

## School Achievements

- Five students were named Junior Scholars: David Fowler, Helen Loaiza, Kelsey Messinger, Sharon Posey, and Jaylin Thompson.
- Susan Nimmons, Eighth Grade Science Teacher, was awarded a grant that allowed all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students to visit a local rock quarry.
- A seventh grade interdisciplinary unit, which included English, math, science and social studies, and related arts classes, centered on a study of Leonardo Da Vinci.
- Reflex Learning, a web-based software program designed to increase the fluency of the basic whole number math facts in the four operations has been implemented.
- Mary Powell was named a semifinalist in the Subway Fresh Fit Art Contest.
- Berea Middle was named a Palmetto Silver Award recipient for the third consecutive year.
- Funds were received to develop an outdoor classroom.
- Ashley Leopard won third place in the Greenville Civitan Essay Contest.

## Berea Middle School SIC Members

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

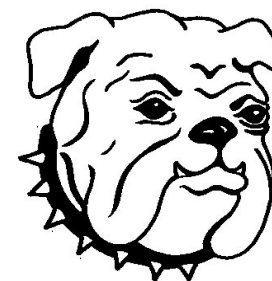
### Purpose of the Report

*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

### Annual School Improvement Council

### Report to the Parents 2011-12



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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

- ↗ parent involvement workshops provided by the Title I Staff;
- ↗ several partnerships through Furman University including Furman Tutors;
- ↗ continuation of the Men and Ladies of Distinction programs;
- ↗ a new partnership with Hands on Greenville in the development of an outdoor classroom; and
- ↗ the continued partnership with Greenville Hospital System.

**Any agency wishing to partner with Berea Middle School should contact the school at 864-355-1700.**

## Student Achievement

- ◆ Berea Middle had an Absolute Rating of Average and an Improvement Rating of Average.
- ◆ The passage rate for End-of-Course testing for Algebra I was 100%.
- ◆ 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 met 16 out of 29 objectives as defined by Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).
- ◆ The percentage of students fluent in the four basic operations with whole numbers increased due to the implementation of the Reflex Learning program.
- ◆ The percentage of students meeting the targeted growth score on MAP in the areas of Reading and Math increased in all grade levels from the 2011 to the 2012 school year.

*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 2011-2012 year, the school enrolled approximately 750 students and employed 77 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 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.**