



REPORT TO PARENTS & COMMUNITY 2025



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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 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

ITEMS IN GREEN HAVE STARTED OR BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

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

- ENHANCE EXISTING AND CREATE ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS WHILE IMPLEMENTING AND ADOPTING A CORNER OF OUR WORLD PROGRAM TO INCREASE OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES
- **TEACHERS ENROLL IN LETRS TRAINING TO IMPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH IN LITERACY**

#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), THINK (METACOGNITION), DREAM (TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION), LIVE (HEALTHY)**
- **LINK LIGHTHOUSE LEAGUES TO LITERACY DEVELOPMENT AND APPRECIATION**
- EDUCATE NEW STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN UNIVERSITY TO INTRODUCE "THE BEACON EXPERIENCE"

#3- IMPROVE STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE THE WHOLE CHILD

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

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARDS

- NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ASCA MODEL PROGRAM (RAMP) -2024
- SCHONEKE SUMMERHILL-DD2 TEACHER OF THE YEAR-2023
- RENE WYATT HARRIS, NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL-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
- #3-BEST PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN CHARLESTON- NICHE: 2024
- NAMED TD BANK'S PALMETTO'S FINEST: 2012

SCHOOL REPORT CARD- ABSOLUTE RATINGS*

EXCELLENT: 2009-2014, 2018, 2022-2024

SCHOOL REPORT CARD- IMPROVEMENT RATINGS*

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

GOOD: 2023, 2024

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATINGS PAUSED FROM 2015-2017

SCHOOLWIDE ICONS:

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

OTHER RECOGNITIONS:

FUNDRAISERS:

BOOSTERTHON \$50,000 RAISED

READATHON \$12,000 RAISED

GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- GARDEN GRANT: LOLLI HAUGH, KRISTINA ELLIOTT,
- BOSCH INNOVATIONS: JANA HOOKS, PAULA LUCIANO, KENTREL CLEMENT, 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 FOR SUPPORTING BHES

SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTICIPATION:

- JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
- RELAY FOR LIFE-OVER \$2,100 RAISED IN 2024
- MUSC WELLNESS

COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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



THE BEACON EXPERIENCE



- THINKING MAPS
- READ 180/SYSTEM 44
- X-SPURT- INTERVENTION
- AIMSWEB
- GIFTED & TALENTED CLASSES
- MTSS
- MATH INTERVENTIONS
- TERRIFIC READERS, WRITERS AND MATHLETES
- BOOK VENDING MACHINE
- 100 BOOK CLUB
- THE EXTRA MILE
- BEACONS BISTRO
- CAREER'S THAT ROCK AND ROLL
- TERRIFIC KIDS
- HUDDLE ON THE HILL
- MICROBURST LEARNING
- PTA REFLECTIONS
- STORYBOOK CHARACTER DAY
- GULLAH FESTIVAL
- HISTORICAL SIMULATIONS
- SPRING SHOWCASE
- KINDNESS CREW
- SC BOOK AWARD VOTING
- ENGAGING CREATIVE MINDS
- GRADE LEVEL FIELD EXPERIENCES
- SHAKE & SHINE-(SOFT SKILLS)
- ACADEMIC ACHVEMENT BOWL
- MOVING TO THE MIDDLE
- BHES PARTNERSHIPS
- STEAM & LITERATURE NIGHTS
- ROBOTICS CLUB
- BIG FOXES- MENTORING-ARHS
- ARHS- MORNING GREETERS
- GARDEN GRANT RECIPIENTS
- LIVE-WELLNESS CLUB-
- BEACON BUDDIES
- READING BUDDIES
- ROCKING WITH BOOKS DANCE
- STRANDS ON THE BEECH
- TIED TO BRIGHTNESS
- LIGHTHOUSE GLOW RUN
- STUDENT LIGHTHOUSE GATHERINGS
- QUARTERLY LIGHTHOUSE NIGHTS
- AUTHOR VISITS
- LITERARY PUMPKINS



THE BEECH HILL BY THE NUMBERS

School Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Student Enrollment	1,151	1,234	1,082
Certified Teachers	72	67	67
Classified Staff Members	39	21	21
Administrators	3	3	4
School Counselors & Coaches	4	3	3
Volunteers	312	312	312