

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year! I am amazed at how quickly the year passes when we are having fun educating your

children. Our school is a great place for children to learn and grow! Your support and participation in our school activities and events is a reflection of our continued success as we "Build a Community of Excellence One Student at a Time"!

As we end this school year and look forward to the next, we will continue to invest in the future of your children by providing them with a high quality, rigorous education.

Charles T. Davis, Jr.

AWARDS

- 🏆 National Blue Ribbon Winner
- 🏆 South Carolina Blue Ribbon Award
- 🏆 Palmetto's Finest Winner
- 🏆 Palmetto Gold & Silver Award Winner
- 🏆 Red Carpet Award—2001, 2008-11
- 🏆 National PTA School of Excellence for Parent Involvement—2003, 2007
- 🏆 Riley School Improvement Award Finalist—2013

From the Desk of:
Principal Davis



OUR MISSION

The mission of Brushy Creek Elementary is to provide educational opportunities for children to acquire the skills necessary to empower them to become confident, life-long learners in an ever-changing global, technological society.

BRUSHY CREEK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*"Building a Community of Excellence
One Student at a Time!"*



Report to the Community

2013-2014

GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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A History of Excellence

Brushy Creek Elementary School has a long history of excellence in education, care, and concern for students and a strong involvement within the community. The first Brushy Creek School building was built in 1916. Then, as today, the families of students at Brushy Creek were intent on securing the best education possible for their children. By working closely with the school's administration, Greenville County district officials, Parent/Teacher Association (PTA), and community volunteers, Brushy Creek has been successful in maintaining the standard of excellence of the past, while working to secure that standard for future generations to come.



Strategic Plan

The annual report to the community provides information to our community regarding Brushy Creek's progress toward its goals and objectives. Our school goals are aligned with the Education Plan of the School District of Greenville County.

Goal #1: Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.

Specific objectives:

- Increase the percentage of all students in grades 3-5 meeting standard in math on PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) to 87.3%.
- Increase the percentage of all students in grades 3-5 meeting standard in reading on PASS to 91.4%.

Goal #2: Ensure quality personnel in all positions.

Goal #3: Provide a school environment supportive of learning.

Goal #4: Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources.

Goal #5: Improve public understanding and support of public schools.



A Record of Results

The South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) tests measure student performance on the South Carolina academic standards. Student score percentages are based on three levels: Exemplary, Met, and Not-Met. Below are 2012-2013 test results:

GRADE 3 SCORES

	MET	EXEMPLARY	PROFICIENT
ELA	18%	76%	94%
MATH	19.2%	66.9%	86.1%
WRITING			85.2%

GRADE 4 SCORES

	MET	EXEMPLARY	PROFICIENT
ELA	32.8%	54.7%	87.6%
MATH	34.1%	52.2%	86.2%
WRITING			83.1%

GRADE 5 SCORES

	MET	EXEMPLARY	PROFICIENT
ELA	26.9%	62.7%	89.6%
MATH	20.9%	65.7%	86.6%
WRITING			82.1%



A Focus for the Future

We anticipate that our students will continue to make gains with each administration of PASS. To achieve this goal, the school's academic focus, this year, has included the following:

- Using classroom assessment data to make instructional decisions
- Implementation of the components of the Fountas & Pinnell model for Balanced Literacy
- Full implementation of Common Core State Standards
- Increased emphasis on school-wide academic vocabulary
- Providing individualized assistance based on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and PASS data



Educational Enrichments

During the past year, Brushy Creek has been able to educate our students, not only through academics, but through the following special programs:

- WOOF Club
- Brushy Creek News Network
- Scholastic Reading Counts
- Running Club
- R.T.I. Reading Program
- Student Honor Roll
- Honors Chorus
- Math Facts Superstars
- Book Buddies
- Student Council
- Battle of the Books
- Science Fair
- Chick-Fil-A STAR Student Character Education Program
- Terrific Kids Program
- 2 Computer Labs
- Promethean Boards in every classroom
- Authors' Cafe



Community Connection

The participation and contribution of our community representatives and parents have been of inestimable value to our continued success.

2013-14 SIC Chair:

Rick Arboscello

2013-14 PTA Co-Presidents:

Tieraney Rice
Jen Davis

SIC Members:

Carolyn Brightharp
Wes Florence
Roopa Giridhar
Barry Horst
Kelli Oliver
Jan D. Griffin
Charles T. Davis, Jr.
Sadie Kellermyer

James Ridgill
Dale Russell
Gaie Perez
Susan Smith
Candace McCard
Alice Upchurch
Tina Bonadies

A special thank-you to all of the PTA members for their tireless work with volunteer service hours of over 15,000 on the following programs:

- American Education Week
- Family Clay Night
- Science Fair Night
- Holiday Boutique
- Carnival
- Math Fun Day
- Boosterthon
- Green Week at the Creek
- Paper Reduction Project
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts/Luncheons
- Mentors & Tutors
- Veteran's Day Program