



REPORT TO PARENTS & COMMUNITY-2024

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MISSION: BEECH HILL WILL LEAD THE WAY TO LIFELONG LEARNING THROUGH EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT.

NURTURE ● CONNECT ● CREATE ● DREAM ● LIVE ● THINK



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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.

GOALS FOR THE 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

#1- CREATE SPACES THAT PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING AND RIGOROUS LEARNING.

- 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.
- CREATE (ART INFUSION), NURTURE (ECOLOGY), CONNECT (COMMUNITY BUILDING), THINK (METACOGNITION), DREAM (TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION), LIVE (HEALTHY LIFESTYLE)
- LINK LIGHTHOUSE LEAGUES TO LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AND APPRECIATION

#3- REVISIT STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE THE WHOLE CHILD

- CONTINUE TO CONDUCT MORNING MEETINGS TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF STAKEHOLDERS
- CONTINUE "SHAKE AND SHINE" INITIATIVE AND EXPAND TO 3RD & 4TH GRADES CONTINUE "MOVING TO THE MIDDLE" INITIATIVE
- FOSTER MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMUNITY SERVICE (I.E. BLESSING BOX, KINDNESS CREW)
- PROVIDE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF FOR CAPTURING KIDS HEART

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARDS

- NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ASCA MODEL PROGRAM (RAMP) DESIGNATION-2024
- SCHONEKE SUMMERHILL-DORCHESTER DISTRICT 2 TEACHER OF THE YEAR-2023
- RENE WYATT HARRIS, NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL- CLASS OF 2022
- RENE WYATT HARRIS, SC ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR 2022
- 2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
- JENI NIX, SC SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR: 2020
- #4 IN BEST PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN CHARLESTON AREA~ NICHE: 2024
- RANKED 21ST BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SC- 640 SCHOOLS *SCHOOLDIGGER.COM: 2023
- NAMED TD BANK'S PALMETTO'S FINEST: 2012

SCHOOL REPORT CARD- ABSOLUTE RATINGS*

EXCELLENT: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2023

SCHOOL REPORT CARD- IMPROVEMENT RATINGS*

EXCELLENT: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2022
GOOD: 2023

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATINGS PAUSED FROM 2015-2017

PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS:

GENERAL PERFORMANCE (GOLD): 2009-2015
CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP (SILVER): 2012-2015

SCHOOLWIDE ICONS:

THINKING MAPS ● WHOLE CHILD ● GROWTH MINDSET
● PERSONALIZED LEARNING ● SHAKE AND SHINE ●
COMMUNITY SERVICE ● SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

OTHER RECOGNITIONS:

GRANT RECIPIENTS:

GARDEN GRANT: LOLLI HAUGH, KRISTINA ELLIOTT,
BOSCH INNOVATIONS: JANA HOOKS, PAULA LUCIANO,
KENTREL CLEMENT, ELIZABETH NORMAN, HALEY
FOSTER, CAROLINE MCINNIS, LAUREN WENTZEL,
THERESA BILSBACK

DORCHESTER DISTRICT 2 FOUNDATION: MEGGIE
PHILLIPS, JENI NIX, VIKI FERNANDEZ, KENTREL CLEMENT,
KRISTINA ELLIOTT,
BOEING FARMHAND KIDS AQUAPONICS: KRISTINA
ELLIOTT

DONORS CHOOSE GRANTS

THANK YOU FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE BEECH
INCLUDING PARENTS AND THE DD2 EDUCATION
FOUNDATION.

SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PARTICIPATION:

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
RELAY FOR LIFE-OVER \$2,100 RAISED IN 2023
MUSC WELLNESS

COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

100% OF STAFF TRAINED-DARKNESS TO LIGHT
PROGRAM
HOME OF 10 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS



THE BEACON EXPERIENCE



THINKING MAPS
READ 180/SYSTEM 44
X-SPURT- INTERVENTION
AIMSWEB
GIFTED & TALENTED CLASSES
STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM
MATH INTERVENTIONS
TERRIFIC READERS, WRITERS
AND MATHLETES
BOOK VENDING MACHINE
100 BOOK CLUB
THE EXTRA MILE
BEACONS BISTRO
STEAM LAB
CAREER CAROUSEL
TERRIFIC KIDS
HUDDLE ON THE HILL
MICROBURST LEARNING
MOVING TO THE MIDDLE
PTA REFLECTIONS
STORYBOOK CHARACTER DAY
GULLAH FESTIVAL
HISTORICAL SIMULATIONS
SCHOOL MUSICAL: ALADDIN
KINDNESS CREW

ENGAGING CREATIVE MINDS
GRADE LEVEL FIELD
EXPERIENCES
SHAKE AND SHINE-(SOFT SKILLS
COMPETITION)
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BOWL
MOVING TO THE MIDDLE
BHES COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS
STEAM & LITERATURE NIGHTS
KINDER BEACON CAMP
RESTORATIVE CIRCLES
BIG FOXES- MENTORING
PARTNERSHIP WITH ASHLEY
RIDGE
ARHS ATHLETES MORNING
GREETERS
GARDEN GRANT RECIPIENTS
LIVE LIGHTHOUSE WELLNESS
CLUB-
BEACON BUDDIES/READING
BUDDIES
BOOGIE WITH BOOKS
STRANDS ON THE BEECH
TIED TO BRIGHTNESS

THE BEECH HILL BY THE NUMBERS

SCHOOL YEARS	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Student Enrollment	914	1,031	1151	1234
Certified Teachers	62	71	72	67
Classified Staff Members	48	33	39	21
Administrators	2.5	3	3	4
School Counselors & Coaches	3	5	4	3
Volunteers	*pandemic	*pandemic	312	350