



Beech Hill Elementary

A 2012 Palmetto's Finest School

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2011-2012 Annual School Report to the Parents

South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires every School Improvement Council (SIC) to publish and distribute a *Report to the Parents* by April 30 of each year. The report highlights the school's progress of the council's annual goals.

The *School Improvement Council of Beech Hill Elementary* is pleased to present this comprehensive report. Our accomplishments are directly linked to the strong collaboration among home, school and the community.

Our mission, *Beech Hill will lead the way to lifelong learning through excellence, leadership and empowerment*, drives our actions. We work to ensure that *all students meet and exceed academic benchmarks*. We also believe all students should:

- Be challenged to reach their potential
- Follow the PBIS guidelines and expectations
- Help promote a safe and nurturing environment
- Be active participants in the learning process
- Develop skills to become lifelong learners and leaders who:
 - Communicate through and appreciate the arts (CREATE)
 - Act responsibly toward the environment (NURTURE)
 - Value themselves and their community (CONNECT)
 - Apply technology and innovation to aspire (DREAM)

Through shared decision making, a positive school climate and high expectations, Beech Hill Beacons continue to excel in academics as we aim to address the needs of the *whole child*.

Dana Scott,
SIC Chair

René Wyatt Harris,
Principal

School Improvement Council Members

Elected

- Kathy Cannavaro
- Christina Fortner
- Brian Hayes
- Melinda Jones
- Lore Samyn-Klein
- Shelby Sieg
- Stefanie Sirbas
- Stephanie White
- Ryan Williams
- Michael Williams
- Alex Singleton

Appointed

- Mary Jo Blackwood
 - Heath Brunson
 - Toni Cappelletti
 - DaNine Fleming
 - Bert Loving
 - Anita Ruff
- #### Ex-Officio
- Jacki Atkinson
 - Kellie Boomershine
 - Dave Evans
 - Kenneth Gerald (Past SIC Chair)
 - Brett Gillis
 - Patti Girone
 - Michelle Pruitt
 - Ginny Ross
 - Anne Marie Wilcox
 - Jennifer Wilde
 - Shayne Whitaker



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Named *TD Bank's Palmetto's Finest*– 2012
- *Safe Routes to School* Bronze Partner
- *Fuel Up to Play 60* Grant Recipient
- Recognized as a *Cool School* (WCBD– Channel 2)
- *GenMove* Grant Recipient (with McDonalds partnership)
- Recognized for *BoxTOPs* Program (the *Post & Courier*)
- *Kelley Wanish* named as Dorchester 2 District Honor Teacher
- Beech Hill Jugglers perform at *2012 Piccolo Spoleto* (May 26th)
- *STEM Innovation Challenge*– 2nd Place– Ms. Derrick's KA
- District Academic Competitions
 - ◆ Spelling Bee– 2nd Place– Jayce Rutelonis
 - ◆ Math is Cool– 2nd Place– 4th Grade
 - ◆ Quiz Bowl– 1st Place– 3rd Grade
 - ◆ Quiz Bowl– 1st Place– 4th Grade
 - ◆ Quiz Bowl– 1st Place for Individual Written Score– Ian Henry
 - ◆ Robotics Challenge– 1st Place– Robo Ninja Girls

School Report Card– Absolute Ratings

2009-Excellent
2010-Excellent
2011-Excellent

School Report Card– Improvement Ratings

2009– Good
2010– Excellent
2011– Excellent

Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

2009 - General Performance (Gold)
2010 - General Performance (Gold)
2011- General Performance (Gold)
2010 - Closing the Achievement Gap (Silver)
2011- Closing the Achievement Gap (Gold)

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

Met 2009– 21 out of 21 objectives
Met 2010– 21 out of 21 objectives
Met 2011– 21 out of 21 objectives

Other Highlights

- PBIS Ribbon School (since 2009)
- 9 Nationally Board Certified Teachers
- 8 Teacher Participants in STEM Initiatives
- 100% Highly Qualified Teachers

2011-2012 GOALS

Goal #1-Enhance the CONNECT Lighthouse Initiatives

- Fuel up to Play 60 Initiative Grant (Laurie Miller, Food Services Manager)
- Addition of *playground structure* on large recess field*
- Health/Fitness related Clubs: Running, Kickball teams, Fit at the Beech
- PBIS- Bus of the Week and SHINE Store*
- Blood Drive (32 pints), Pennies for Patients (\$4,501)

Goal #2- Enhance the CREATE Lighthouse Initiatives

- Cultural Arts CREATE Week-Artist-in-Residence Programs*
- Book Authors' Visits
- Arts related Clubs: Glee, Jugglers, Drum-line, Chorus, and Drama

