

Report to Parents & Community-2022

Beech Hill Elementary School - April 27, 2022



Theme: Get Your Play On!

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

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

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:

Johnnie Whitaker, Chair • Vanessa Kerns • Dawn Carter • Marianne Myers • Lindsey Grow
Queen Bailey • Victoria Merritt • Maureen Bodkin • Karen Rupp • Lolli Haugh • Carol Wilson

THE BEACON EXPERIENCE



Academic Support

- Thinking Maps
- Read 180/System 44
- X-SPURT- Intervention
- AimsWeb
- Gifted & Talented Classes
- Student Support Team
- Math Interventions

Student Engagement Incentives

- Get Your Play On!- Initiative
- The Third Teacher
- Terrific Readers, Writers and Mathletes
- Book Vending Machine
- 100 Book Club
- The Extra Mile
- Beacons Bistro

Character Development

- Lighthouse Leagues
- Career Carousel
- Growth Mindset
- Terrific Kids
- Huddle on the Hill
- Microburst Learning
- In Focus
- Moving to the Middle

Enrichment Activities

- PTA Reflections
- Storybook Character Day
- Gullah Festival
- Global School Play Day
- Historical Simulations
- Engaging Creative Minds
- Grade Level Field Experiences



Learning All the Time

Who needs worksheets? Students use legos to explore literacy and math concepts by building them using wall support which also builds fine motor skills.



One Fish, Two Fish

The second grade team shares their love for literacy by dressing up like some of their favorite characters!



It's a Great Day to Play

Global School Play day focused on engaging in learning through playful activities. It was a huge success.

Technology & Innovation

- One-to-One Device Program
- STEAM Lab/Teacher
- Robotics & Coding
- Camp Invention
- Document Cameras
- Interactive Flat Panel
- *Study Island*
- Raz-Kids
- *Prodigy*
- *BrainPOP*
- *Imagine Learning*
- *Waterford*
- *Reflex*
- *Zearn*
- Art for the 21st Century
- MS Teams
- Book Vending Machine
- Engage Creative Minds



Leadership Development

- *Tied to Brightness Breakfast*
- *Strands on the Beech Tea*
- Student Leadership Council*
- Principal's Advisory Board*
- *Shake & Shine Competition**



After-School Clubs

- Gardening Club
- Chorus
- School Musical
- Robotics*
- Juggling Team*

Service Learning Initiatives

- Low Country Food Drive
- *Jump Rope for Heart*
- Kindness Club
- Blessing Box for Food
- Blessing Box for Books



Strands on the Beech

This milestone event celebrates BHES 5th grade girls and all that they have accomplished in their elementary years at the Beech.



The Kindness Crew

The fourth grade kindness crew participates in service learning experiences by livening up the Lowcountry Food Bank Produce Giveaways throughout the year.



Tied to Brightness

This milestone event focuses on BHES 5th grade boys and provides them with an opportunity for celebration, reflection, and motivation by pairing boys with a male mentor.



Parent/Community Links

- 1st Boosterthon in DD2
- Online Volunteer Training
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Student-led Conferences
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Book Fairs
- Parent Workshops
- Window Into the World of Work Project
- Summer Reading Sessions
- School Improvement Council
- Parent Teacher Association
- Authors Visits
- Virtual Family Fun Nights

- Cruisin' into Kindergarten
- GRAND Beacons Breakfast*
- Kindergarten University*
- The HOUSE Awards*
- Cruisin' into Kindergarten*
- Winter Wonderland Ball*
- Free Popcorn Patrol*
- Juggling Residency*
- Sweetgrass Basket Visit*
- Day of Caring*

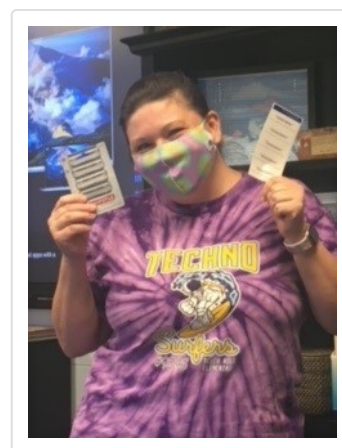
* This event was paused due to the Pandemic.

Indicators of Success

School Accomplishments

Awards

- Rene Wyatt Harris, SC Elementary Principal of the Year 2022
- 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- Jeni Nix, SC School Librarian of the Year: 2020
- #2 in Best Public Elementary Schools in Charleston ~ **Niche: 2021**
- Ranked 36th Best Elementary School in SC- 640 schools
*Schooldigger.com: 2021
- 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 (2019)

Robotics Regional Winners: Innovations (2018)

Schoolwide Icons:

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

Other Recognitions:

Grant Recipients:

- *Bosch Innovations:* Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano, Kentrel Clement, Elizabeth Norman
- *Dorchester District 2 Foundation:* Meggie Phillips, Jeni Nix, Viki Fernandez, Kentrel Clement

Donors Choose Grants: Thanks 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 \$2,500 raised in 2022*
- *MUSC Wellness*

Community Acknowledgements:

- 100% of Staff trained-*Darkness to Light* program
- Tammy Masopust-Finalist-Life Changer Award
- Home of 9 National Board Certified Teachers

Status of Goals for 2021-2022

#1- Create spaces that promote critical thinking and rigorous learning.

Embed content and reference points throughout the school building and grounds

- *The Third Teacher Project addresses this goal.*

Enhance existing outdoor classrooms/implement an *adopt space* program

- *This goal is in progress but has not been fully met.*

Generate additional outdoor classroom spaces for outdoor learning experiences

- *This goal has been met with approximately 15 options for outdoor learning.*



#2-Continue lighthouse initiative to promote participation & community collaboration.

Link SIC/PTA leaders to school Lighthouse Leagues

- *This goal is in progress and is in operational mode. It will be continued.*

Generate activities to promote a greater intrinsic appreciation for lighthouse precepts

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Link Lighthouse Leagues to literacy development and appreciation.

- *This goal is in progress but has not been fully met. The Media Center reopened in March.*
- *Areas for growth and fruition include: student writing, reading for pleasure & vocabulary*

Link Lighthouse Leagues to a Celebration of Life for Andrea Freeman: Scooter 500, Coffee Bar and Interactive Display Boards

- *This goal has been met. The Scooter 500 was paused due to COVID 19.*



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#1- Create spaces that promote critical thinking and rigorous learning.

- Continue to embed content and reference points throughout the school building and grounds
- Continue to enhance existing outdoor classrooms and implement an *adopt a corner of our world* program
- Continue to generate additional outdoor classroom spaces or resources for outdoor learning experiences

#2-Continue lighthouse initiative to promote student participation and community collaboration.

- Continue to link SIC/PTA leaders to school Lighthouse Leagues
- Continue to generate relative activities to promote a greater intrinsic appreciation for lighthouse precepts
- Continue to 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
- Conduct staff development, activities and event to foster positive, collaborative well-being
- Continue "Shake and Shine" initiative and expand to 3rd & 4th grades
- Continue "Moving to the Middle" initiative foster more opportunities to community service.

Quick Facts

SCHOOL YEARS	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Student Enrollment	963	977	914	1,031
Certified Teachers	61	61	62	71
Classified Staff Members	47	46	48	33
Administrators	2	2	2.5	3
School Counselors & Coaches	4	4	3	5
Volunteers	415	341	*pandemic	*pandemic

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 [SIC Video Overview 2022.w...](#)

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