

## Student Achievements

- Leslie Arango, Ebony Beach, Catherine Gordon, Jonnie Hughes, Gabrielle Morgan, Sean Rafferty and Ashlyn Robertson were named SC Junior Scholar.
- Kaitlyn Bowen, Makalya Farrington, Sarah Padgett and Kenny Phan participated in the Duke TIP program.
- Thomas O'Quinn and Alexis Neripol were named Berea Middle School's Advocates for Character and Education winners.
- Daniel Brito and Kristlyn Tate, sixth grade students, were nominated and won the student of excellence in social studies award based on their strong interest in history, outstanding academics, positive citizenship, and strong leadership in school or community organizations.
- Maria Rodriguez received an honorable mention in the district middle school art show.
- Sarah Padgett and Taylor Pruitt placed First and Second respectively in the Berea Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

## 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
- Jean Smart, Parent, Chairperson of the SIC
- Kathleen McDaniel, Berea Middle, Title I Facilitator
- Robin Mill, Berea Middle, Principal
- Tamara Glover, Berea Middle, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math 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

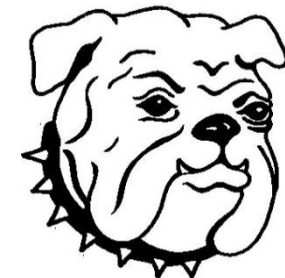
*This Report is issued by the Berea Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

## Berea Middle School

Where Hard Work Pays Off

## Annual School Improvement Council

## Report to the Parents 2014 – 2015



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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 workshops provided by the Title I Staff;
- ✦ Several partnerships through Furman University including Furman Tutors;
- ✦ Continuation of the Men and Ladies of Distinction programs;
- ✦ Various community speakers, including a banking representative, a property management consultant, and a poet in residence, speaking on careers;
- ✦ Berea Spinners Bike Club partnered with Greenville Health System; Harper Corporation; Recreational Equipment, Inc.; Subway; Clemson's Momentum Bike Clubs; and Greenville Spinners;
- ✦ Various churches that donated to the weekend back pack program.

## School Achievements

- ♦ On the 2014 Report Card Berea Middle had an Absolute Rating of Average and an Improvement Rating of Average.
- ♦ On the 2014 Report Card Berea Middle School received an ESEA Federal Rating of 66.2, D;
- ♦ On the 2014 Report Card the passage rate for End-of-Course testing for Algebra I and English I was 100% for Berea Middle School students.
- Berea Middle was named as a participant in the Social Innovation Fund grant. Partners in the grant include United Way of Greenville County, Greenville County Schools, Furman University's Riley Institute, along with others. The goal is to help struggling students get back on track and continue through middle school toward high school graduation, as well as to provide support for learning and success in life.
- ♦ The school purchased Dell Venue tablets as part of one-to-one initiative for students in sixth grade.
- ♦ Berea Middle School implemented the Gateway to Technology Program to give students opportunities to learn more about technology and gain skills required for technological jobs of the future.
- ♦ Berea Middle continued implementation of the "Capturing Kids Hearts" discipline program.

## 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 2014-2015 year, the school enrolled approximately 662 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.**

*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).*