Faculty Information

2 Administrators
1 Instructional Coach
1 Literacy Specialist
46 Teachers/50% with advanced degrees
100% of teachers working on GT Endorsement
        on teaching certificates
6 teachers with National Board certification
11 Support Staff
.5 STEAM lab coordinator
1 Full-Time Interventionist
914 Students
95% Teacher Attendance Rate
97% Student Attendance Rate
Principal's years at school: 2

Community Involvement

Parent Teacher Association (100% membership for the past 4 years)

School Improvement Council (has had a strong literacy focus for the past two years)

Student Council

8,000+ Volunteer Hours

Riverside High School Teacher Cadets and Service Learning Students

Bobcat Brainbuilders tutoring program

Kids Helping Kids holiday gift program

Backpack Buddies weekend food program

"Full STEAM Ahead" enrichment program

School-sponsored community events: Bobcat Bash, Veteran's Day Program, Unity Day Programs, Grade Level Performances, PBL Culminating Activities, Birthday Celebrations, School-wide International Festival and PTA event (food, artwork, music and dancing, fashion show), All Pro Dads, Field Days

Pre-service Teachers: observations and shadowing experiences

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

Current SIC Projects

Literacy initiative to engage all stakeholders in student success in reading and writing

Increased collaboration with the PTA for monetary support of classroom activities

Bobcat Boulder

Requests and Grants

Multiple Grants Awarded (PTA Mini Grants, Donor's Choice, Community Grants, etc.)
for the following:
Alternative seating options, books, magazine subscriptions, class sets of student white boards, soft skill board games, Coding, Robotics and Osmos, Printmaking Materials, STEM/STEAM activities and supplies, Listening center materials

Report to the Community

2018-2019

"Someplace Special"

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

Dave Burgess, Principal
Kristen McFadden, Asst. Principal
Leslie Cook, Instructional Coach

Tiffany Whitney,
SIC Chairperson

Marissa Moore,
PTA President

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=eT0yMD E4JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MjMwMTA5Mw

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/

2018 Results: SC Ready/ 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) and Social Studies (gr 5)

Academic Excellence:

English/Language Arts: Met/Exemplary: 77%

Mathematics: Met/Exemplary: 82%

Science: Met/Exemplary: 83%

Social Studies: Met/Exemplary: 94%

Technology

- **1:1 Chromebook (K-5th grade) and Personalized Learning Initiative in cooperation with Discovery Learning**
- **Every teacher has an IPad and laptop**
- **IPad cart for checkout (30)**
- **1 Chrome Book Cart for checkout (30)**
- **All classrooms have interactive Promethean Boards**
- **2 Virtual/Distance Learning Labs**
- **1 STEAM lab**
- **Multiple 3-D printers shared by teachers for student and classroom creations using TinkerCad.**

Academic Goals

Our academic goals remain the same each year. 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 state assessments in grades 3-5 call for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **math** will increase from 82% to 85% and for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **English language arts** to increase from 77% to 80%.

In an effort to enhance our ELA instruction and student achievement and to motivate us as readers, our SIC has lead an initiative to focus efforts from all stakeholders on building a stronger community of literacy. Pieces of this initiative included a book drive to provide books for our Backpack Buddies program, a family and community online book club sponsored by one of our teachers, a social media campaign linked to #for the love of reading, a March Madness book competition at all grade levels, early learning materials provided for incoming K5 students by our SIC, participation in the Battle of the Books sponsored by our Media Specialist and our Literacy Specialist. As part of this initiative, the administration of the school has proactively supplemented our classroom libraries and our literacy instructional resources. Professional Development in balanced literacy has also been a school-wide focus this year..