Goal #3- Enhance the DREAM Lighthouse Initiatives

- Participation in STEM and SPAWAR Initiatives
- Participation in Citadel's Trebuchet Challenge
- SMART (Science, Math and Technology) Night*
- Acquisition of 60 iPADS, 30 webcams and 20 computers*
- Creation of the Renaissance Room- dedicated to STEM activities
- Technology related Clubs: Techno, Cyber-Video, SWAT Team

Goal #4-Enhance the NURTURE Lighthouse Initiatives

- No Trash Tuesdays
- The completion of three outdoor learning environments
- Nurture/Ecology related clubs: Garden, BHES Buddies, At Your Service
- School-wide Recycling program

* Made possible by funding partnerships with our school and PTA

2012-2013 GOALS

We will continue our goals from the 2011-2012 year while striving to enhance and improve our results/responses in every category. As we refine these goals, our ultimate aim is to operate as a STEAM learning community. STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Goal #1-Enhance the CONNECT Lighthouse Initiatives

- Combat childhood obesity through exercise and physical activities
- Provide educational programs related to healthy food choices
- Provide educational support for developing leadership skills
- Establish a sense of civility through community building
- Develop related service learning opportunities

Goal #2- Enhance the CREATE Lighthouse Initiatives

- Increase exposure to the arts through residency programs
- Provide additional opportunities to apply and integrate the arts
- Support students in using the arts for civic and social growth
- Develop related service learning opportunities

Goal #3- Enhance the DREAM Lighthouse Initiatives

- Explore and increase the use of technology resources
- Continue to use Thinking Maps tools for instruction and learning
- Provide opportunities for students to invent and innovate
- Increase opportunities for student applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Develop related service learning opportunities

Goal #4-Enhance the NURTURE Lighthouse Initiatives

- Continue to develop and enhance the recycling program
- Identify and create outdoor classrooms
- Apply strategies to reduce paper use and waste

PARENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- SMART Night
- Book Fairs
- Day of Caring
- Doughnuts for Dads & Moms
- The HOUSE Awards Program
- Camp Read & Write Night
- Spring Musical
- Kindergarten Round-up
- Chillin' on the Hill
- PTA/Volunteer Opportunities
- GRAND Beacons Night
- Veterans Day Celebration
- SPLASH Nights

BEECH HILL BY THE NUMBERS

Stakeholders	2010-2011	2011-2012
Student Enrollment	1,119	1,159
Certified Teachers	69	77
Classified Staff Members	36	36
Administrators	3	3
School Counselors	1.5	2
Instructional Coaches	1.5	1.5
Parent and Community Volunteers	224	345
PASS Results-Meets /Exceeds	2010-2011	2011-2012
ELA	95.2	97.7
Writing	90.6	95.9
Math	91.4	95.4
Science	82.9	83.9
Social Studies	87.6	92.7

THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

Academic Support

- Thinking Maps
- Read 180/System 44
- Academic Teams
- Beacon Buddies Program
- Scholastic Reading Inventory
- BHES Awards Program
- Black History Bowl
- Mad Science
- PASS Cruisers Tutoring
- Gifted and Talented classes
- Math Boot Camp

Character Development

- Big Fox/Little Fox Mentoring
- PBIS SHINE Store
- Red Ribbon Week
- No Trash Tuesday
- Terrific Kids
- Career Awareness Day

After-School Clubs

- Juggling Club
- Drama Club
- Tow and Throw Line Dancing
- Beat at the Beech Drum-line
- Cheerleading Teams
- Chorus
- French Club
- Spanish Club
- Trebuchet Team
- Fit at the Beech
- Robotics

Enrichment Activities

- Lighthouse Weeks
- PTA Reflections
- Storybook Character Day
- Gullah Festival
- 52 WERD Clubs (examples)
- Beads
- Guitar
- Cake Decorating

Inventions at the Beech Technology

- Camp Invention
- iPADS
- IPODS
- WebCams
- SMARTBoards
- SMART Response Clickers
- Airliners
- COMPASS/Waterford
- Voyager
- Study Island
- FASTT Math
- First in Math
- Accelerated Reader
- Starfall
- Think Central Math
- BrainPOP

Leadership Development

- Tied to Brightness Breakfast
- Strands on the Beech Tea
- The Recycle Club
- Flag Bearers Corps
- Student Leadership Council
- Leadership Summit
- Career Shadow Day
- WBHS Morning Show
- Market Day
- PBIS Shine Patrol

Service Learning Initiatives

- Low Country Food Drive
- Relay for Life
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Caps for Caring events
- Hats for H2O
- Pennies for Patients
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- SPCA Pet Supplies Drive
- Book Donations Drive
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