

## Student Achievements

- Kyndra Holmes and Mia Lacey won first and second place respectively in the Greenville County Schools American Legion Citizenship Essay Contest.
- **Tyreek Williams and Madison Lowrance were the ACE Awards winners for Berea Middle School.**
- Ebony Beach participated in the Duke TIP program by taking the SAT this fall.
- **Errol Gonzales, Shania Jenkins, Caitlin Johnson, Mia Lacey, Tya Nixon, Cesar Rodriguez-Caballero and Tyreek Williams have been identified as SC Junior Scholars.**
- Berea Middle continued implementation of the “Capturing Kids Hearts” discipline program.
- Tyonna Brooks, 7th Grader, won the local competition in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.
- Jose Garcia, Kristen Locke, Joshua Fowler, Maria Rodriguez, Jailine Alvarado, Lelya Powell, Danielle Pallazza, Angel Reese and Jakob Ballew completed art projects to be permanently displayed in the Media Center.

## Berea Middle School SIC Members

- Katherine Christie, Berea Middle, School Counselor
- Nancy Cooper, Furman University, Coordinator of Volunteer Services
- Sandy Curry, Retired School Employee
- Lynn Edwards, Berea Middle, School Counselor
- Dr. Scott Henderson, Furman University, Director of Program Development and Evaluation
- Stephanie Hunter, Parent, Chairperson of the SIC
- Kathleen McDaniel, Berea Middle, Title I Facilitator
- Robin Mill, Berea Middle, Principal
- Shayla Read, Berea Middle, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher
- Jennifer Ross, Berea Middle, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher
- Cassie Tominack, Berea Middle, Assistant Principal
- Dr. Johnny Wallace, Berea Middle, Instructional Coach

### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Berea Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

## Berea Middle School

Where Hard Work Pays Off

## Annual School Improvement Council

## Report to the Parents 2013 – 2014



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*To provide students with **Success for Today, Preparation for Tomorrow and Learning For a Lifetime***

## SIC Annual Goals

The School Improvement Council's goals for the school year were to

1. Increase the number of parents and community members attending PTA, SIC and other school-related functions;
2. Continue to develop partnerships with community organizations; and
3. Continue conducting Title I parent workshops throughout the school year to address parent and student issues and concerns.

Parent and community involvement continued during the school year through

- ↻ Workshops provided by the Title I Staff;
- ↻ Several partnerships through Furman University including Furman Tutors;
- ↻ Continuation of the Men and Ladies of Distinction programs;
- ↻ Berea Spinners Bike Club partnered with Greenville Health System; Harper Corporation; Recreational Equipment, Inc.; Live Well Greenville; Subway; Clemson's Building Dreams Foundation; and Greenville Spinners.
- ↻ Guest speakers from the community organizations such as Greenville Humane Society and Special Services Corporation spoke with students about career development.
- ↻ The Junior Achievement program met with Family and Consumer Science classes and the Business and Entrepreneurship Clubs.

## School Achievements

- ◆ Berea Middle had an Absolute Rating of Average and an Improvement Rating of Average.
- ◆ Berea Middle was the only Greenville County Title I middle school that attained an Average Improvement and Absolute Rating on the School Report Card.
- ◆ **Berea Middle School was named the 2014 William "Bill" T. Wylie VALUED Lives Award for School Excellence in Diversity.**
- ◆ The passage rate for End-of-Course testing for Algebra I was 95.2% and for English I was 100%. Both passing rates are above the state percentage.
- Berea Middle School purchased the online math enrichment program Catchup Math.
- The percentage of students fluent in the four basic operations with whole numbers increased due to the continued implementation of the Reflex Learning program.

*For more information, you may view Berea Middle School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*

## Additional Information

Berea Middle is a suburban middle school located in the northwest quadrant of Greenville County. Our middle school serves students in grades six, seven and eight. During the 2013-2014 year, the school enrolled approximately 700 students and employed 70 staff members, including professional and para-professional staff.

Significant challenges to Berea Middle School included

- ❖ Lower enrollment which resulted in a loss of teachers, and an increase in the student-teacher ratio;
- ❖ A transient population, which resulted in students lacking content not taught at the previous school, or repeating content that had already been taught; and
- ❖ Decreased funding which resulted in fewer resources available for professional development and other activities.

**Berea Middle School is always looking for additional parental involvement in the school. Parents or any agency who would like additional information about ways in which they could become more involved in the school should contact the school at 864-355-1700.**