

Faculty Information

3 Administrators
1 Instructional Coach
1 Literacy Specialist
1 International Studies Teacher
53 Teachers/60% with advanced degrees
100% of teachers working on GT Endorsement
7 Teachers with National Board certification
11 Support Staff
Full time STEAM lab coordinator
2.5 Interventionist
848 Students
93.9% Teacher Attendance Rate
94.2% Student Attendance Rate
Principal's years at school: 6

Community Involvement

Extremely active Parent Teacher Association
Annual International Night
Student Council
Veterans Day Celebration
Riverside High School Teacher Cadets and Service Learning Students
Bobcat Brain Busters tutoring program
Kids Helping Kids holiday gift program
Backpack Buddies weekend food program funded by annual Bingo Night
"3D Enrichment" program
Black History and Women's History Month Celebrations
Sports and Hobby After School Enrichment Program

Honors and Recognition

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Recipient:
1989-1990

Palmetto Gold Award Recipient:
2001-2006
2008-2016

Overall Achievement Rating of Excellent:
2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2022

Buena Vista SIC Members

EJ Anderson
Julie Kramer
Ramya Ramkumar
Donald Spann
Julia Lewis
Melissa Bache
Bradley Doyle
Delaine Heidt

Carrie Hodge
Jessica Moore
Erin Busch
Vanessa Vernon
Dave Burgess
Lisa Gilliard
Kristen McFadden

Requests and Grants

Multiple Grants Awarded (PTA Mini Grants, Donor's Choose, Community Grants, etc.) for the following:

Alternative seating options, books, magazine subscriptions, class sets of white boards, soft skill board games, Coding, Robotics and Osmos, Printmaking Materials, STEM/STEAM activities and supplies, Listening center materials

Presentations at National Blue Ribbon School Conference
Presentations annually at UTC and Summer Academy

Report to the Community

2022-2023



"Someplace Special"

"We're building a better world,
one student at a time."

Dave Burgess, Principal
Kristen McFadden, Asst. Principal
Lisa Gilliard, Asst. Principal
Lauren Baker, Instructional Coach

Erin Busch,
SIC Chairperson

Katja McGee,
PTA President

Total Quality Education

The **vision** of Buena Vista Elementary School is to offer a challenging, progressive, character-building, common core curriculum that enables students to become self-directed learners. We envision students who have a well-developed self-esteem and are open-minded. Our students will become creative problem solvers and independent thinkers who are prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century.

The **mission** of Buena Vista Elementary School is to educate students while supporting them socially and emotionally as they develop into responsible 21st Century.

Our Character Traits:

Character, Citizenship, Cooperation, Respect, and Responsibility

Visit the State Department of Education website to view the South Carolina School Report Card for Buena Vista in its entirety:

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDF4JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MjMwMTA5Mw>

To view the Curriculum Standards:

<https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/>

Additional Information is also available on the Buena Vista Website:

<https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/bvista/>

2022 Results: SC Ready/SC PASS

The **SC-Ready** is our state assessment in Reading, Writing, and Math for grades 3-5

The **SC-Pass** is our state assessment in Science (gr 4)

Academic Excellence:

English/Language Arts: Met/Exemplary: 79.4%

Mathematics: Met/Exemplary: 79.9%

Science: Met/Exemplary: 80.3%

Technology

1:1 Chromebook (K-5th grade) and Personalized Learning Initiative in cooperation with Discovery Learning

1 STEAM lab

Multiple 3-D printers shared by teachers for student and classroom creations using Tinker Cad.

Our school underwent GCS's technology Refresh in the fall of 2022

School Wide Tech Team

ABBI Robots

Highest staff percentage presenting at UTC

Academic Goals

The staff strives to enable all students to master the South Carolina State Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The results of our most recent state assessments rank our school as one of the district's and state's top elementary schools in English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies and Mathematics.

Our goals for the SC Ready call for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **math** will increase from 80% to 83% and for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **English language arts** to increase from 79% to 82%.

To enhance our educational program and provide our staff and students with authentic opportunities to build their skills we have participated in professional development opportunities throughout the year. Our staff had four main focus areas: Engagement, PLC's, Coveys 7 Habits, and Academic Discourse. We began the year with our entire staff participating in the Get Your Teach On program. Our staff learned of new strategies for authentic engagement through challenging, hands on activities via a classroom and or a school-wide transformation. Every classroom experienced a transformation or two throughout the year with tremendous success. Student engagement increased drastically. Our Staff continued our professional development work with our Professional Learning Communities focusing on utilization of data to enhance our daily instruction and build in the areas of enrichment and remediation. We had a unique opportunity for our school community to adopt Covey's 7 Habits and The Leader In Me, and finally Academic Discourse has been a key in providing our students with an opportunity to use and develop their voice more completely. This has truly been a year of growth for our staff and students.