

## School Achievements

- Berea Middle School was the only Title I middle school in Greenville County to score a grade on B on the school report card. Berea's grade was 85.7.
- Mary Powell was named a Junior Scholar.
- Mary Powell and Kelly Rodriguez won first and second place respectively in the Greenville Civitan Essay Contest.
- Ciara Parades won the Greenville Road Warrior's essay contest.
- Caitlin Johnson and Eric Messenger qualified for state recognition as Duke TIP scholars.
- Berea Middle School purchased ebooks for use in science class rooms.
- Berea Middle School purchased approximately 6500 ebook titles for students to access anywhere on school campus and from home.
- Berea Middle tagline became "Berea Middle, Where Hard Work Pays Off"
- Berea Middle implemented the "Capturing Kids Hearts" discipline program.

## 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 2012 – 2013



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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 Cafes and workshops provided by the Title I Staff;
- ↗ Team Captains from the Greenville Road Warriors spoke to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English classes;
- ↗ Several partnerships through Furman University including Furman Tutors;
- ↗ Continuation of the Men and Ladies of Distinction programs;
- ↗ Various community speakers, including engineers and a veterinary technician speaking on careers;
- ↗ 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.

## Student Achievement

- ◆ 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 received an ESEA Federal Rating of 85.7, B; the only Greenville County Title I middle school to have earned such a high rating.
- ◆ The percentage of students enrolling in high school credit courses increased from 13.6% to 17.4%.
- ◆ The passage rate for End-of-Course testing for Algebra I and English I was 100%.
- ◆ The percentage of students fluent in the four basic operations with whole numbers increased due to the implementation of the Reflex Learning program.
- ◆ The school purchased iPads for use in GT English classes as part of a movement toward becoming a paperless school.

*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 2012-2013 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.**