



BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY

Report to Parents ~ 2019

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

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

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

School Focus: Develop in our stakeholders a **Growth Mindset** so they can be **Competitive** and **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:

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| • Lolli Haugh | • Shannon Ingram |
| • Holly Oruc | • Bryan Richard |
| • Johnnie Whitaker | • Stephanie Anne King |
| • Vanessa Dos Santos | • Tawanna Gilliard |
| • Eric Seitz | • Meggie Wegmann |
| • Rose Stephens | • Brett Gillis |
| • Cheyenne Ledyard | • Jacki Fleming |
| • Rebecca Malinowski | • Rene Harris |

Academic Support

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

Character Development

- Lighthouse Leagues
- Career Carousel
- Growth Mindset
- Terrific Kids
- Focus Five/Acting Right

Enrichment Activities

- PTA Reflections
- Animal Ambassadors
- 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
- March of Dimes
- Ronald McDonald House

THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

Technology & Innovation

- Renaissance Room
- Breakoutedu
- Camp Invention
- Maker Spaces
- VR Goggles/Virtual Field Trips
- Document Cameras
- SMARTboards
- Study Island
- Gizmo(s)
- Prodigy
- Think Central Math
- BrainPOP
- Hour of Code
- Art for the 21st Century

Leadership Development

- Shake & Shine Competition
- Tech Tamers
- Tied to Brightness Breakfast
- Strands on the Beech Tea
- Flag Bearers Corps
- Library Cadets
- Student Leadership Council
- Market Day (2nd Grade)
- Shine Patrol
- Principal's Advisory Board

After-School Clubs

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

Parent/Community Links

- Change the World for Good Celebration
- Storm the Beech
- 1st Boosterthon in DD2
- Cruisin' into Kindergarten
- Chillin' on the Hill
- Online Volunteer Training
- GRAND Beacons Breakfast
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Autumn Daze Fall Festival
- Student-led Conferences
- Book Fairs
- Day of Caring Participant
- The HOUSE Awards
- Kindergarten University
- Winter Wonderland Ball
- Newks Spirit Nights
- CiCi's Spirit Nights
- Parent Workshops
- Parent Book Studies
- Summer Reading Sessions
- Active SIC and PTA
- Free Popcorn Patrol
- Author-Jennifer Neilson
- Artist Residency-Juggling
- Artist Residency-Sweetgrass Baskets

Next Year's Theme: *Blue for a Reason*



The Beacon Creed - I am a Beacon and I was meant to shine, but words are not enough. I will use **Grit** and **Resiliency** to push through the hard tasks and bounce back from failure or defeat. I will take **Ownership** of my learning for I am the CEO of my future. I will **Work** hard every day leaving nothing on the field, redeeming every opportunity to become better and brighter. I will **Think** before I act and **Help** to make this place, our place, one where everyone can learn, grow and shine. [GROWTH]
(The Beacon Creed is recited daily by Beacons as a part of our morning procedures.)

2019-2020 GOALS

1- Beacons exhibit Self-Efficacy & Healthy Social Emotional Learning (Non-Cognitive Skills)

- Staff development- Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Restorative Practices and Diversity
- Continue and enhance schoolwide Student-led Conferences
- Extend and enhance *Lighthouse Leagues* (schoolwide House System)
- Extend and enhance *Growth Mindset* focus

2- Beacons are Globally Competitive and College & Career Ready (Meta-Cognitive Skills)

- Increase opportunities for use of STEAM/ Arts-Infused applications (Renaissance Room)
- Cultivate the use of meta-cognition as instructional and learning tools
- Enhance ELA instruction/learning: Fluency, Close Reading, and Writing Across the Curriculum
- Develop and implement strategies to support the *Read to Succeed* initiative
- Provide strategies and intentional measures to promote reading for growth and enjoyment



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Awards

- o 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- o Ranked 25th Best Elementary School in South Carolina* (Of 640 schools *SchoolDigger.com) 2018
- o 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- Participants (2019)
- Robotics Regional Winners: Innovations Category (2018)
- Robotics Team State Champions (2015)

Schoolwide Icons:

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

Other Recognitions:

o Grant Recipients:

