
- Math is Cool Competition–4th & 5th Grade- District Winners (2015)

Other Recognitions

- Bosch Innovations Grant -Kentrel Clement (2016)
- Donors Choose Grants- (2016)
 - Allison Ransom
 - Rose Stephens
 - Meggie Wegmann
 - Jana Hooks
 - Ali Rayfield
- Cooper River Bridge Run Grant Recipients
 - Kara Muller (2015)
 - Anne O'Sullivan (2014)
- Target Grant Recipients- Ruth Owens and Heather Bass (2014)
- Reagan Orthodontics Teacher of the Month- Kara Muller (2014)
- MUSC Wellness School-wide Program
- Cool School -WCBD– Channel 2 (2012)
- Recognized on the *Today Show* for *Art for the Sky* project
- Home of 12 Nationally Board Certified Teachers
- 100% of Staff trained– *Darkness to Light* program

BEECH HILL BY THE NUMBERS

School Year	2013	2014	2015	2015	2015
Student Enrollment	1, 241	1,264	1,298		
Certified Teachers	81	80	84		
Classified Staff Members	42	44	41		
Administrators	3	3	3		
School Counselors	2	2	2		
Instructional Coaches	2	2	2		
Volunteers	277	322	315		
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2015
SCPASS % Met/Exceeding	2013	2014	BHES	DD2	SC
Science	88.7	83.2	85.8	77.1	67.7
Social Studies	90.5	91.8	91.5	86.2	76
SCPASS % Met/Exceeding	2013	2014	2015	2015	2015
Math	91.8	90.5			
ELA	92.8	92.5			
ACT Test % Ready or Exceeding	2013	2014	BHES	DD2	SC
Math			70.5	51.9	46.7
ELA			81.7	76.9	67.9

