



# BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

**NURTURE • CONNECT • CREATE • DREAM • THINK • LIVE**



THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

We believe all students should:

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

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 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, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
  - Closing the Achievement Gap (Silver): 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014
  - Closing the Achievement Gap (Gold): 2011
- Federal Accountability Grade:**
  - 2014- A (97.1)
  - 2013- A (98.1)
  - 2012- A (97.7)
- District Academic Competitions**
  - Robotics –Girls' Team Advanced to State Competition (2015)
  - District Spelling Bee Finalist-Tess Abrams (2015)
  - 5th Grade Quiz Bowl–2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District (2014)
  - Math is Cool Competition–4th Grade–1<sup>st</sup> Place in District (2014)
  - Math is Cool Competition–5th Grade–2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District (2014)
  - Math is Cool Competition–4th Grade–1<sup>st</sup> Place in District (2013)
  - Math is Cool Competition–5th Grade–2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District (2013)
- Other Recognitions**
  - Target Grant Recipients- Ruth Owens and Heather Bass
  - *Reagan Orthodontics* Teacher of the Month- Kara Muller
  - *Cooper River Bridge Run Grant Recipient* (2014)
    - Anne O'Sullivan, Grant Writer
  - *MUSC Wellness School-wide Program*
  - Recognized as a *Cool School* (WCBD– Channel 2)
  - Recognized on the *Today Show* for *Art for the Sky* project
  - Recognized for *Art for the Sky* project (*Post & Courier*)
  - Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant Recipient Lisa Gleason
  - Home of 2 *District Teacher of the Year* Recipients:
    - Kelley Wanish (2012), Jen Wilde (2010)
  - Home of 12 Nationally Board Certified Teachers
  - 100% of Staff trained– *Darkness to Light* program
  - Staff Kickball Team– League Champions (2010-2014)
    - James Hearn, Coach

**Academic Support**

- Thinking Maps
- Read 180/System 44
- Scholastic Inventories
- AimsWeb
- ENI-Benchmarks
- Mad Science
- *Above Board Academy*
- Gifted and Talented Classes
- Math Boot Camp
- Beacon Bistro

**Character Development**

- 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
- PASS 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
- Wounded Warrior Projects

**Technology**

- Camp Invention
- iPads/iPODs
- Document Cameras
- SMARTBoards
- SMART Response Clickers
- *COMPASS/Waterford*
- *Study Island*
- *FASTT Math*
- *Think Central Math*
- *BrainPOP*
- *Hour of Code*
- *Lego WeDo Curriculum*

**Leadership Development**

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

**After-School Clubs**

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



PARENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1st Booster-thon in DD2 • Cruisin' into Kindergarten • Chillin' on the Hill • PTA/Volunteer Opportunities • GRAND Beacons Breakfast  
 Veterans Day • Autumn Daze Fall Festival • SMART Night • Book Fairs • Day of Caring • The HOUSE Awards Program • Kindergarten University  
 Big Foxes/ Little Foxes • Bowling with the Beech Boys (Mother/Son Event) • Beacon Belles Ball (Father/Daughter Dance)  
 McTeachers Night • Spirit Nights • Guiding Light Parent Workshops • Ashley Ridge Crop-Share