



# BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Report to Parents ~ 2018

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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:

- Brett Gillis
- Lolli Haugh
- Crystal Robinson
- Erin Query
- Vanessa Dos Santos
- Eric Seitz
- Rose Stephens
- Noelle Hauck
- Cheyenne Ledyard
- Rebecca Malinowski
- Shannon Ingram
- Maureen Bodkin
- Jason Boomershine
- Bryan Richard
- Stephanie Anne King
- Tawanna Gilliard
- Meggie Wegmann
- Jacki Fleming
- Rene Harris

## Academic Support

- Thinking Maps
- Write from the Beginning
- Write Traits
- Read 180/System 44
- X-SPURT- Intervention
- AimsWeb
- ELA/Math Benchmarks
- Gifted and Talented Classes
- COMPASS/Waterford
- Imagine Learning
- FASTT Math
- Math Boot Camp
- Beacon Bistro
- Teacher Cadets Host Site
- CSU Host Site

## Character Development

- Lighthouses
- Career Carousel
- Career Shadow Day
- Growth Mindset
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Terrific Kids
- 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
- SPCA Pet Supplies Drive

## THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

### Technology & Innovation

- Renaissance Room
- Breakout edu
- Camp Invention
- Maker Spaces
- iPads
- Document Cameras
- SMARTboards
- SMART Response Clickers
- Study Island
- Gizmo
- Prodigy
- Think Central Math
- BrainPOP
- Hour of Code
- Lego WeDo Curriculum
- Art for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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
- Second Grade Market Day
- Shine Patrol
- Principal's Advisory Board

### After-School Clubs

- Juggling Team
- Beech Hill Drum-Line
- Chorus
- Robotics Team
- Art Club
- Junior Robotics

### Parent/Community Links

- Storm the Beech
- 1st Booster-thon in DD2
- 1<sup>st</sup> Book-Fit Bowl 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
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Radical Reading Race
- Winter Wonderland Ball
- Spirit Nights
- Parent Workshops
- Parent Book Studies
- Summer Reading Sessions
- Active SIC and PTA
- Free Popcorn Patrol
- Cultural Arts Experiences
- Carmen Deedy School Visit
- Ruby Bridges School Visit
- Patricia Polacco School Visit
- Moore/Thorne School Visit

## Donors Choose Grants:

- Allison Bradberry (4)
- Rose Stephens (6)
- Meggie Wegmann
- Kentrel Clement
- Jana Hooks
- Dianne Lewis (5)
- Stevie Ward
- Courtney Creech (2)
- Jeni Nix (2)
- Paula Luciano
- Becca Malinowski
- Taylor Wilson
- Tricia Ruddick
- Seth Keaffer (2)
- Varnita Kennedy
- Megan Seitz (2)
- Viki Fernandez
- Haley Foster
- Madison Hines
- Schoneke Summerhill
- Laura Hattabaugh
- Elizabeth Tutterow
- Letitia Uyak
- Stefanie Satterfield
- Kristina Elliott (2)
- Margaret Day
- Glenna Broughton (2)
- Elizabeth Norman
- Erica Kreider
- Erin Query
- Debby Yanchik
- Taylor Wilson
- Teri Silky



**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.

## 2018-2019 GOALS

### #1- School Culture Continues to Focus on Developing GRIT and Growth Mindset

- Staff development- Growth Mindset, Personalized Learning: action-based learning, maker spaces, genius hour
- Continue and enhance student-led conferences
- Students maintain a portfolio to measure and track growth
- Extend and enhance "Growth Mindset" celebration

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

- Expand cultural arts experiences and integrate into content throughout the school year
- Increase opportunities for use of STEAM/ Arts-Infused applications (Renaissance Room)
- Encourage and foster an increase in personalized learning strategies (action-based, genius hour, maker spaces)
- Develop and implement strategies to support Read to Succeed initiative

## SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Awards

- Ranked 13<sup>th</sup> Best Elementary School in South Carolina\* (Of 640 schools \*Schooldigger.com) 2017
- Mawi Learning Grant-2017
- Wal-Mart Community Grant-Kelley Wanish-2016
- Lowes Toolbox Grant- Jackie Leggette-2016
- 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

