



# 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**

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:

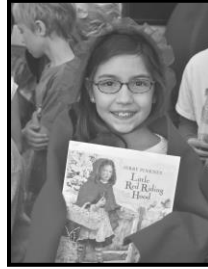
- Be challenged to reach their full potential
- Follow the PBIS guidelines and expectations
- Develop skills to become lifelong learners and leaders who:
  - Help promote a safe and nurturing environment (NURTURE)
  - Value themselves and their community (CONNECT)
  - Communicate through and appreciate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

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*.

Dana Scott, SIC Chair      René Wyatt Harris, Principal

School Improvement Council Members:

- Kathy Cannavaro
- Chrissy Fortner
- Jennifer Fusco
- Bret Gillis
- Brian Hayes
- Sydney Isgett
- Melinda Jones
- Lore Klein
- Donna Mulheir
- Patrick Mulheir
- Kelley Wanish
- Linda Durda
- Stacey Quade
- Christopher Ruble
- Anita Ruff
- Stefanie Satterfield
- Sue Willems
- Jacki Atkinson
- Ginny Ross
- Jason Boomershine
- Kellie Boomershine
- Angie Grant



**HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Low Country Parent Mom's Choice- Best Elementary School-2014
- Named TD Bank's Palmetto's Finest— 2012

School Report Card— Absolute Ratings

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

School Report Card— Improvement Ratings

- Excellent: 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013

Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

- General Performance (Gold): 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013
- Closing the Achievement Gap (Silver): 2010, 2012 & 2013
- Closing the Achievement Gap (Gold): 2011

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

- Met 21 out of 21 objectives: 2010 & 2011

Federal Accountability Grade:

- 2013- A (98.1)
- 2012- A (97.7)

District Academic Competitions

- Robotics - Girls' Team Advanced to State Competition (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)
- 4th Grade Quiz Bowl—1<sup>st</sup> Place in District (2013)
- 5th Grade Quiz Bowl—2<sup>nd</sup> Place in District (2013)

Other Recognitions

- Cooper River Bridge Run Grant Recipient (2014)
  - Anne O'Sullivan, Grant Writer
- Youth Literacy Grant Recipient- \$2,500 (2014)
  - Emily Noble and Stephanie Flom, Grant Writers
- Recognized as a Cool School -WCBD Channel 2 (2012)
- Recognized on the Today Show for Art for the Sky project (2012)
- Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant Recipient - \$18,000 (2012)
  - Lisa Gleason, Grant Writer
- Home of 3 District Teacher of the Year Recipients:
  - Jennifer Fusco (2013), 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 (2011, 2012 & 2013)
  - James Hearn, Coach

**PARENT. FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

1st Booster-thon in DD2 • Cruisin' into Kindergarten • Kindergarten University • Chillin' on the Hill • PTA/Volunteer Opportunities • GRAND Beacons Night • Veterans Day • Autumn Daze Fall Festival • SMART Night • Book Fairs • Day of Caring • The HOUSE Awards Program • Big Fox/ Little Fox Mentoring • Bowling with the Beech Boys (Mother/Son Event) • Beacon Belles Ball (Father/Daughter Dance) • McTeachers Night • Chick-fil-A Spirit Nights • Terrific Kids • PASS Achievement Bowl • Tied to Brightness • Strands on the Beech • Community Fitness Fair

## 2013-2014 GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Goal #1-Continue to enhance Lighthouse initiatives

- o Explore additional resources to promote lighthouse focus
- o Recruit and secure district and community support for lighthouses
- o Sponsor family nights and community events to highlight houses
- o Link Common Core and 21st Century Learning to lighthouse focus
- o *Develop related service learning opportunities*

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sponsored three "lighthouse" family nights
- Conducted lighthouse weeks for student orientation
- Continued lighthouse initiatives
  - ⊕ CREATE Cultural Arts Week
  - ⊕ Relay for Life
  - ⊕ WERD Clubs

### Goal #2- Add a lighthouse to address health and fitness

- o Combat childhood obesity through exercise and physical activities
- o Provide educational programs related to healthy food choices
- o *Develop related service learning opportunities*

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sponsored Community Health Fair Family Night
- Participated in Dorchester District Two Health Initiative
- *Cooper River Bridge Run Grant Recipient* (2014)
- Provided school-wide health initiatives
  - ⊕ Birthday celebrations
  - ⊕ School walk/run programs
  - ⊕ Addition of Fitness WERD Club
  - ⊕ Addition of Unicycle WERD Club
  - ⊕ Participation in community health walks/runs

### Goal #3- Add a lighthouse to address college and career readiness

- o Promote critical thinking using programs such as *Thinking Maps*
- o Promote the development of "soft skills"
- o Continue to promote Character Education program (PBIS)
- o Provide instructional opportunities to enhance content focus
- o Provide educational programs related to Common Core
- o *Develop related service learning opportunities*

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sponsored SMART Family Night
- Additional training for staff on Thinking Maps
- Continued implementation of Focus Five
- Addition of Brain Booster WERD Club
- Addition of Orienteering WERD Club

## 2014-2015 GOALS

### Goal #1-Continue to enhance Lighthouse initiatives

- o Explore additional resources to promote lighthouse focus
- o Recruit and secure district and community support for lighthouses
- o Sponsor family nights and community events to highlight houses
- o Link Common Core and 21st Century Learning to lighthouse focus
- o Add training of Thinking Maps for writing applications
- o *Develop related service learning opportunities*
- o *Develop related communication opportunities*

### Goal #2- Develop a safe and nurturing school environment

- o Continue the BABS Program-Beacons Against Bullying Summit
- o Provide information about safety to students, parents and staff
- o Continue the PBIS Initiative
- o Revisit precepts of Focus Five/Acting Right Program

### Goal #3- Increase technology applications

- o Secure additional hardware/software resources
- o Provide additional training for technology use for students/ parents
- o Explore the use of "green" strategies for communication
- o Provide educational programs related to Common Core (STEAM)
- o *Develop related service learning opportunities*

## THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

### 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
- Beacons' Bistro
- SMI/SRI
- X-SPURT

### 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
- State Book Award Election
- 50 WERD Clubs

### Service Learning Initiatives

- *Low Country Food Drive*
- *Relay for Life*
- *Jump Rope for Heart*
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- SPCA Pet Supplies Drive
- *Purses for Premies*

### Technology

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

### 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
- Market Day
- PBIS Shine Patrol
- Principal's Advisory Board

### After-School Clubs

- Juggling Team
- Drama Club
- Beat at the Beech Drumline
- Cheerleading Teams
- Chorus
- Trebuchet Team
- Robotics
- Fit at the Beech

## BEECH HILL BY THE NUMBERS

School Year	2011	2012	2013
Student Enrollment	1,159	1,186	1,241
Certified Teachers	77	80	81
Classified Staff Members	36	45	42
Administrators	3	3	3
School Counselors	2	2	2
Instructional Coaches	1.5	2	2
Volunteers	345	276	277
PASS % Met/Exceeding	2011	2012	2013
ELA	97.7	92.7	92.8
Math	95.4	91.8	91.8
Science	83.9	84.2	88.7
Social Studies	92.7	90.8	90.5