- *Bosch Innovations Grant*: Seth Keafer, Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano, Jackie Leggette, Kentrel Clement, Elizabeth Norman, Viki Fernandez
- *Dorchester District Two Foundation*: Meggie Wegmann, Jeni Nix, Jackie Leggette, Kentrel Clement
- *Cooper River Bridge Run Grant* -Anne O'Sullivan
- Beech Hill PTA Mini-Grant Awards (15)
- Donors Choose Grants (47)

o Service Learning/Community Outreach:

- *Jump Rope for Heart*-Schoolwide Participant
- *Relay for Life*-Schoolwide Participant
- *March of Dimes*-Schoolwide Participant
- *MUSC Wellness Schoolwide Program* since 2012

o Community Acknowledgements:

- 100% of staff trained on *Darkness to Light* program
- BHES Jugglers- 2019 Citadel Halftime Entertainers
- Tammy Masopust-Finalist- Life Changer Award
- *Cool School* -WCBD– Channel 2: 2012 & 2017
- *Cool School Teacher*-WCBD: Elizabeth Norman

o Recognized on the *Today Show* for *Art for the Sky* 2014

Business Partners: ABC Trophies • Family Chiropractic & Massage of Charleston • Staples • Broad Street Printing • Chick-fil-A • Education Station • Palmetto Flats • Good Faith Mortgage • The Inn at Middleton Place • Lowcountry Orthodontics • Legend Oaks Golf Club • Scott Mongillo • Attorney at Law • Advanced Dental Center • Newk's Eatery • Swasty Orthodontics • Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market • Charleston Signage • Ledyard Catering • Kona Ice • Fleet Feet Sports • JW Picture Studio

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS FOR 2017-2018 GOALS

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

- Provided teacher leadership field trips to Ron Clark Academy
- Conducted Focus- Study based on book-*Wildcard*, by Wade and Hope King
- Conducted Teacher-led Book Study *Little Readers, Big Thinkers*, by Amy Stewart
- Provided team participation in "Daily Five" literacy model training workshop
- Conducted "Get Smart" program and presentation (4th Grade)
- Guidance lessons focused on "Mindfulness"
- Expansion of *One Drive* as a digital portfolio to track and measure growth
- New digital acquisitions provided added personalized learning and research opportunities

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

- Continued and enhanced- Shake & Shine Competition
- Provided opportunity for Shake & Shine winners to compete at national level in Atlanta
- Conducted 3rd year of student-led conferences with ELA and growth as the focus
- Acquired \$2,800 worth of STEM materials (DD2 Foundation Grant-Jeni Nix)
- Acquired \$1,238 worth of STEAM materials (DD2 Foundation Grant- Meggie Wegmann)
- Acquired \$1,000 worth of science manipulatives (Bosch Grant- Viki Fernandez)
- Acquired \$2,000 worth of STEAM/robotics materials (Bosch Grant-Elizabeth Norman)
- Bosch B3ST STEM Conference- Michigan (Kentrel Clement, Paula Luciano & Elizabeth Norman)
- Promoted staff development and district-level trainings in *Read to Succeed* initiative
- 40 classrooms with action-based manipulatives
- Continued and enhanced the Renaissance Room lessons (STEAM/STEM Initiatives/Program)
- Acquired 25 HP streams-devices (Thanks, Beech Hill PTA)
- Provided lessons focused on DD2-Microburst EmployAbility Initiative (Soft Skills)
- Continued and enhanced Career Carousel Day
- Author's Visits: Jennifer Nielsen
- Held 1st *Change the World for Good* Celebration (Thanks, School Improvement Council)

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

State Assessments ~Performance Results

	South Carolina		Dorchester Two		Beech Hill	
ELA	% Approaching, Met or Exceeding					
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018
3	73.9	76.8	84.3	86.0	93.5	93.8
4	70.5	71.8	82.5	81.5	92.2	93.8
5	72.0	72.5	85.1	83.3	94.2	95.4
Math	% Approaching, Met and Exceeding					
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018
3	77.8	78.5	87.8	85.8	92.3	93.2
4	75.9	74.9	86.8	81.6	96.7	93.2
5	72.1	73.0	82.7	82.2	92.9	95.4
Science	% Approaching, Met and Exceeding					
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018
4	76.2	77.2	83.8	82.9	96.1	95.7
5	71.7	Not Taken	82.3	Not Taken	92.9	Not Taken
Social Studies	% Met and Exceeding					
	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018
4	80.8	Not Taken	89.0	Not Taken	98.3	Not Taken
5	70.9	69.9	82.5	82.9	95.3	91.3