\*School Report Card Ratings paused from 2015- 2018

### School Performance Growth Index:

2015, 2016 & 2017-Level 5 out of 5

### Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

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

### Federal Accountability Grades: 2012-2014- A

### District Academic Competitions

- Robotics Regional Winners: Innovations Category (2018)
- Robotics Team State Champions (2015)
- Math is Cool Contest—1<sup>st</sup> Place-District (2015)

### Schoolwide Staff Development Focus:

- Thinking Maps • Write from the Beginning & Beyond • Acting Right • Growth Mindset • Personalized Learning • Ron Clark Academy Field Trips • Mindfulness Mondays

### Other Recognitions

- Educator Grant Recipients: Seth Keafer, Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano, Kentrel Clement
- Bosch Innovations Grant: Paula Luciano, Jackie Leggette, Kentrel Clement
- Schoolwide Staff Development:
  - Growth Mindset
  - Personalized Learning
  - Thinking Maps
  - Writing & Text Dependent Analysis
  - Math Academy
- 20 PTA Mini-Grants Awards
- *Jump Rope for Heart*
- *Relay for Life*
- *Jessica's Fund Raisers*
- World Class Juggling Team
- *Cooper River Bridge Run Grant Recipients*
  - Anne O'Sullivan
- *MUSC Wellness School-wide Program since 2012*
- *Cool School -WCBD- Channel 2: 2012 & 2017*
- Recognized on the *Today Show for Art for the Sky 2014*
- Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant - Lisa Gleason
- Home of 9 National Board Certified Teachers
- 100% of Staff trained– *Darkness to Light* program

## INDICATORS OF SUCCESS FOR 2017-2018 GOALS

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

- Continued site-based staff development
- Continued with a support group that measured and applied strategies in classrooms
- Conducted several parent workshops on growth mindset and motivation
- Sponsored several parent/teacher book studies on *Mindsets for Parents*, Mary Cay Ricci
- Provided teacher leadership field trips to Ron Clark Academy
- Continued "Growth Mindset" journals
- Implemented Personal Post writings (teacher modeling process)
- Conducted Teacher-led Book Study *Mathematical Mindsets*, Jo Boaler

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

- Inaugural event- Shake & Shine Competition
- Conducted student-led conferences with growth as the focus
- Conducted initial and continuous assessments to measure student progress
- Staff development in *Read to Succeed* initiative and District sponsored trainings
- Acquisition of 50 Donors Choose grants (up from 18)
- 35 classrooms with action-based manipulatives
- Implemented the Renaissance Room (STEAM/STEM Initiatives)
- Addition of Maker Space materials in the school media center
- Acquisition of 90 HP streams (laptops) & 30 iPads for classroom use (up by 45 devices)
- Guidance lessons focus on the science of the brain and neuroplasticity
- Continuation of revised Career Carousel Day
- Continuation of WERD Clubs
- Continuation of Cultural Arts experiences in revised format (8 Artists-in-Residence)
- Implementation of Renaissance Room
- Author's Visit- Carmen Agra Deedy
- Author's Visit- Patricia Polacco
- Author's Visit- Thorne & Moore

SCHOOL YEARS	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Student Enrollment	1,298	970	956
Certified Teachers	84	64	71
Classified Staff Members	41	50	47
Administrators	3	2	2
School Counselors & Instructional Coaches	4	4	4
Volunteers	315	343	282

### State Assessments ~Performance Results 2016-2017

	South Carolina	Dorchester Two	Beech Hill
ELA	% Approaching, Met and Exceeding		
3	73.9	84.3	93.5
4	70.5	82.5	92.2
5	72.0	85.1	94.2
Math			
3	77.8	87.8	92.3
4	75.9	86.8	96.7
5	72.1	82.7	92.9
Science			
4	76.2	83.8	96.1
5	71.7	82.3	92.9
Social Studies	% Met and Exceeding		
4	80.8	89.0	98.3
5	70.9	82.5	95.3

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